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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	Maisie
Sparrowhawk	Belle
Buzzard	Ivor

Covid 19 and the resulting lockdowns have really highlighted the ingenuity and creativeness of the staff here at Bury. We would normally have our governor visits to the school around now, these provide an invaluable opportunity for governors to get an idea of the day-to-day learning that takes place is like. This year we have been unable to invite governors in but that hasn't stopped us from still sharing our work with them. Last week saw three of the governors 'visit' classes to find out about what they have been learning so far this year. Kestrels were particularly keen to share their maths learning, Sparrowhawks talked all about their visit to Bignor and the work they have been doing as a result of it, and Buzzards shared some of their Latin learning including an excellent little drama piece with Eva and Freya.

Although the virtual visits are a challenge for rural connectivity at times, for a first go this was a really positive way to ensure governors have a view on learning. It also provided an excellent assessment opportunity for the teachers to see how much the children had learnt.

The virtual visits show no sign of slowing, this week the local authority are having their termly visit with myself and Stephanie Fane, Chair of Governors, via Teams and later this week the diocese will be meeting us. On Wednesday, we are going to attempt to live stream Fr Peter to join him for Remembrance. Buzzard Class' local history work is still taking place via video interviews with local villagers and of course Wednesday evening sees FOBS AGM moving online for the first time (more below).

Competition

With Buzzards' work on South Downs Generations, there is chance to get involved yourselves. If you have a look at the website <https://southdownsgenerations.org.uk/> and scroll down looking on the right hand side, you will see a mystery photo. There is a little challenge for you



and the chance of a chocolatey prize (I would imagine for the child rather than adult!). Have a look and see if you can win the prize.

Covid-19 updates

With us now in lockdown 2, a reminder of the changes made last week:

- All non-essential visitors to the school have been cancelled with immediate effect (previously we successfully managed to socially distance whilst being able to show prospective parents around school, this has now been put on indefinite hold).
- We will continue to meet with individual parents by appointment as required but both staff and parents will now be required to wear a face covering.
- Staff will wear face coverings at the start and end of the day when receiving/handling over children
- All adults to wear a face covering when visiting or entering the school site*. All employees can remove these once in the building in-line with current guidance (unless involved in a previously agreed meeting)

*the school site refers to anywhere within the curtilage of the school

Whatever your own views on mask wearing may be, the advice from HSE is **Face coverings are mainly intended to protect others and not the wearer. When used correctly, they cover the nose and mouth, which are the main sources of transmitting coronavirus (COVID-19).**

We have both staff and parents in the clinically vulnerable group and by bringing in this additional layer of precaution, it offers those at higher risk a greater level of safety. Of course, social distancing and good levels of hygiene are the most important factors; but since the space available when waiting is small and social distancing is either not always possible or in some cases is disregarded, this is an added level of precaution to protect each other.

Whatever your view on the effectiveness or otherwise of face coverings, we would appreciate your cooperation with this request. If you choose to not wear a face covering, then please ensure you do not enter the school site and please think carefully about where you are waiting off-site with your child to ensure their safety from the passing traffic.

A huge thank you to the vast majority of you who have supported us with this request. If there is a medical reason why you are unable to, please let us know.

Our updated risk assessment can be found on the Covid page on the website.

FOBS AGM

FOBS AGM will be held on Wednesday 11th November at 8pm online via Zoom, please email fobs@bury.school if you would like to attend. They will have a small structured element of the meeting, followed by discussion on fund raising ideas for the school. Everyone is welcome.



FOBS Raffle – FOBS have joined forces with PTAs across the country for your chance to win some money during December. See the note below from Mrs Creber.

Welcome to Friends of Bury School's raffle page. We're excited to join The Big PTA Raffle 2020, this has been a really tough year for everyone and this is an opportunity to have some fun and raise money for our school.

For every ticket you will have 12 chances to win up to £5,000!* At the same time we will raise 50% from every ticket sold supporting our PTA. It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our PTA, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

Yours sincerely,

Kim Creber

For your chance to win, follow the link here [FOBS Raffle](#)

Remembrance

Poppies are available to purchase in each class. Please send your child in with their donation and they will be able to get a poppy from their class teacher. We have split our box to ensure that there are enough for each class to have a set (to avoid passing the collection between bubbles).

We are hoping to be able to stream Fr Peter's own personal remembrance service back to the classes on the 11th, signal permitting. Failing that, we will hold our own 2 minutes' silence in each class

The following remains unchanged but is here for your quick reference

Covid guidance

Symptoms for Covid-19 remain as:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your 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 your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal



If you believe your child has any of these symptoms, then you need to get them tested or need to self-isolate for the 10 days (and 14 for the other family members). This is undoubtedly going to be a regular occurrence as we enter cold and flu season but is something we will all work through together. There will be many times when you will be unsure if the cough is continuous – if you are in any doubt, please err on the side of caution.

With regards to work being provided through Google Classroom, this will only be the case in where a child needs to isolate. If your child is absent for non-Covid related illness we will not be providing additional work as your child is unwell. Please also remember that the staff are teaching all day and therefore will not be able to get work to your child the same morning you call – the resources will be put together at the end of the school day and will be available through Google Classroom the following day.

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 – clearly this is not in-keeping with our Covid-19 Risk Assessment. 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. If there was a message inscribed it would keep 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 don't 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.

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, a lot 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. New dates added are in bold.

11 th November	FOBS AGM 8pm via Zoom
3 rd December	Flu Vaccines
7 th – 18 December	FOBS Raffle – chance to win £5000
16 th December	Christmas Lunch (this will be in two sittings to ensure children remain in bubbles)
21 st December	Start of Christmas Holidays
Saturday 16th January 2021!	Bury Wassail 3 – 6pm Canceled
Monday January 4 th	INSET
Tuesday May 4 th	INSET

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,
Headteacher









