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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. The last two week's winners were:

Kestrel Jemima

Sparrowhawk Eva

Buzzard Jack

Christmas

The children were fantastic singing at the village hall for the village Christmas lunch. You will get to hear (and join) in with these songs tomorrow from 2pm at St John's in Bury. Parking at the church is difficult and there are no toilet facilities so you may like to organise sharing transport or parking in the village before walking down.

Kestrels did an excellent job with their nativities, performing to a packed house for each showing. Not only that, but they mustered a little more energy ready to sing at Tesco raising over £80 for school in the process.



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There are still three FOBS raffle prize hampers up for grabs at the church on Tuesday. There are some fantastic prizes, well worth bringing some pound coins with you for tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the church around 3pm.

Books

A huge thank you to those of you who bought books from the book fair and to Mrs Chagri and Mrs Clark for all your work collecting the money. On Thursday we reached the £300 mark, which meant each class was able to choose £100 worth of books for their class. Thank you.



Friday 4th January – a chance for Nursery children to meet future classmates

Kestrel Class would like to teach some younger children to pot up some of Jack's magic beans for you to take home. Because we are lucky enough to have small class sizes where the year groups are taught together, this will be a great opportunity for your child to meet some of the wonderful children in Kestrel Class who would be with them in September. If you have a younger sibling or know of any other parents with younger children who would like to come and join Kestrel Class then please do join us any time between 9 and 12. You will have a decorated pot to take home, complete with 'magic' bean.

It has not been a bad year: Good at SIAMS (Church Inspection), increasing pupil numbers, Good at Ofsted to name just three things. We all know there is still more to do to make this the best school and we will continue to strive to do so. But for the next couple of weeks, I wish all the children and staff to have a couple of weeks enjoying Christmas, spending times with families and being thankful for all we have.

We look forward to seeing you all in January 2019.



Governors

Thank you to those of you who have declared an interest in the role of governor.

We are still looking for a paid clerk, if you know someone who would be keen on this role please contact us to discuss it further.

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.

Please keep checking these dates and times as I will update them every week. New dates added are in bold.

Date	Event
Monday 17th December	KS2 to MRC Panto
Monday 17th December	Christingle making with Fr Peter
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas service at St John's – children collected from church (everyone welcome)
Wednesday 19 th December	INSET
Thursday 3rd January 2019	1st day back
Friday 4th January	Planting magic beans with Kestrels (potential new parents)
Monday 7 th January	FOBS meeting 19:30 – 20:30
Wednesday 16 th January	SPLASH assembly, all welcome 14:45
Friday 15th February	19:30 Dark Skies community event (held at Bury) being run jointly by Worthing Astronomers and Bignor Roman Villa – more to follow
Wednesday 20 th March	SPLASH assembly, all welcome 14:45
Thursday 21 st March	Special visitor for KS2
Wednesday 5 th June	West Sussex Music – Little Big Sing held at Bury

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Saturday 8 th June	South Downs Astronomy Festival held here at Bury
Sunday 30 th June	Love Bury
July 22 nd and 23 rd	INSET

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,
Headteacher