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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to last weeks' 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:

Little Owl	Harper
Kestrel	Eva
Sparrowhawk	Misha
Buzzard	Silva

Outside Support

In order to not become blinkered to only what is happening at Bury, we will often seek advice from people outside of our own school. Last week, we were joined by the Teaching and Learning lead for the diocese, Ruth Cumming, to join us as we looked at changes to our teaching of writing. And on Wednesday, we were joined by two other headteachers from the Rother Valley to look at maths across the school. On both visits there were strengths that were highlighted and of course areas where the visitors would do things differently. We will repeat this process over the year so that we can see the impact of the tweaks we are making to our curriculum. Something that shone through on both visits last week was the children's positive attitude to learning and their welcoming nature with all of the visitors commenting on how welcomed they had felt.

Phonics Session

A separate letter provides you with more detail about the phonics session that Mrs Seymour and Miss Webb are providing on Wednesday 16th November. Whilst primarily aimed at parents of Little Owls and Kestrels, the session is open to anyone who would like to learn more about how phonics is taught in school. FOBS have very kindly agreed to provide tea and coffee before the session starts. Please drop your child/ren off as normal and then wait by the hall doors to be let in.

Remembrance 11th November

The whole school visits St John's in Bury to pay our respects on 11th November. **Please ensure your child has their waterproof coat with them.** This is a church led event and not a school one. It is of course open to the public, but please bear in mind the limited parking and space at St John's.



Chartwells' Lunch changing

Lunch ordering is due to change in time for the children's spring term meals. Please keep your eye out for more information over the next few weeks.



FOBS

It was great to meet at the AGM last week and remind ourselves of the things FOBS have achieved over the past year, despite the obvious impact of Covid. Lots of plans are afoot, so look out for your opportunity to join in with the fun.

Miss Willett has also agreed to get the weekly cake raffle back up and running. For those of you who were here in 2020, we used to have a weekly raffle where one person baked a cake and raffle tickets were sold on Friday morning by some of our children. At the end of our celebration

assembly, we would draw one ticket and the lucky winner would win the cake.

Miss Willett will shortly put a list up looking for volunteer bakers. A list of ingredients used will need to be provided with the weekly cake. We are aware that a weekly cake sale is not an example of healthy eating. However, by only having one cake available each week, it will (hopefully) be an irregular treat. All of the money raised will go back into FOBS and therefore back to supporting the children. Amongst other things, we would like to use the money to provide additional games and resources for break times. If we can raise £840 over the year, this could provide a whole term of specialist sport sessions from some specialist coaches for all of Key Stage 2.

We are going to start the cake raffle by thinking of children beyond our walls and will have our first one as a Children in Need special – with all proceeds being donated to Children in Need. Keep your eyes peeled for the list of bakers and get your name down to help us raise the funds to provide the additional coaching.

Friday 18th November – Children in Need

The theme this year is 'Spotacular'. Children are very welcome to attend in their own clothes and the spottier their outfit, the better.

*Please send your donations for own clothes direct to Children in Need via their website [here](#) The cake raffle will need a separate donation paid into FOBS on Friday morning.



After School Provision

We are now advertising for an after-school assistant to support Ms Rowland. If this is something of interest to you, please have a look at <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/school-jobs/>

We are also looking to provide additional specialist sports coaching slots at different times throughout the year. If you know of a provider you would recommend, please let me know their details via email head@bury.school

Covid Guidance

Most Covid guidance has now been withdrawn. The exception can be found on the NHS website [here](#).

PE and Bury Rangers from September 2022

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. Plus shin pads and mouth-guards for Sparrowhawks and Buzzards

Children to attend school in PE kit or Bury Rangers clothes for the relevant days. Those days are as follows*:

	Bury Rangers	PE
Monday		Buzzards
Tuesday	Kestrels	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Little Owls
Thursday	Little Owls	Kestrels
Friday	Buzzards	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~~

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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.

Friday 11 th November	Whole School Remembrance at St John's
Wednesday 16 th November	Phonics Session 9 – 9:30
Friday 18 th November	Spotty clothing for Children in Need*
Friday 25 th November	MUFTI Day for FOBS - in exchange for a raffle prize
Tuesday 29 th November	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday 30 th November	SPLASH assembly
Thursday 8 th December	Little Owls and Kestrel Class Nativity 9:30 and 14:00
Tuesday 13 th December	Chartwells' Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 14 th December	Christingle at church (14:30). Children collected from the church (RH20 1PB)
Thursday 15 th December	Whole School singing to the villagers – children collected from the Village Hall (RH20 1PA)
Tuesday 3 rd January	INSET
Wednesday 25 th January	SPLASH Assembly
Monday 6 th February	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8 th February	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 15 th March	SPLASH Assembly
Tuesday 21 st March	Full Governing Body meeting
Thursday 30 th March	Sparrowhawks' Easter Production 9:30 and 14:00
Week beginning 17 th April	Buzzard Class Bikeability
Wednesday 26 th April	Fr Peter – final assembly
Week beginning 8 th May	Yr 6 SATs week
Monday 22 nd May	Sports' Morning
Week beginning 12 th June	Phonics Check week for children in Yrs 1 and 2
Tuesday 4 th July	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday 5 th July	Transition Day (Yr 6 to new schools)
Tuesday 11 th July	Buzzard Class production 14:00 and 18:00
Thursday 13 th July	Diversity Awareness Day
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