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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to the last two weeks' worth of 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	Amos and Savannah
Kestrel	Daniel and Matilda
Sparrowhawk	Leo and Jemima
Buzzard	Ariana and Silva

South Downs National Park films

Back in April 2021, some of our children were filmed discussing the South Downs and how we might conserve it for the future. On Friday the National Park released the films which can be viewed via their [Youtube channel](#) I highly recommend the sausage video.

Harvest

Our Harvest Assembly takes place next Wednesday where the children will share some of their favourite songs with you. With rising energy and food costs, foodbanks are in more demand than ever at present. Please, if you are in a position to do so, start sending your children in with your donations and we will collect them together in the hall.

Parents' Evenings

Sign-up sheets for each class' Parents' Evening slots will be available at the end of each day this week on the playground.

Bury Rangers - volunteers needed

If you have some availability on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoons and would like to spend some time supporting the children with their Bury Rangers learning, then please let us know.



Request for Wool and Newspapers

Thank you all for the kind wool donations we have received so far. Miss Willett is looking for a bit more, so if you have any (particularly greens and blues) that you no longer need, please drop it in.

We are also after a bank of old newspapers for art and craft activities. If any of you still read a paper and have any old ones you no longer need, they would also be much appreciated.

Weekly or Fortnightly Newsletters?

Following some feedback that people were receiving too many letters, I have been trialling sending the newsletter fortnightly rather than weekly this term. So that I know which you prefer, could you please let me know via this incredibly [short survey](#).

Covid Guidance

Most Covid guidance has now been withdrawn. The exception can be found on the NHS website [here](#).

After School Provision

We are now advertising for an after-school assistant to support Ms Rowland. If this is something of interest to you, please have a look at <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/school-jobs/>

Clerk to Governors

We are looking to recruit a clerk to our governing body. The advert can be found on the link above. Please do pass this on to anyone you think may be interested.

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
Tuesday	Buzzards	Kestrels
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Little Owls
Thursday	Little Owls	
Friday	Kestrels	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 17 th October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 19 th October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 19 th October	Harvest Assembly – led by Sparrowhawks Whole School (Sparrowhawks will be leading an Easter Production)
Thursday 20 th October	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Friday 21 st October	INSET
Tuesday 29 th November	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday 30 th November	SPLASH assembly
Thursday 8 th December	Little Owls and Kestrel Class Nativity 9:30 and 14:00
Wednesday 14 th December	Christingle at church (14:30). Children collected from the church (RH20 1PB)
Thursday 15 th December	Whole School singing to the villagers – children collected from the Village Hall (RH20 1PA)
Tuesday 3 rd January	INSET
Wednesday 25 th January	SPLASH Assembly
Monday 6 th February	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8 th February	Parents' Evening
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

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



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Final INSET

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