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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to our 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	Logan
Sparrowhawk	Daniel
Buzzard	Jack

Honey Raffle

In case you missed it on Friday, our honey raffle which raised a fantastic £91. The money is going towards our own extractor that the children will be able to use next year when we hope to get even more honey.

Silva, our label design winner, and Miss Willett drew the winning tickets. Well done to our winning tickets: Teddy L in Kestrels, Arthur R in Kestrels and Layton in Buzzards.



Post Lockdown Ending

Despite lockdown ending later this week, we have decided to cancel all non-essential visitors until the end of term and will review this situation in January. The only exception we have made is for prospective parents to visit, socially distanced and in masks, and as before only to look into rooms etc and not to enter into any of the learning spaces. The parents will only spend a significant period of time with Mr Moore and not with other members of staff nor children.

If there is a change to our local area from Tier 2 to 3 we will cease to accommodate prospective parents.



Christmas

A big thank you to Charlie's Farm for the very kind donation of the Christmas Tree for this year. The children from Kestrel Class were very excited to see it adorned with lights this morning. Of course if you are looking for (as it was put to us) 'a good-looking Christmas tree' this year, then do pop down to Charlie's before they've all gone!



Despite Covid, we are trying to keep as many of our Christmas related activities as possible. Wednesday 16th December is Christmas lunch day (please book as soon as possible). We will also be 'Christingling' with Fr Peter. This will also be a day for the children to come to school in Christmas themed clothing - this could be a jumper or just some Christmas colours. We are not doing it as a fundraiser, it is just a chance for the children to come in in Christmas clothes.

The whole school will be watching Kestrel Class' Nativity on the morning of the 16th and we will also be sharing this with parents via a link sent out.

Obviously, in normal years we would start the Nativity by reminding you all not to take photos or videos during the performance, nor to post any on social media of children apart from your own. This request is made to ensure the safeguarding of the children, not just for GDPR and respect for others' privacy, but also because of the needs of individual families.

Please therefore ensure you do not record, or screenshot images that are shared via our private link. We will post some photos that we are able to.

Next week for the children to bring in Christmas Cards

Our usual central post box for Christmas will live in Kestrel Class this year as part of their post office. We are buying two other post boxes to be placed in Sparrowhawks and Buzzards. We will be receiving post for the **week beginning 7th December**. We will then leave the post for three days before sorting it and handing it out.

FOBS Raffle is now sold out – an amazing 139 tickets were purchased. Keep your eyes peeled from next week to see if you are victorious.

The following remains unchanged but is here for your quick reference

Covid guidance

Symptoms for Covid-19 remain as:



- a **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you believe your child has any of these symptoms, then you need to get them tested or need to self-isolate for the 10 days (and 14 for the other family members). This is undoubtedly going to be a regular occurrence as we enter cold and flu season but is something we will all work through together. There will be many times when you will be unsure if the cough is continuous – if you are in any doubt, please err on the side of caution.

With regards to work being provided through Google Classroom, this will only be the case in where a child needs to isolate. If your child is absent for non-Covid related illness we will not be providing additional work as your child is unwell. Please also remember that the staff are teaching all day and therefore will not be able to get work to your child the same morning you call – the resources will be put together at the end of the school day and will be available through Google Classroom the following day.

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 – clearly this is not in-keeping with our Covid-19 Risk Assessment. 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. If there was a message inscribed it would keep 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 don't 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.

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, a lot 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. New dates added are in bold.

3 rd December	Flu Vaccines
7 th – 18 December	FOBS Raffle – chance to win £5000
7 th December	This week for children to bring in Christmas cards and post them in their class letter box
14th and 15th December	Jon Edgar (sculptor) working with Buzzard Class (as long as guidance permits) Postponed until the new year
16 th December	Christmas Lunch (this will be in two sittings to ensure children remain in bubbles)
16 th December	Christmas themed clothing day
16 th December	Christingle (in school only this year)
17 th December	Live (we hope) singing to the village and parents
21 st December	Start of Christmas Holidays
Saturday 16th January 2021!	Bury Wassail 3 – 6pm Cancelled
Monday January 4 th	INSET
Tuesday May 4 th	INSET

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,
Headteacher

*I am not at all sure about the honey increasing in value, this is purely an attempt at advertising – besides, the likelihood of you saving it and not devouring it is slim at best!

