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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	Charlie T and Eva M-C
Sparrowhawk	Logan and George
Buzzard	Flynn and Eva H

There were two winners from each class last week due to us not giving out the awards whilst Buzzards were away at Hindleap.

Art, Sport and Local History

Last week had a huge amount going on so I thought I would share a few of the highlights with you. On Monday, Buzzards took part in a poetry workshop at Petworth Park and then wowed us all with their performance poetry in Friday's assembly. Due to illness, Flynn's group was down to just Flynn but he still stood up and performed the poem to the whole school.

Later in the week, we had an unveiling of the heads that last year's Buzzard Class created with sculptor, Jon Edgar. Jon came to the unveiling, as did members of the art society who had funded the project. All of the children's Brilliant Bury pottery work has now gone through at least the first stage of firing and they are looking brilliant. These will be on display for you to all see soon.

On Thursday, we were able to take part in our first locality sporting event since March 2020 as we competed in the Rother Valley Tag Rugby tournament. It was a superb return to sporting action for Bury as the team won every game they played and finished up as champions. A special thanks to the parents who were able to get the children to the tournament and cheered the children on throughout.



Open Day

We will be holding an open day for prospective parents on Wednesday next week (20th Oct). Unlike in usual years, the children from Buzzards will not be showing the parents around due to the number of additional interactions with people from outside school. Normally this is also open to current parents at the same time; however, this year the open day will not be for current parents at the same time, again this is to reduce the numbers of contacts in the hall. Instead, we would like to invite you at the following times to come and look at the work with your children:

14:45 - 15:15 Monday 1 st November	Buzzards
14:45 - 15:15 Tuesday 2 nd November	Sparrowhawks
14:45 - 15:15 Thursday 4 th November	Kestrels

Harvest

This year, at the request of Fr Peter, we will be collecting dried and tinned goods for the food bank in Petworth. If you feel you are able to donate any item at all, please send them in this week so that we can send them off to the foodbank after next week's Harvest. Please send your produce in with your children over the next few days.

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Unfortunately, we still do not have Fr Peter back with us, so this year Sparrowhawks are teaching us all about Harvest next Tuesday (19th October) at 14:30. If you are a parent of one of the children in Sparrowhawks and would like to attend, we have a very limited number of socially distanced seats available. These can be booked via Parentmail and are first come, first served (1 per family) and will be available later this week. We are sorry we cannot open it to everyone, but we hope that this gives at least some of you the chance to attend.

Big Bury Brew

Thank you to FOBS for organising the Big Bury Brew which provided you all with an opportunity to get to know each other a little more. Keep your eyes peeled for the next FOBS fundraiser which sounds very exciting.

After School Care

After School Care will continue next half term, until the week before Christmas. This is available to book now through Parentmail with the option to pay through the Tax Free Childcare Scheme. Please can all bookings for the next half term be made by 31st October. Next half term the ad hoc booking fee will apply for bookings made outside the booking window.

The following has not changed from last week (except for diary dates).

Covid 19

Over the holidays some of the guidance was updated for schools. In full these can be found here [Actions For Schools](#) and here [What Parents and Carers need to Know](#)

A significant change is in the need to isolate. The following is taken directly from the guide:

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

The following is still the case if you suspect your child has coronavirus or has a positive test:



Do not send your child to their nursery, childminder, school, college or to an entry test for a selective school if:

- they are showing one or more [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- they have had a positive test result
- there are other reasons requiring them to stay at home, for example, they are [required to quarantine](#)

You should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#).

The symptoms for children are listed as follows:

- a high 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 sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Additional detail on our standard systems and the continuity plan in terms of an outbreak can be found in the additional document attached.

Clothes and Water Bottles

Please make sure you have labelled everything – it is quite impressive how certain items of clothing can end up lost and with more children than ever before here at Bury these items are much easier to locate when labelled. Please also note we have multiple occurrences of children with the same first name so do include an initial.

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. 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	Sparrowhawks
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Kestrels



Thursday		
Friday		

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

Lateral Flow Device test kits

Any of our families are now entitled to collect LFD Test Kits to use at home. Please use this NHS link to find the nearest collection point to you [LFD Test Kit collection sites](#).

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.

Monday 27 th September – 1 st October	Hindleap Residential
Monday 4 th October	Buzzard Class Drumming Poets Workshop
Thursday 14th October	Buzzard Class Inter Faith day at Easebourne
Thursday 21 st October	Football Match v Petworth (letters to follow)
Wednesday 20 th October	Open Day for Prospective Parents (Covid guidance permitting)
Monday 1 st November 14:45 – 15:15	Buzzard parents invited to see Brilliant Bury work
Tuesday 2 nd November 14:45 – 15:15	Sparrowhawk parents invited to see Brilliant Bury work
Thursday 4 th November 14:45 – 15:15	Kestrels parents invited to see Brilliant Bury work
Monday 8 th November 15:30 – 18:30	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 9 th November 15:30 – 18:30	Parents' Evening
Thursday 11 th November	Remembrance at St John's
Wednesday 1 st December	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday 1 st December	SPLASH assembly
Monday 6 th - 9 th December	Book Fair in school
Thursday 16 th December	Christmas lunch
Friday 17 th December	INSET
Tuesday 4 th January	Children return from Christmas Holiday
Saturday 15th January	Bury Wassail - Will return in 2023
Wednesday 23 rd March	Full Governing Body meeting
Tuesday 3 rd May	INSET
Monday 6 th June	School Photos
Thursday 16 th June	Sussex Day – Folk Festival (more to follow)
Monday 27 th June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral



Thursday 7 th July	Full Governing Body meeting
Thursday 21 st July	INSET
Friday 22 nd July	Additional Holiday in lieu of Queen's Anniversary

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

