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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 Jesse

Sparrowhawk Silva

Buzzard Bella

Lockdown process – Google Classroom

Unfortunately, despite requests over the last two weeks we still have 13 children who have not accessed Google Classroom. Thank you to those of you who have tested the process for us or have contacted the class teacher to seek support in doing so.

We have a responsibility to provide online learning in the event of a lockdown or a child/ren needing to isolate. As stated previously, we will be doing this via Google Classroom. In the event of a lockdown we will not be in a position to support you in accessing the site as the teachers will be teaching and planning. We have set this up and begun trialling it early to give you all the opportunity to test and ensure the system is working for your child whilst we are still in a position to support you with this process.

The staff will be setting up another activity in the coming days to trial some of the other functions of Google Classroom. Once again, please ensure you have completed this with your child so that we know the system is working. We will not be chasing families up for this, our responsibility is to provide the work for online learning, your responsibility is to ensure your child completes the work.

Please follow the guidelines sent home two weeks ago.

Covid guidance

Although there is due to be announcement later today, at the time of writing there is no change to previous 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)

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- 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.

Splash

Normally we get to invite you in for our assemblies led by Splash. Splash for schools and communities is a Christian charity based in West Sussex. They visit schools to deliver faith based assemblies and clubs that promote positive values and behaviour in children and young people. They also support local churches in their community outreach projects across the south downs. With Covid, Splash have had to rethink how they share these assemblies and this is their first attempt doing so via a video. The following assembly is being shared with your children early this week <https://youtu.be/mWcaWA01uJw>

Parents' Evenings

Our written reports will be sent home the week beginning 19th October. If you need an additional telephone consultation with the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo), Mrs Seymour or further information from the class teacher, then please contact Mrs Clark to arrange this. The teachers have already been proactive in speaking to individuals where there is something that needs discussing in advance of the reports coming home. We appreciate this is not the same as having your individual 10 minute slot with your child's class teacher, but it will provide you with an early update of your child's start of this academic year and how they have settled in to the class.

Maternity Post update

We were bowled over by the quality and number of applicants we had for Miss Willett's maternity position. We were in the privileged position of having a very tough decision due to



the high quality of the field. We are now in the process of going through all of the safer-recruitment checks and will inform you of our appointment following the results of these.

Trip to Bignor

The vast majority of schools have had to cancel all of their educational visits this term. We have been incredibly lucky that for Sparrowhawks' Roman work, Bignor Roman Villa very kindly opened just for us. By being able to walk to the site from school, it meant we could safely get to the site. Thanks to the Villa for opening just for us, it meant there was no additional risk to our children or staff and was therefore safe to undertake. The children were full of questions on the day and I have no doubt the experience has provided some great stimuli for their learning.





Open Day for prospective new parents

Clearly this is not going to be possible in the same way as we have done previously. The children in Buzzards will not be able to show people around as this would involve them being in close proximity with someone outside of their bubble. We will be encouraging prospective parents to look at the school via the website and to speak to friends and family who know our setting. However, for some new parents to the area they will want to see the school physically to see if it is right for their child. We will be following our risk assessment and showing prospective parents around school by pre-booked appointment only. Parents will not be able to enter the classrooms nor interact with the children in school. We will continually review this as we do with the entire risk assessment. The children have been brilliant with this so far, on the rare occasion they are on their way to/from the toilets when I have shown someone around, the children have stopped and made sure they do not go near anyone else.

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.

26 th October – 30 th October	Half Term
2nd November	School Photos
3rd December	Flu Vaccines
16th 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 Cancelled
Monday January 4 th	INSET
Monday May 4 th	INSET

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,
Headteacher