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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 Arthur R

Sparrowhawk Jemima

Buzzard William

Welcome back everyone. Thank you to everyone who sent in pictures and feedback of the honey tasting – nice to see some of the parents were allowed to try some also. We were incredibly lucky and actually have three full jars left. We thought the fairest way for you to get your hands on this was to hold a raffle. Watch this space for your chance to own one of the first jars of Bees Of Bury School honey.

Traditionally, this half term would have lots of opportunities for you to come into school: nativities, Christmas Craft, raffles. We would normally be off to sing at the village hall to the parishioners. Clearly this year things will be somewhat different. FOBS are already on the case with an alternative raffle (see below), Mrs Seymour has a plan in motion to bring you the nativity in the comfort of your own home. We will still be able to do singing using the hall and outside spaces, but unfortunately not face-to-face with the villagers this year.

Following the prime minister's announcement on Saturday of a second national lockdown, the government guidance for schools is due to be updated and I will share with you any changes in our circumstances as a result.

Clubs will not recommence this half term due to the logistics of keeping within bubbles.

We will not be showing prospective parents around school throughout lockdown.

Mrs Maynard has been busy extending the children's cloakroom over half term. Sparrowhawks now have their own space just outside the classroom which means Buzzards and Kestrels have more space in separate areas of the corridor.



## Lockdown process – Google Classroom

The staff have set up some different activities to build the children and your familiarity with Google Classroom. Once again, please ensure you have completed this with your child so that we know the system is working.

Please follow the guidelines sent home three weeks ago.

We will not be setting prescribed timetables for when the work must be complete (in the event of a local lockdown) as we are fully aware that all of your home circumstances are different. The work will be set each day and the staff will be online during school hours (excluding lunch break 12:15 – 13:10) to answer questions, offer support etc.

## Covid guidance

Although there is due to be announcement later today, at the time of writing there is no change to previous 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.

## Harvest

A big thank you to everyone who donated gifts for Harvest, between us all we were able to donate just over 130 items to PACT. Thank you all.



### School Photos

As you are aware the school photos have had to be postponed. Due to the announcement of the nationwide lockdown these have now had to be postponed indefinitely. This week Kestrels' Bury Rangers session will take place on Thursday.

### FOBS AGM

FOBS AGM will be held on Wednesday 11th November at 8pm online via Zoom, please email [fobs@bury.school](mailto:fobs@bury.school) if you would like to attend. They will have a small structured element of the meeting, followed by discussion on fund raising ideas for the school. Everyone is welcome.

**FOBS Raffle – FOBS have joined forces with PTAs across the country for your chance to win some money during December. See the note below from Mrs Creber.**

Welcome to Friends of Bury School's raffle page. We're excited to join The Big PTA Raffle 2020, this has been a really tough year for everyone and this is an opportunity to have some fun and raise money for our school.

For every ticket you will have 12 chances to win up to £5,000!\* At the same time we will raise 50% from every ticket sold supporting our PTA. It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our PTA, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

Yours sincerely,

*Kim Creber*

For your chance to win, follow the link here [FOBS Raffle](#)

### Christmas Card

Do let us know if you entered Andrew Griffith's 'design a Christmas card competition - we would love to see your designs

### Remembrance

Poppies will be available to purchase in each class from tomorrow. Please send your child in with their donation and they will be able to get a poppy from their class teacher. We have split



our box to ensure that there are enough for each class to have a set (to avoid passing the collection between bubbles).

We are hoping to be able to stream Fr Peter's own personal remembrance service back to the classes on the 11<sup>th</sup>, signal permitting. Failing that we will hold our own 2 minutes' silence in each class

## 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.

26 <sup>th</sup> October – 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<del>School Photos</del> Postponed
11 <sup>th</sup> November	FOBS AGM 8pm via Zoom
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Flu Vaccines
7 <sup>th</sup> – 18 December	FOBS Raffle – chance to win £5000
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch (this will be in two sittings to ensure children remain in bubbles)
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Start of Christmas Holidays
<del>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021!</del>	<del>Bury Wassail 3 – 6pm</del> Cancelled
Monday January 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
Tuesday May 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,  
Headteacher

A small selection of the brilliant honey eating photos you kindly sent in

































