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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to last week's STARs (Success, Teamwork, Aspiration, Resilience, Respect and Responsibility) of the week from each class. The class teacher chooses one child each week who has demonstrated one or more of our core values. Last week's winners were:

Kestrel	Erin
Sparrowhawk	Daniel
Buzzard	Aleks

Welcome back for the final half term of the year

A quick glance at the diary dates and you will see we have lots taking place this half term. For the older children, there is the return of some of our much-loved annual events and for our younger children the chance to experience them for the first time. There will also be the chance to welcome more parents back into school, with Sports Day, Phonics training and Leavers' Assemblies and productions.

Clothing

As half term proved, we may be in late spring/early summer but that is no guarantee of sunshine in West Sussex. Please ensure your child has a coat with them each day so that they are still able to go outside for breaks whatever the weather. Please also ensure water bottles are filled and sunscreen applied when children arrive at school in the morning.

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With our change in class structures for next year we will have more physical capacity in each classroom. Today we welcomed Isobel to Sparrowhawks. Isobel has an older sibling at school here already and a younger sibling due to start in September. Therefore, we have decided to open the additional space now so that Isobel can make friends before the summer holiday and will be able to hit the ground running in the new academic year.

The new structure for September 22 will be as follows:

Year Group	Class Name	Teacher/s
R	Little Owl	Miss Webb

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1 & 2	Kestrel	Mrs Seymour
3 & 4	Sparrowhawk	Miss Willett and Mrs Gammon
5&6	Buzzard	Mrs Braun

The new classes will involve a lot of stability as we transition from our current structure to the next, it is only Yr 4 children who will be physically moving classroom whilst everyone else remains with their current teacher/s and classroom base.

Jubilee Tree Planting

The children had great fun planting their Jubilee hedge from seeds they had sown back in 2019/20. They enjoyed being visited by the locals once word got out about what they were doing.



As part of the day, we were pleased to welcome Andy to the school to plant a tree in his father's honour. A couple of years ago, local villager Chris Briggs started the idea of planting 1000 trees in Bury. Our children collected local seeds, learned about the specific needs of each tree and began to grow them. Then Covid hit...

The project was put on hold along with almost everything else. Mr Gatrell continued to care for the seedlings so that we were still able to help Chris with his project. Unfortunately, Chris passed away earlier this year before we had had the chance to get the trees into the ground. We thought it would be fitting for Andy to plant one of the trees in memory of his dad as part of our Jubilee tree







planting. Andy agreed and chose an Oak for the occasion. Thank you to Andy for joining us and to his dad, Chris for suggesting the idea in the first place.



Queen Day

A special new day has been added to the diary for the very last Thursday of term, Queen Day. This is nothing to do with Jubilee celebrations and is in fact referring to the band, Queen. The expression on your face at this point is probably similar to mine when one of the children first asked me about it. However, read on. I explained that unfortunately, it was not possible to have a day just celebrating Queen as I would need to have a day for everyone else's favourite band. The child who came up with the idea is Leo in Yr 5 who has autism. He is very happy for other people to know this and would actually like more people to know about autism. We discussed that perhaps we could have an autism awareness day with a Queen theme. We agreed that we could do this if he could convince our class representatives that it was a good idea. We duly met with the reps and Leo proceeded to explain his idea. Initially there was some confusion with the jubilee on the horizon, but this was quickly sorted once Leo started clapping We Will Rock You, suddenly everyone knew a Queen song. There were requests to learn some songs with Mr Mott and requests to dress up as their favourite rock stars. I explained that Leo was going to explain to the children in an assembly a little more about autism and what it is like for him. The other children were very supportive of the idea, with Tommy and Zoey from Yr 6 suggesting this could be the first of an annual disability awareness day.

With the class representatives all in agreement, we will be having a Queen Day for Autism Awareness on Thursday 14th July. A letter from Leo and the councillors with more information will follow.

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Please check the diary dates at the end of the newsletter – lots and lots going on next term, including the post-Covid return of a few old favourites!

