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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	Arabella
Sparrowhawk	Esmee
Buzzard	Eva

Covid-19 update

A short update to let you know that we are regularly reviewing our current practice to ensure it is the best it can be. Last week, Mrs Clark managed to source some sensitive soap to try to reduce the sore hands that hand washing can produce. This is something we will continue to monitor and look for ways to reduce the effects, but clearly the handwashing is one of the key measures to keep Covid at bay. As the temperature drops, gloves could help with keeping hands warm at breaks.

We are looking into Christmas lunch arrangements, Nativities etc now to ensure if there is any way we can run these traditional events (albeit slightly differently) safely, then we will endeavour to do so. If we can't then clearly we will not risk it.

Lockdown process – Google Classroom

A thank you to all of you who have logged in and trialled Google Classroom. Unfortunately, we still have 16 of the children who have not accessed it. The deadline for this was Friday in order to give us time to smooth out any teething problems. If you are one of the 16 who has not yet logged in, please do so tonight so that we can ensure the system is working. This is the system that will be used in the event of a lockdown, if you have not logged into it you will not be able to access the work that is set. We want to ensure this system runs smoothly, but cannot do so if you have not logged in.

Please follow the guidelines sent home last week.



Covid guidance

There has been no change in guidance from that stated last week. We are aware that social media and other agencies may include other symptoms for Covid-19, however, the government position at this time has not changed and it remains just the same three:

- **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

We have to follow this guidance rigidly. It may also be different to what the health secretary states in interviews, but until the guidance for schools changes we must follow the published guidance. 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 sent home, 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 sending work home 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 pack would be put together at the end of the school day and then sent to you via electronic communication.

Open Day for prospective new parents

Clearly this is not going to be possible in the same way as we have done previously. The children in Buzzards will not be able to show people around as this would involve them being in close proximity with someone outside of their bubble. We will be encouraging prospective parents to look at the school via the website and to speak to friends and family who know our setting. However, for some new parents to the area they will want to see the school physically to see if it is right for their child. We will be following our risk assessment and showing prospective parents around school by pre-booked appointment only. Parents will not be able to enter the classrooms nor interact with the children in school. We will continually review this as we do with the entire risk assessment. The children have been brilliant with this so far, on the rare occasion they are on their way to/from the toilets when I have shown someone around, the children have stopped and made sure they do not go near anyone else.



Parents' Evenings

Lots of schools are discussing the issue around traditional parents' evenings at present. A lot of schools are making the decision to move to written reports with telephone consultations with the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo) as required. As we already provide a written report already as part of our parents' evening offer, this is the route we will take unless the guidance changes. Our written reports will be sent home the week beginning 19th October.

Maternity Post update

Miss Willett's maternity post has been advertised for the past week and half and closed today. We have had a large amount of applications and will be shortlisting and then interviewing (via video calls) over the next week. We will update you once we have appointed.

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 th October – 30 th October	Half Term
2nd November	School Photos
21 st December	Start of Christmas Holidays
Saturday 16th January 2021!	Bury Wassail 3 – 6pm Cancelled
Monday January 4 th	INSET
Monday May 4 th	INSET

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,
Headteacher