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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to our first STARS (Success, Teamwork, Aspiration, Resilience, Respect and Responsibility) of the week from each class for 2019/20. The class teacher chooses one child each week who has demonstrated one or more of our core values. The last week's winners were:

Kestrel Esmae

Sparrowhawk Nora

Buzzard Arthur

Brilliant Bury

Last Wednesday we were visited by lots of ex-pupils, teachers, parents and governors of Bury CE Primary. Our visitors joined with the children to make a tile for our new entrance. Along with all of our children, we were visited by the headteacher from the 150th anniversary, Malcolm Laverty, who gave up his lunch break to stop by and make a tile. It was also great to see pupils from the 1950s reunited for the first time in over 60 years. Buzzard Class took the opportunity to interview some of the visitors for some work they are learning about at present. The children and visitors were also kindly supported by a few of our parents who helped throughout the morning.





The children and visitors chose an image that reminded them of the school in some way. Lots of images of the woodlands, the Downs and the different trees and animals the children encounter here. One of our new Year R children chose to recreate Mr Gatrell's beard.

Volunteering Opportunities

If you are keen on the outdoors and would like to volunteer (or know someone else who would), then please do let Mrs Clark know so that we can go through the DBS process for working/volunteering in schools. Our Bury Rangers sessions take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons each week and it would be great to have some more hands on deck supporting Mr Gatrell and Miss Willett.

If you enjoy listening to children read, we are always keen to get additional adults in school to listen to all ages of children. Again, please see Mrs Clark to get your DBS underway and let us know the days and times you can do.

Harvest

All of the classes will be sharing something with us for this year's Harvest. Fr Peter will lead us with the classes sharing something they have each been working on. The service will be held at school on Wednesday 16th October at 14:30 and all are invited to join us. We are hoping to collect 175 canned/dried goods to support people in the local area. If you can, please pop an extra tin in your shopping over the next few weeks ready for the children to bring to school in the week beginning 14th October.

1000 Trees

Over the holidays, Mr Gatrell and I have been meeting with a group of villagers following a suggestion put forward at the Parish Council's AGM. The proposal was for Bury to plant 1000 trees over the next two years. As part of our Bury Rangers work we are keen to grow these trees from seed, saving the village a fortune and learning about the lifecycle of particular local trees in the process. What would really help us is if you have any old plastic pots. We talked at length about creating ceramic pots rather than using plastic, but settled on the idea that it was better to reuse the existing pots that so many people have. If you have any, could you please give them a wash and pass them on to Mr Gatrell.

Cake Raffle Fridays

Bury School are running a fundraising cake raffle every Friday for children and parents to enter at a cost of 30p per ticket or £1 for a strip of 5 tickets on sale at the school gate Friday mornings. This ticket buys a chance to win a cake kindly donated by a parent or carer. The raffle will be drawn during Friday's



assembly and the cake handed to the winner then. All money raised will be put back into the school for the benefit of every pupil.

We need your help to keep it a success, so would like to ask for your support in this coming year to keep the raffle going. If you are able and would like to donate a cake please fill out the slip on a letter attached and return to the school office so your name can be included in our annual list, alongside a date for when it's your turn.

We will send the list out to you when complete. You don't have to be Mary Berry to do this by any means! We will be extremely grateful for anything we receive – homemade, shop bought – whatever suits you best. And it doesn't have to be one cake. It can be a pack of fairy cakes or chocolate rolls etc... anything cakey goes!! Thank you all in advance for your support!

Birthdays

For our new parents. Children can wear their own clothes for the day (or a day either side of the holiday) when it is their birthday. Historically, lots of sweets such as small bags of Haribo have been brought in to give out at the end of the day. The sweets invariably produce a huge amount of rubbish and are gone within seconds. Instead we thought instead of sweets that 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. Our own list will grow as there are masses of excellent books coming out all of the time at the moment – it really is a great time for high quality children's literature.

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
Wednesday September 11 th	Start of the 175 year tile building
Thursday 12 th	Music sessions start
Friday 20 th	PM Extra Bury Rangers session with National Trust for Sparrowhawk Class
Wednesday 2 nd October	14:45 Splash Assembly – All parents welcome Splash are a group who use puppets to tell a Christian story
Thursday 10 th	Open Day – the children will be sharing the work they have done about 175 years of Bury School. This will also be our open day for prospective new parents. There will also be the possibility to make a tile for our outside mosaic throughout the day (clay permitting).
Wednesday 16 th	Harvest Celebration 14:30
Tuesday 22 nd and Wednesday 23 rd	Parents' Evenings
Friday 25 th	INSET
Monday November 4 th	School Photos
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd	Buzzard Class Residential to Hindleap
Thursday 21 st	14:45 Kestrel Class music performance to parents
Wednesday 27 th	Splash Assembly – All welcome
Tuesday December 10 th PM (14:00)	Kestrel's Nativity
Tuesday 10 th	Children's Christmas Craft Enterprise (more to follow)
Wednesday 11 th AM (9:30)	Kestrel's Nativity
Thursday 12 th	Singing to the village at the annual village lunch – all children collected from village hall
Thursday 19 th	Christingle at Church 14:30
Thursday March 5 th	Author Visit

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,
Headteacher