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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	Ruby
Kestrel	Zena
Sparrowhawk	Arthur
Buzzard	Charlie

Author Visits

Tomorrow, Buzzard Class get the opportunity to work with Paddington illustrator, Bob Alley via Zoom. Bob is from America and is getting up especially early to be able to work with ourselves from 11 tomorrow – all thanks to funding from Young Arts.

On Friday, author and poet, AF Harrold is joining us for the day and working with every child across the school. He will be signing books after school. Petworth Bookshop will be selling his books and a selection from other authors too, straight after school in the hall. We would also like the children to bring their favourite book into school which they will be sharing with other children on Friday as part of our day celebrating books.

The 100 Photo Permissions

Later this term, the Friends of the South Downs (FOSD) would like to take an aerial photo of the children making the number 100 to celebrate their 100th anniversary. In case the children are identifiable, the FOSD need permissions to use a photograph containing your child. To ensure only those children included are those whose parents are happy for them to be, can you please complete the attached permission slip and return it by the end of this week. The children will only be able to be part of the photograph if we receive your signed permission.

Messages from FOBS

Today we have the 'Every third Monday – pre-loved uniform sale'

Friday evening sees the return of FOBS' 'Quiz Night – a night of fun for grown-ups!'



And of course every Friday we have the weekly cake raffle. Thank you to everyone who has made or donated a cake so far. If you are able, there are a few spaces on the sign-up sheet.

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Most Covid guidance has now been withdrawn.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 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.

Tuesday 21 st February	Buzzards working with Paddington Bear illustrator
Friday 24 th February	Quiz Night - FOBS
Thursday 2 nd March Friday 24 th February	Author Visit - AF Harold
Thursday 2 nd March	School CLOSED to Kestrel Class due to strike impact
Wednesday 15 th March	SPLASH Assembly
Thursday 16 th March	School closed to Sparrowhawk Class due to strikes
Friday 17 th March	Own clothes for £1 for Red Nose Day
Tuesday 21 st March	Full Governing Body meeting
Monday 27 th March	Lambing Live At Bignor – More to follow
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 8 th May	Additional Bank Holiday for King's coronation
Wednesday 10 th May	SPLASH Assembly
Monday 22 nd May	Sports' Morning
Monday 5 th June	School Photos
Wednesday 7 th June	Sparrowhawks at Weald and Downland
Week beginning 12 th June	Phonics Check week for children in Yrs 1 and 2
Friday 16 th June	Sussex Day
Monday 26 th June	Yr 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester
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
Friday 21 st July	Leavers' Assembly – Y6 families invited
Monday 20 th November	Artist working with whole school
Tuesday 21 st November	Artist working with Buzzards

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