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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to last weeks' 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:

Little Owl Harper Kestrel Theo Sparrowhawk George Buzzard Ariana S

Please remember, as it stands, Kestrel Class is closed to pupils on Thursday 2nd March due to the teacher strike action taking place. If this changes we will let you know as soon as is possible to do so.

Author Visits

An amazing week of author visits which is carrying on into this week with Kestrels and Little Owls joining Julia Donaldson online for some fairy tale stories. Last week started with Buzzards getting illustrator tips from the current illustrator of Paddington Bear, Bob Alley. This was an hour-long Zoom session where the children from Fittleworth also joined us (virtually).

On Friday, we had our own World Book Day (moved to avoid the planned strike action) with the fantastic AF Harrold. The amount of uncontrollable laughter around the school on Friday as a result of AF's sessions was fantastic to hear. It was brilliant to see so many of the children keen to get one of his books at the end of the day, I am sure you will all love them.

A huge thank you to Mrs Braun for organising the day and to FOBS for providing the funding to get such a high-quality author into school – a great team effort.









The 100 Photo Permissions

Thank you for the 43 permissions we have received. I am presuming that any that have not now been returned is because you do not wish your child to be in the images. Unfortunately, some slips were returned without a child's name completed so I am unable to tell whom they are for. There are also some that do not indicate if you are giving permission or not – I will email these parents today to seek clarification.

Fr Peter

As many of you will be aware, Fr Peter is retiring in a couple of months. We will be having a special final assembly for him on Wednesday 26th April. Knowing that many parents will also want to wish him well and that we will be unable to fit everyone in the hall, we will be holding a secret (from Fr Peter) bonus tea and cake event after school on the same day. Please collect your children as normal at the end of the day and then make your way to the outdoor classroom where cake and a drink will be served.

If you are able to provide cake etc for the event, please contact <u>fobs@bury.school</u>. If you would like to give a donation to Fr Peter's leaving gift, please send money to the office in an envelope marked 'Fr Peter – gift'.

Art

Please raid your recent deliveries as Buzzards are looking for donations of cardboard and polystyrene for an art project they are doing this Thursday. Any donations would be much appreciated.

FOBS

Thank you to FOBS for an excellent quiz night. It was great to see not only parents of the school, but also local villagers keen to support the fundraising. A big thank you to Mrs Atkins and Mrs Youngs, our quizmasters extraordinaire.

One of our parents, Shannon (Harley in Little Owls' mum) is taking part in the London Marathon and is raising funds on behalf of MacMillan. If you would like to sponsor Shannon, please use the link below

Just Giving - Shannon, London Marathon

Cake Raffle

We are looking for some keen bakers (or anyone who is happy adding a cake to their weekly shop) who can commit to the following weeks (message below from FOBS):









Cake Bakers (or Buyers) Needed!

FoBS welcomes any donations of cakes or tray bakes for the Cake Raffle this term please. Not a baker? bought is fine too. All funds raised will continue to pay for the Sport Coaching Sessions. Dates below - please get in touch if you think you can help. Thanks in advance FoBS

17th March - Comic Relief ●
24th March
21st April
28th April
5th May
12th May
19th May
26th May

Such has been the success of the football sessions that we will be continuing with 1:1 Coaching into the summer term. The focus will shift and they will be working with the children on track and field. 1:1 Coaching will also be running Sports Morning this year (Monday 22nd May).

Covid Guidance

Most Covid guidance has now been withdrawn. The exception can be found on the NHS website **here**.

PE and Bury Rangers from September 2022

Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies or outdoor boots that can be worn just for the Bury Rangers session – they will need another pair of shoes for the rest of the day.

A reminder of what children should be wearing for PE Kit:

PE Kit:

Green Bury T-shirt, black shorts (tracksuits may be worn for outside lessons), plimsolls or trainers. Plus shin pads and mouth-guards for Sparrowhawks and Buzzards





Bury C.E. Primary School



Children to attend school in PE kit or Bury Rangers clothes for the relevant days. Those days are as follows*:

	Bury Rangers	PE
Monday		Buzzards Buzzards and Sparrowhawks will have an additional football session throughout the spring term
Tuesday	Kestrels	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Little Owls
Thursday	Little Owls	Kestrels
Friday	Buzzards	Sparrowhawks

*There will of course be times when these days need to change and we will give as much notice as possible

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, much 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.

Thursday 2 nd March	School CLOSED to Kestrel Class due to strike impact	
Wednesday 15 th March	SPLASH Assembly	
Thursday 16 th March	School closed to Sparrowhawk Class due to strikes	
Friday 17 th March	Own clothes for £1 for Red Nose Day	
Tuesday 21 st March	Full Governing Body meeting	
Monday 27 th March	Lambing Live At Bignor – More to follow	
Thursday 30 th March	Sparrowhawks' Easter Production 9:30 and 14:00	
Week beginning 17 th April	Buzzard Class Bikeability	
Wednesday 26 th April	Fr Peter – final assembly	
Week beginning 8 th May	Yr 6 SATs week	
Monday 8 th May	Additional Bank Holiday for King's coronation	
Wednesday 10 th May	SPLASH Assembly	
Monday 22 nd May	Sports' Morning	
Monday 5 th June	School Photos	
Wednesday 7 th June	Sparrowhawks at Weald and Downland	
Week beginning 12 th June	Phonics Check week for children in Yrs 1 and 2	
Friday 16 th June	Sussex Day	
Monday 26 th June	Yr 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester	
Tuesday 4 th July	Full Governing Body meeting	
Wednesday 5 th July	Transition Day (Yr 6 to new schools)	
Tuesday 11 th July	Buzzard Class production 14:00 and 18:00	







Thursday 13 th July	Diversity Awareness Day
Friday 21 st July	Leavers' Assembly – Y6 families invited
Monday 20 th November	Artist working with whole school
Tuesday 21 st November	Artist working with Buzzards

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. 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 (although most ask for it to be shared in their class first). Please do inscribe a message in the book so that it keeps 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 do not 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 <u>https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/</u>. 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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore, Headteacher