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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 T
Sparrowhawk	Freddie
Buzzard	Freya

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their efforts this half term in what has been an incredibly different half term for all of us. The big shining light for all of us, is quite how well the children here have responded to all of the changes – they have done brilliantly. This is not an easy feat, so I would like to thank you all for how you have responded to the changes.

Trying to find the balance of being as Covid-secure as possible, whilst also being able to operate as a school has not been easy for anyone. We have steadfastly held onto our wider curriculum offer with Bury Rangers remaining a big positive for the children each week. Schools have been left in a tricky position of being asked to offer a wide curriculum but also being allowed to reduce this offer in order to provide additional 'catch-up' in maths and English. I use the inverted commas as 'catch-up' suggests the children are behind someone – since this was a national lockdown there is no-one to be behind. We gave all of the children a baseline assessment at the end of September. This has not told us who the children are behind, but it has provided the next steps each child needs to be working on – key elements of this will be shared with you via the interim report coming home this week. The assessments are just a snapshot of that point in time, but they provide a useful marker for us as staff to look for emerging patterns. We will undertake another set towards the end of the autumn term to see the impact of the targeted work taking place and identify next steps for the spring term.

## 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

In a normal year we would be inviting you all in to share in our harvest celebrations this week. To ensure that you can all join in still, Fr Peter and the staff have been busy recording different parts that we hope to share with you on Friday afternoon via the school website. A message will be sent out when this is ready.

A box will be placed outside the hall doors each morning this week for you to add any canned/dried goods you are able to for our harvest collection. Can we beat last year's 175 items and help others who are in need?



### Parents' Evenings

Our written reports will be sent home on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>. If you need an additional telephone consultation with the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo), Mrs Seymour, or further information from the class teacher, then please contact Mrs Clark to arrange this. The teachers have already been proactive in speaking to individuals where there is something that needs discussing in advance of the reports coming home. We appreciate this is not the same as having your individual 10-minute slot with your child's class teacher, but it will provide you with an early update of your child's start of this academic year and how they have settled in to the class.

### School Photos

As a couple of you have spotted, school photos corresponds with a day a lot of the children would not currently be in school uniform. We will reorganise the week so that the children do not need a change of clothes on the Monday – please therefore ensure your child is sent in in uniform on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. Please note, there are no sibling photos this year as part of the photographers' Covid risk assessment.

### 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.

### Bees Of Bury School

Miss Willett, Mr Gatrell and Miss Hetherington are continuing the weekly checks of the hive as the change in season has significantly reduced the bee's activity. All being well, we are hopeful to get the children from Sparrowhawk Class involved hands-on from Spring next year. But whilst the children have not been able to get up close with the bees just yet, they have been busy working on a logo for the Bees Of Bury School produce. Sparrowhawks are working on an exciting opportunity for you all for the start of next half term. Watch this space...

### Christmas Card

Please see the attached letter from Andrew Griffith MP for your child's chance to design a Christmas card for him.



## 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
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>School Photos</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>FOBS AGM 8pm via Zoom</b>

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<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>Flu Vaccines</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch (this will be in two sittings to ensure children remain in bubbles)</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Start of Christmas Holidays
<del>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021!</del>	<del>Bury Wassail 3 – 6pm Canceled</del>
Monday January 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
Tuesday May 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,  
Headteacher