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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	Maggie
Kestrel	Bertie
Sparrowhawk	Toby
Buzzard	Samantha

Building Work - funding

Last week it was announced in West Sussex County Times that we were receiving funding for an extension from the South Downs National Park Community Infrastructure Levy. This is part of a longer-term strategy where we are looking to grow the physical space in the current Buzzards classroom so that it matches that of Kestrels and Sparrowhawks.

Unfortunately, the amount awarded is not enough to cover the cost of the work and so we are applying for additional funding in this next round of bids. We have just 3 years from the award of the funding to be able to use it, so fingers crossed we can access more funds, which will allow us to grow the physical classroom space without losing in any other area.

If anyone knows of any companies etc who would like to support a school with improving their building infrastructure and thereby improve the quality of teaching and learning possible, then please do put them in touch with us.

We will be seeking planning permission over the next few months, but I would stress that this will be for something more than we currently have the funds to achieve. We are aiming for the very best possible outcome for improving the school and will tailor our aims, only when we have exhausted all other financial possibilities.

Music Lessons

We were very excited to be visited recently by piano and keyboard teacher Jacqui Fawcett who is now offering lessons to pupils at Bury. This is a great opportunity for your child to fully embrace their love of music and begin a lifelong musical journey. If your child is interested in beginning lessons, please apply via the West Sussex Music website:

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/make-music/music-lessons/>

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Football Coaching

We have received a kind donation of multiple pairs of size 5 football boots which we are expecting to receive this week. If you have not had the chance to have a look through the spares and this is a size that fits, please have a look from next week.

If your child has particularly enjoyed the 1:1 football sessions and you would like to find out more about additional coaching, please have a look at 1:1 Coaching's [website](#)

Gymnastics Coaching

We are very much looking forward to gymnastics coaching for Kestrel Class starting this week. Please see the note last week from Mrs Seymour to ensure your child has the correct clothing for the day.

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 Buzzards and Sparrowhawks will have an additional football session throughout the spring term
Tuesday	Kestrels	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Little Owls

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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 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 9 th January	Football coaching for Buzzards and Sparrowhawks starts
Wednesday 25 th January	SPLASH Assembly
Friday 27th January	INSET
Monday 6 th February	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8 th February	Parents' Evening
Thursday 2 nd March	Author Visit - AF Harold
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
Monday 20 th November	Artist working with whole school
Tuesday 21 st November	Artist working with Buzzards

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