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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 Esmae and Matilda

Sparrowhawk Freya and Millie

Buzzard Kayla and Gabriel

Last week we saw lots of interest from prospective new parents and Buzzard class did a great job in showing them all round. In fact, Buzzard Class did such a good job that two of the families took the time to write thank you letters, saying how impressed they were with the school, how engaging the children were and clearly knowledgeable about the school and the Poppy work. This was possibly best summed up by one of the parents who said **'Skye and Kai are exceptional examples of students at your school, I hope our girls grow up to be like them.'** You could not ask for much better praise. **Hannah and Oliver** were also mentioned by name with a parent saying they were **'incredibly thorough, nice natured and confident. They were brilliant with my son too.'**

All of Buzzards did an excellent job, the fact that people have taken the time to write and send us a letter stating these things shows just how impressed they were. I am sure reading this, you are all as proud of the children as we are at school.

After hearing a few of you discussing it this morning, please remember it is an INSET day on Friday. Teachers from across the Rother Valley are all taking part in a conference focusing on Social, Emotional and Mental Health.

In the diary dates you will notice we have our Harvest Assembly on the last day of October. This will be held at school with Fr Peter leading a small Harvest Service.



Some future staff changes.

As I know you are all well aware, nothing ever stands still here at Bury and there will be a couple of staff changes over the next few weeks. Miss Willett has chosen to return at the end of December and will start back full time from December 17th. This will of course mean that Miss Burelli who was covering maternity will finish with us at the same time. I am sure you will all join me in wanting to make this last half term with Miss Burelli, a really positive half term to remember. Miss Willett will be returning to teach Sparrowhawk Class and will be spending a day per week in class from November 19th to ensure a strong transition for the children.

Mrs Seymour will now be with us until Mrs Gammon returns from maternity leave, meaning there will be no further planned change for Kestrel Class after Mrs Gammon heads off on maternity at the end of this week.

Parents' Evenings (Tuesday and Wednesday this week)

Please ensure you have all signed up for a slot with your child/ren's class teacher. The typed comments will be sent out at the end of the first week after half term.

Friends Of Bury School (FOBS) AGM

29th October 19:30 at school – first day back after half term

FOBS is a tremendous asset to us here at Bury and that only happens because so many of you give up your time to support us. Love Bury was a huge success and has enabled us to offer expert music lessons across the whole school. With the current financial climate, the additional fundraising is a huge benefit to the children here and allows us to offer things that other schools locally cannot compete with – thanks in no small part to your efforts.

With the move to a National Funding Formula (NFF) in 2020 all schools less than 210 in size are being hit financially; in fact all schools in the Rother Valley will have less money than the year previously as a result of the NFF. This is just one of the reasons why it is so important that we have such a great team here that all want the best for your children. The team I refer to is parents, governors, staff and villagers. Love Bury is not just a financial support for us, it is a chance for people to see the school community, both new and old families coming together to be part of it. We all appreciate there is lots to do, but I cannot stress to you enough how valuable your support is to us and how much it is appreciated by all here at school.

If you feel you can help in any way at all, please join us at the AGM or contact FOBS directly to offer your support. FOBS@bury.school



Tickets now available from the office

Return of the Bury Quiz

On Saturday 27th October

At Bury village hall at 6.30

Fish and chips supper (with a veggie alternative)

Teams of 6 (you don't have to be in team just come along ...)

Bar and raffle

Tickets £12 per person to include supper

Get your tickets from the Bury school office or

Tom.aldridge@gmail.com Or fionapenelopemills@gmail.com

We will let you know as soon as we have the tickets available, but book the date in your diary now so that you don't miss out on the chance to be quiz champions of Bury!

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
Tuesday 16 th October	15:30 – 17:30 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 17 th October	15:30 – 17:30 Parents' Evening
Friday 19 th October	Joint INSET with the Rother Valley Schools looking at social and emotional health
Saturday 27 th October	Bury Quiz night at the Village Hall
Wednesday 31 st October	14:45 Harvest Assembly with Fr Peter
Friday 2 nd November	FOBS Autumn Party 17:30 – 19:00
Tuesday 20 th November	KS2 to Butser Ancient Farm
Wednesday 5 th December	Singing to the WI (Class TBC)
Thursday 13 th December	PM Singing at Bury Village Hall (whole school – collected from hall)
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas service at St John's – children collected from church (everyone welcome)
Wednesday 19 th December	INSET
July 22 nd and 23 rd	INSET

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,
Headteacher