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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	Amos
Kestrel	Isabella
Sparrowhawk	Esmae
Buzzard	Ariana C

Space Day

A big thank you to Miss Willett for organising our special Space Day last week and to FOBS for funding the dome. Our apologies for not being able to let you all know about it sooner, but there were issues with the dimensions of the available dome and whether or not it would fit in the hall. Luckily, the smaller dome was confirmed available at the last minute and so we could go ahead with the day. The children absolutely loved learning all about our night sky and the presenter, Alice, was excellent at making the learning appropriate to the different age groups.

Cake Raffle

Another £60 raised at the cake raffle – thank you.

Basketball Club!

Starting in January, Wednesday's after-school sports club will involve basketball. We are very excited to let you know we will be welcoming coaches from Worthing Thunder who will lead the club from 15:30 – 16:30. Please book the club in the normal way.

Booking window for all clubs is now open

An Excellent Way to Finish the Week

On Friday, I received a phone call from an artist we had worked with last year. She has been approached by Culture Spark who are working with Pallant House gallery in Chichester looking at

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Sussex landscapes. The artist has been asked to see if she could work with a school to produce some artwork inspired by the latest exhibition. So far, nothing hugely unusual. However, it was the artist's reason for calling us that was the great news. She was so taken with the school's commitment to art, impressed with the work the children create here and most of all, impressed with the attitude and behaviour of the children she worked with last year (all of our current Sparrowhawks and Buzzards). Because of all of this she has approached us as a school she would like to work with and of course I said yes! However, it gets better. She will be working with Buzzards for a day straight after Christmas and the work the children produce will go on to be exhibited at Pallant House. Keep your eyes peeled for what they produce.

I have managed to arrange for Buzzard Class families to be able to visit Pallant House for free over the Christmas Holidays, you will just need to let them know who you are and which school you are visiting from. Whilst children are normally free, this will ensure the parents with them do not have to pay (unless of course you want to). The exhibition the children's work will be based on can be found [here](#)

WREATH MAKING KITS

**FANCY MAKING YOUR OWN
WREATH THIS CHRISTMAS?**



- Willow hoops
- Evergreen foliage
- Holly
- Decorative foliage
- Ribbons etc

£15 EACH

Please email fobs@bury.school or contact a FOBS member.

We will then arrange a day this week for 'pick and mix' kits to be available after 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

Advent Books

On Friday, thanks to names out of a Christmas stocking, some of the children started to open our Christmas Advent books. These will be opened every day until the last day of term and will create a good selection of Christmas books for the school library. Thank you to FOBS for funding the books (and for any other Christmas related items that may need unwrapping over the next couple of weeks).



Author Visit – March 2nd

Ordinarily, we like to keep it as a big surprise who our big annual author visitor is. Over the past few years, we have welcomed Joshua Seigal, Yuval Zommer, William Grill, MG Leonard. Well, after a long discussion with our English Lead, Mrs Braun, we have decided to let you know in advance who is joining in March – AF Harold.

AF Harold – describes himself as a writer of books and poems for kids, occasionally poems for adults. He writes books suitable for a variety of ages. Some of his books (most suitable for years 4 – 6) are some of my personal favourites. We are letting you know now in case you wish to get any of his books in advance so that the children are more familiar with them when he is here.

School Closures

With the potential for freezing weather later this week, this is just a reminder that school will always remain open unless we contact you directly to state otherwise.

Chartwells

A reminder that all parents need to sign up and login to order meals from Chartwells for next term. The deadline for this is the 22nd December. We would advise doing this **as soon as possible** so that you are familiar with the new system and so that Mrs Clark is able to offer support if required.

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

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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.

Thursday 8 th December	Little Owls and Kestrel Class Nativity 9:30 and 14:00
Tuesday 13 th December	Chartwells' Christmas Lunch
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
Friday 6 th January	Artist working with Buzzards all day
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
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

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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
TBC	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