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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 Leo

Sparrowhawk Eva

Buzzard Jamie and Oliver

Welcome to another new arrival this morning, Millie, who has joined Sparrowhawk Class.

Tomorrow sees children from St James and Dorset House alongside members of the village joining us at the village hall to make our commemorative poppies for the fallen soldiers. Please remember to drop your children off at the village hall and not at school in the morning. We will be walking back from the hall with Kestrels and Sparrowhawks at approximately 10:30. Buzzards will then be staying to teach the children from St James and Dorset House and Bishop Mark who is joining us at 11:30. Please do come and join us if you are able.

On Wednesday 10th October we are having an **open day** where a selection of the children's poppy work will be on display for you. This is also the day for prospective new parents to be shown around by our Year 6s. If you would like a poster for your car, home, business please ask in the office. Also if anyone would like to put some up for us locally please come and get some.

Somerleyton Visit

Wednesday sees the children from Somerleyton joining us here at Bury. Jonathan Dean (SDNP) will also be joining us again as he works with the children in Buzzards to prepare their talk about the South Downs to the children from Somerleyton. Straight after school our visitors will be driven up to the top of Bignor Hill where they will follow our school walk. It would be great if some of the children from Buzzard Class would like to join them, if you would, please drive them up to top of the hill where I will meet them ready to walk back down to school. Once at school, the children will have a shared dinner together via the culinary skills of Mr Gatrell, before being ready to be collected by yourselves at 7pm.



TTRockstars

You will see a couple more options on TTRockstars when your children are playing it at the moment. 'Battle of the Bands' is sometimes available when I have set up a challenge for specific groups of children. There is also 'Soundcheck' which gives you an example of the multiplication tables assessment that the government are introducing in 2020. The aim is that all children know their tables upto 12x12 by the end of Year 4. The children that are regularly playing TTRockstars are well on their way to achieving this standard. All of the children in school (except Year R) have a login so please support them in playing a little on a regular basis.

Spelling Shed

A few parents have said that Spelling Shed costs money to play. This is only the case if you purchase the app. The website version is free. We only use the website version at school so your children are familiar with how to access it this way. Of course, you are welcome to purchase the app to play, but the games are playable without the app.

Friends Of Bury School (FOBS) AGM

29th October 19:30 at school

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

A message from our governors:

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 |
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| Tuesday 25 th Sept | Making poppies with the community at Bury Village Hall (St. James and Dorset House joining us) – children to be dropped off at the Village Hall |
| THURSDAY 27 th Sept | Kestrels meet the teacher 8:50 – 9:15 |
| Wednesday 26 th – 28 th Sept | Somerleyton exchange visit to Bury |
| Wednesday 3 rd Oct | 14:45 Splash assembly – parents welcome |
| Friday 5 th October | Special visitor for the morning (see letter sent home with children today) |
| Wednesday 10 th October | 'Poppies' open morning – 9 - 11:30 and 13:30 – 15:00 |
| 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 |
| 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

School Walk and Barbeque

_____ (child's name) will be joining the Somerleyton School Walk and food on 26th October. I understand that I need to arrange for my child to get to Bignor Hill ready to start the walk at 15:45 and I will collect my child/ren at 19:00 from the main gates.

Signed _____