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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. The last week's winners were:

Kestrel	Matilda
Sparrowhawk	Stanley and Jack
Buzzard	Bryony

Christmas Craft

Thank you to everyone who visited the Christmas Craft Fair on Tuesday. The children were really pleased to see people buying all of their creations. Thank you to FOBS for the games, raffle, food and drink that was available. It was an excellent team effort with the children, parents and staff all coming together to raise money for school at Christmas. The after school event was a great atmosphere and it was wonderful to see so many families all visiting the school. The children made £371.87 profit. When you add this to FOBS fundraising on the day and the Christmas Wreath making, the festive season has brought in around £1000. Fantastic work from everyone.

Nativities

The children in Kestrel Class did a fantastic job with their nativity performance 'Prickly Hay'. They performed for school and local nurseries on Monday, followed by two packed performances to friends and family.



Westburton Lane, Bury, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 1HB



Change in After School Provider

New clubs for next term are as follows:

Monday: Football Ocarina

Tuesday: Bury Roots Choir

Wednesday: Woodland

Thursday: Multi-Sport Games/Lego

Our clubs will all have a flat £5 per session from January for 15:15 – 16:30.

If anyone has any old Lego gathering dust that they would like to donate to the school, please bring it in to Mrs Clark.

Book Fair

The book fair raised a fantastic £365.80 – all of which has been used to further enhance our school library. A big thank you to Mrs Chagri for giving up her time to run the fair.

Christingle

Unfortunately, the weather got the better of us on Thursday and I had to pass on my apologies to the villagers that we would not make it for our annual carol singing at their Christmas lunch. We will however be singing the songs at this week's Christingle. Tomorrow afternoon Fr Peter is joining us all to make the Christingles ready to be used on Thursday afternoon at the church. The service will start at 14:30 and you are all welcome to join us. Children will need collecting from the church at the end of the service which will be approximately 15:15. Please park in Dorset House car park.

Christmas Lunch (Friday 20th Dec)

Your child is very welcome to wear a Christmas jumper (or full Santa costume as one child has requested) for the last day of term. Friday is Christmas lunch day followed by Christmas activities in classrooms.

Early Reading

If you would like to do some extra reading practise with your children in Kestrels, Usborne's Teach Your Monster to Read is a website that has helped lots of children. The website version is free and needs to be played on a laptop or desktop. If you want to use it on a tablet you



would need to purchase an app to play it. Find out more here:

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

INSET Day

Monday 6th Jan is an INSET day where we will be reviewing our school improvement plan and being trained on administering a new assessment system. The new system will still provide us with standardised scores, but will also generate specific next steps for the class and the child automatically. This will reduce the time staff spend analysing the assessments and give them more time to plan the required next stages of learning.

Birthdays

For our new parents. Children can wear their own clothes for the day (or a day either side of the holiday) when it is their birthday. Historically, lots of sweets such as small bags of Haribo have been brought in to give out at the end of the day. The sweets invariably produce a huge amount of rubbish and are gone within seconds. 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.

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.

Please keep checking these dates and times as I will update them every week. New dates added are in bold.

Date	Event
Tuesday 17 th	Christingle making with Fr Peter at 14:00. If you would like to help, please let the class teacher know.
Thursday 19 th	Christingle at Church 14:30 – all children collected from Church (unless at club)
Friday 20 th	Christmas Lunch followed by party
Monday 6 th January	INSET
Saturday 18 th	16:00 – 19:00 Inaugural Bury Wassail – more to follow
Tuesday 21 st	Sparrowhawks and Buzzards Children's Concert at Chichester Festival Theatre
Wednesday 22 nd	Splash Assembly – all welcome
Wednesday 26 th February	Jonathan Dean (SDNP) supporting Sparrowhawks
Thursday March 5 th	Author Visit
Wednesday 11 th	Sparrowhawks visit to Pulborough Brooks
Monday 11 th - 14 th May	Yr 6 National Assessments (SATs)
Friday May 22 nd	Sports Morning
Thursday July 2 nd	Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral
Friday 17 th	14:30 Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly at school
Monday July 20 th	INSET

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,
Headteacher