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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 Amelie

Sparrowhawk Toby

Buzzard Eva S

Exciting News

At the start of the year, I asked you to watch this space as we looked to redevelop the bottom of School House. Following Mrs Heseltine's move to work for the NHS and us not immediately reappointing the role, it has afforded us the opportunity to look to the future and to see if there is a way we could offer an even better quality of education to your children. As you will know from previous communications, Bury has grown in popularity over the last few years thanks to the quality of education provided by the staff and the excellent support we have from yourselves. Our numbers in older year groups have fluctuated, which has meant changes in class organisation over the years – which the staff team and children have taken in their stride. However, following three years of strong numbers entering the school, we are now in a position that we can start to look forward to establishing a long-term class organisation and structure that will offer an even stronger quality of curriculum offer moving forward.

With all of the above in mind, our intention is to move to a Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 area incorporating Kestrels' current classroom, Kestrels' garden AND the bottom of School House. In order for this to work and to get the benefits of our mixed aged classes, but also being able to enhance the separate curriculums that Reception and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) need, we have been in the process of recruiting a new teacher to lead the Early Years curriculum and to work alongside Mrs Seymour with Kestrels. We wanted to appoint the new teacher as early as possible so that they could work across the school for the rest of this academic year and really get to know all of the children, the staff and of course our families. It also means they can be involved in developing the space over the next few months so that we are ready to hit the ground running in September 2022.

We were inundated with applications for such an exciting role and were bowled over by the quality of applicants for the position. We are incredibly pleased to be able to let you know that Miss Webb has been appointed and will soon be working across the school, becoming familiar with everyone and working hard to help us to redevelop our new Early Years base in the lower



half of School House.

In addition to redeveloping this space, we are also looking forward to Miss Webb working across the school and offering us the opportunity to provide release for teacher development and also additional intervention work where we have identified need.

Thank you

A big thank you to the parents and governors who helped Buzzard Class with their house construction last week as part of their Brilliant Bury work. It was great to hear the children and parents both enjoyed learning some new things.

Next week there will be no newsletter as I am in Hindleap with Buzzard Class for the week.

The following has not changed from last week.

Covid 19

Over the holidays some of the guidance was updated for schools. In full these can be found here [Actions For Schools](#) and here [What Parents and Carers need to Know](#)

A significant change is in the need to isolate. The following is taken directly from the guide:

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

The following is still the case if you suspect your child has coronavirus or has a positive test:

Do not send your child to their nursery, childminder, school, college or to an entry test for a selective school if:

- they are showing one or more [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- they have had a positive test result
- there are other reasons requiring them to stay at home, for example, they are [required to quarantine](#)



You should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#).

The symptoms for children are listed as follows:

- a high 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 sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Additional detail on our standard systems and the continuity plan in terms of an outbreak can be found in the additional document attached.

Clothes and Water Bottles

Please make sure you have labelled everything – it is quite impressive how certain items of clothing can end up lost and with more children than ever before here at Bury these items are much easier to locate when labelled. Please also note we have multiple occurrences of children with the same first name so do include an initial.

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. 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
Monday	Kestrels	Buzzards
Tuesday	Buzzards	Sparrowhawks
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Kestrels
Thursday		
Friday		

There will of course be times when these days need to change and we will give as much notice as possible



Lateral Flow Device test kits

Any of our families are now entitled to collect LFD Test Kits to use at home. Please use this NHS link to find the nearest collection point to you [LFD Test Kit collection sites](#).

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 27 th September – 1 st October	Hindleap Residential
Monday 4 th October	Buzzard Class Drumming Poets Workshop
Thursday 14 th October	Buzzard Class Inter-Faith day at Easebourne
Wednesday 20 th October	Open Day for Prospective Parents (Covid guidance permitting)
Wednesday 1 st December	SPLASH assembly
Monday 6 th - 9 th December	Book Fair in school
Friday 17 th December	INSET
Saturday 15 th January	Bury Wassail
Tuesday 3 rd May	INSET
Monday 6 th June	School Photos
Thursday 16 th June	Sussex Day – Folk Festival (more to follow)
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 <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