Save the Date - Saturday 2nd July

FOBS are busy working behind the scenes to hold a fete on Saturday 2nd July. After two years without them, this will be a chance to bring everyone back together and hopefully raise some funds in the process.

More to follow from FOBS.

Covid Guidance

Most Covid guidance has now been withdrawn. The exception can be found on the NHS website **here**.

PE and Bury Rangers

One positive from last year has been coming into school in PE kit throughout the last year and half has really helped with ensuring the children get more time being active and less time changing – it has also helped with children not forgetting kit. Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies or outdoor boots that can be worn just for the Bury Rangers session – they will need another pair of shoes for the rest of the day.

A reminder of what children should be wearing for PE Kit:

PE Kit:

Green Bury T-shirt, black shorts (tracksuits may be worn for outside lessons), plimsolls or trainers.

We will therefore be continuing with attending school in PE kit or Bury Rangers clothes for the relevant days. Those days are as follows*:

	Bury Rangers	PE
Monday	Kestrels	Buzzards
Tuesday	Buzzards	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Kestrels







Thursday	
Friday	Sparrowhawks

There will of course be times when these days need to change and we will give as much notice as possible

Diary Dates

I will try to give you as much notice as possible about forthcoming events at school. We will try not to change dates and times, but sometimes we do need to due to circumstances beyond our control. Unfortunately, much of what we had planned for this term is currently under review. As we are able to confirm additional things we will let you know.

Please keep	checking	these dates	and times a	as I will	update th	hem every week.
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Monday 6 th June	School Photos
Thursday 9 th June	Yr 3 and 4 swimming lessons at Dorset House begin
Monday 13 th June	Sports Morning
Thursday 16 th June	Sussex Day – Folk Festival (Buzzards)
Tuesday 21 st June	Phonics open morning for Kestrel parents – 9am
Tuesday 21 st June	Buzzards and Sparrowhawks at Champs Hill all day
Wednesday 22 nd June	Poetry Day with Joshua Seigal
Thursday 23 rd June	New starters afternoon
Friday 24 th June	School Camp
Monday 27 th June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral followed
	by a special theatre visit
Wednesday 29 th June	SPLASH assembly 14:45 (parents welcome)
Saturday 2 nd July	School Fete
Tuesday 5 th July	Full Governing Body meeting
Thursday 7 th July	New starters afternoon
Wednesday 13 th July	Buzzard Class Performance to families 14:00 and 18:00
Thursday 14 th July	Queen Day (Autism Awareness)
Friday 15 th July	Special visitor to school
Wednesday 20 th July	School Walk (more to follow)
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 20 ⁻ July	INSET
Friday 22 nd July	Additional Holiday in lieu of Queen's Anniversary
Thursday 1 st September	INSET
Friday 2 nd September	INSET
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Friday 21 st October	INSET
Tuesday 3 rd January	INSET
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Birthdays

Children can wear their own clothes for the day (or a day either side of the holiday) when it is their birthday. Please do not send the children in with cakes or sweets to share. In its place, we thought that instead of sweets it would be a good idea to buy a book for the school/class. The children then present the book to the school in assembly before placing it in our school library (although most ask for it to be shared in their class first). Please do inscribe a message in the book so that it keeps reminding the child of their birthday every time either they, or a friend, borrow the book. The link below is an Amazon wish list where the staff and children have

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selected some books that they would like for school.

Birthday Book wish list

Please do not feel constrained by the list, nor feel you have to get them through Amazon – locally we have great bookshops in Arundel and Petworth both of which have a very good selection of children's books. It is also great to receive a book chosen by your child because it is something they are particularly interested in.

Please do add your views to <u>https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/</u>. It is incredibly helpful to us for you to share the positives of what is going on at Bury CE Primary; if you have the time and would like to share the good work we are doing then please do add your feedback. Excerpt below taken from ParentView website.

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

We will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect and when.

Click 'Give your views' to register and complete a survey to help your child's school improve.

It is parents' responsibility to inform the school of any changes to consent to administer medicine.

It is parents' responsibility to keep us informed of changes to your personal data and where the school process personal data solely on the basis that you have consented to the processing, you have the right to withdraw that consent.

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore, Headteacher