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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to last week's 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 Belle Buzzard Nora

Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed a restful Easter and enjoyed the sunshine. It certainly feels like spring with everything bursting into life and changing each day.

We are likely to be seeing some new children in school over the next few weeks as we have some families from Ukraine joining the village. In what is undoubtedly a hugely challenging time for these families, I am sure we can all make them feel part of the Bury team in no time at all.

Toilet/Building Work Update

As is ever the case, the building work suffered a couple of setbacks. We have a site visit booked in this Wednesday with the hopes of handing over at this point.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will take place in the hall this evening and Wednesday. Please come into school via the office ready for your slot. I will ring the bell at the end of each slot so that we can keep to time for you all. If additional time is required, this can be booked individually with your child's class teacher.

Jewellery

Please remember only simple gold/silver stud earrings are permitted in school and the children must be able to remove these themselves as required for specific lessons.

Recently, the governing body reviewed the uniform policy and the decision was taken to not permit smart watches to be worn by children in school. The reviewed policy can be found on our

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Website <u>here</u>.

Covid Guidance

Most Covid guidance has now been withdrawn. The exception can be found on the NHS website <u>here</u>.

PE and Bury Rangers

One positive from last year has been coming into school in PE kit throughout the last year and half has really helped with ensuring the children get more time being active and less time changing – it has also helped with children not forgetting kit. 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.

We will therefore be continuing with attending school in PE kit or Bury Rangers clothes for the relevant days. Those days are as follows*:

| | Bury Rangers | PE |
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| Monday | Kestrels | Buzzards |
| Tuesday | Buzzards | |
| Wednesday | Sparrowhawks | Kestrels |
| Thursday | | |
| Friday | | 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.

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| Monday 4 th - 6 th April | Parents' Evenings (in hall) | |
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| 25 th and 27 th April | | |
| Tuesday 3 rd May | INSET | |
| Wednesday 4 th May | Artist working with Sparrowhawks all day | |
| Monday 9 th May – 13 th May | SATs Week for KS2 | |
| Tuesday 17 th May | Buzzard Trip to Amberley with local historian | |
| Friday 20 th May | Buzzards visit to Moncrieff-Bray Gallery followed by working with an artist back at school | |
| Monday 6 th June | School Photos | |
| Thursday 9 th June | Yr 3 and 4 swimming lessons at Dorset House begin (more to follow) | |
| Thursday 16 th June | Sussex Day – Folk Festival (more to follow) | |
| Monday 27 th June | Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral | |
| Thursday 7 th July | Full Governing Body meeting | |
| Wednesday 20 th July | Year 6 Leavers' Assembly | |
| Thursday 21 st July | INSET | |
| Friday 22 nd July | Additional Holiday in lieu of Queen's Anniversary | |

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 <u>https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/</u>. 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.

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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