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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school.

Firstly, a huge thank you for the very kind gifts and a special thank you for the messages in cards. I personally save these until Christmas Day, and reading messages of how much your children enjoy school and thanking us, never fails to add to the positive time at Christmas. Thank you.

This half term we welcome Mrs Jeffery to Buzzard Class. She will be with us throughout this half term, teaching alongside Mrs Braun.

Your half-termly newsletters from each class will be with you later this week, in them you will find information specific to each class and links to all of the learning the children are doing this half term.

We have now had a full term of the optional maths homework. We are starting to see patterns of families that do this each week and those that choose not to. In order to reduce our waste, I would like to know from those of you who definitely do not want it provided. Please complete this short form so that we can save paper. [Opt out of maths homework](#)

The closing date for reception admissions 2023 is 15th January. Please ensure that you have applied by the deadline if relevant and remind your friends with children of the appropriate age.

**Bury Wassail (Saturday 14th Jan 15:00-17:00) and
Grounds Tidying Day (Saturday Jan 7th 9:30 – 15:30)**

After interruption from Covid, Bury School's Wassail returns on Saturday 14th January. Mr Gatrell has been busy organising this amazing day and will be our Master of Ceremonies for two hours of merriment. Join us via the children's entrance to school and make your way to the back field for some music and heat. There will be food, drink and entertainment and Fr Peter will be joining us to bless our Crab Apple tree as we look forward to an excellent 2023.

To help prepare for the Wassail and to improve various areas of the school grounds, FOBS will be working on various areas this Saturday. If you are able to offer a helping hand for any amount of time, please let the FOBS team know by contacting fobs@bury.school

**WE NEED YOU!
GROUNDS TIDYING DAY
7 JAN 2023**



**We need several volunteers to help with
gardening, repairs and other tasks in the
school grounds.
Please let us know if you are available and any
skills/ preferred roles you can offer.**

Email fobs@bury.school or speak to a FOBS member



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Most Covid guidance has now been withdrawn.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
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.



Tuesday 3 rd January	INSET
Saturday 7 th January	9:30 – 15:30 FOBS Grounds Improvement Day
Friday 6th January Thursday 12 th January	Artist working with Buzzards all day
Monday 9 th January	Football coaching for Buzzards and Sparrowhawks starts
Saturday 14 th January	Bury Wassail (15:00 – 17:00)
Wednesday 25 th January	SPLASH Assembly
Friday 27 th 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