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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:

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| Kestrel | Charlie J |
| Sparrowhawk | Arabella |
| Buzzard | The debate team: Nora, William and Layton |

Debate

Bury was represented at the Rother Valley Debate Competition by three children from Buzzards, team captain Nora, ably assisted by William and Layton. The team did brilliantly finishing third overall out of 12 teams.

Summer Fete

Firstly, a huge thank you to FOBS for organising the event on Saturday. It was superb to have everyone back together again and enjoying themselves on a Saturday afternoon. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to make the day a success and a thank you to all those kind donations to make some excellent prizes. Finally, thank you for coming along and supporting the day. It was great to see not just our current families but also ex-pupils and some of our new families for September.

We are delighted to say that the event raised £1106.78!



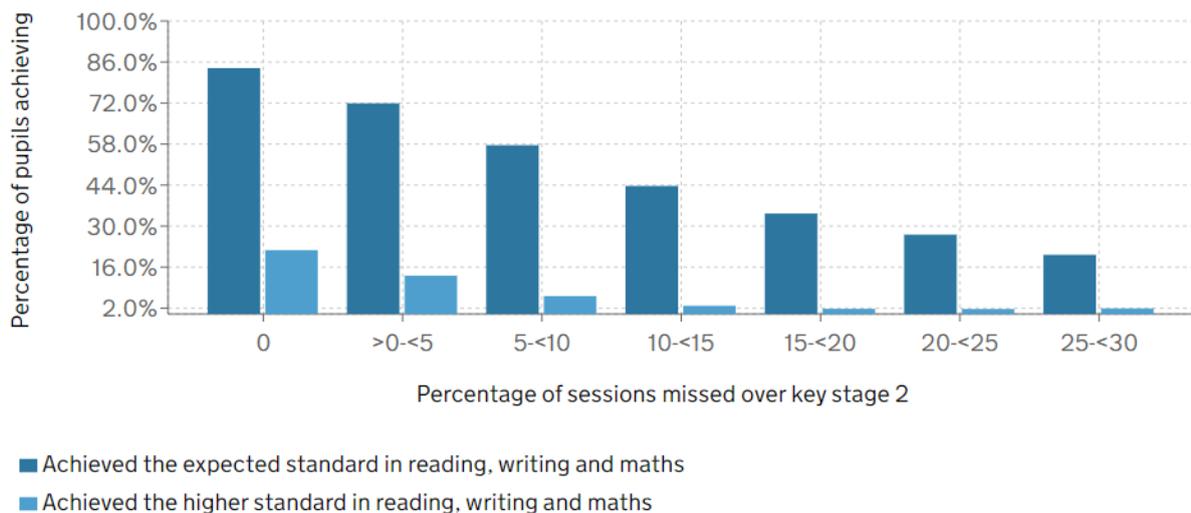
New Staff Member

As you all know, Covid has impacted our school significantly this year. January and February this year had a huge impact on our attendance figures, both for children and staff. In addition to this absence, we have (and continue to have) a significant amount of unauthorised absence for holiday - 10% of all absences have been for holiday this year. Our overall children's attendance is 91.8% as of Friday.

This volume of absence clearly impacts on children's learning – if your child is not here we cannot teach them. I shared with you the Department for Education's attendance release on 9th May, as a reminder:

- Pupils who did not achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths in 2019 had an overall absence rate of 4.7% over the key stage, compared with 3.5% among pupils who achieved the expected standard and 2.7% among those who achieved the higher standard.

Figure 2: Overall attainment in reading, writing and maths at the end of KS2 by percentage of sessions missed over KS2



Our average absence this year is 8.2%, significantly greater than the 4.7% referred to above.

To combat the impact that absence is having on outcomes, we have appointed an experienced intervention teacher who will work with us on Mondays and Tuesdays, Su Cork. Mrs Cork will be working across the school working with children to address gaps in reading, writing and maths. Mrs Cork will be working on longer-term support with children below National expectations and also ad-hoc support where the teachers have identified an area that needs a short, sharp intervention.



Queen Day (Thursday 14th July) – autism awareness

For next Thursday's Queen Day, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite rock star, or a member of the band Queen. Leo in Year 5 will lead an assembly explaining what it is like for him to live with autism. There will also be a chance for all of the year groups to sing some of Leo's favourite band's songs as Mr Mott leads us in a Queen medley to finish the day.



If you would like to support autism with a financial donation – Leo would like you to support the [National Autistic Society](#)

Sports for Champions (Friday 15th July)

A reminder to get all of your sponsorship forms back to school and the money donated via Crowdfunder. We need your forms returned by next Monday morning so that Mrs Gammon can identify who will receive their rewards (linked to the amount the child has raised) on the day.

All children will need to attend school in PE kit.



Sunscreen and Waterproofs

With continuing high temperatures and UV levels forecast this week, please ensure your child is sent to school with sunscreen applied and their water bottle filled.

Please remember just how quickly the storms can break so make sure your child also has a coat with them each day.

22/23

The new structure for September 22 will be as follows:

| Year Group | Class Name | Teacher/s |
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| R | Little Owl | Miss Webb |
| 1 & 2 | Kestrel | Mrs Seymour |
| 3 & 4 | Sparrowhawk | Miss Willett and Mrs Gammon |
| 5 & 6 | Buzzard | Mrs Braun |

In order to hit the ground running in September, we would like to invite you to meet your child's **class teacher for 22/23** where they will share with you information about the autumn term and the end of year expectations. These meetings will take place in the hall at the following times and will last no more than 30mins:

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| Buzzards | Monday 11 th July at 8:45 |
| Sparrowhawks | Monday 11 th July at 14:45 |
| Kestrels | Tuesday 12 th July at 8:45 |
| Little Owls | (Transition Day 1 - 23 rd June) |

We hope these meetings will help you and your child to get ready for September 2022.

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 |
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| Monday | Kestrels | Buzzards |
| Tuesday | Buzzards | |
| Wednesday | Sparrowhawks | Kestrels |
| Thursday | | Sparrowhawks |
| Friday | | |

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 as I will update them every week.

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| Thursday 9 th June | Yr 3 and 4 swimming lessons at Dorset House begin |
| 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 | Sports for Champions |
| Wednesday 20 th July | School Walk (more to follow) |
| Wednesday 20 th July | Year 6 Leavers' Assembly |
| Thursday 21 st July | INSET |
| Friday 22 nd July | Additional Holiday in lieu of Queen's Anniversary |
| Thursday 1 st September | INSET |



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| Friday 2 nd September | INSET |
| Friday 21 st October | INSET |
| Tuesday 3 rd January | INSET |
| TBC | Final INSET |

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 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 <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. 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