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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to our Star of the Week winners from each class. The class teacher chooses one child each week who has demonstrated one or more of our core values of: courage, humility, wisdom, compassion and perseverance. Last week's winners were:

Little Owl Jessie
Kestrel Marianne
Sparrowhawk Ophelia
Buzzard Connor

World Book Day

Excitement is building as we look forward to welcoming Jeanne Willis on Thursday. Miss Webb has been busy planning activities to take place with Jeanne throughout the day and then Mrs Braun has sorted Petworth Bookshop to sell some of Jeanne's books at the end of the day with Jeanne on hand to sign them.

FOBS update

Thank you to all who attended the Extraordinary General Meeting on Wednesday 28th, the purpose of the meeting was to appoint a new co-chair. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing co-chair Jess Youngs for all her hard work and dedication to the role. Liz Leggett has been voted in as co-chair and will be working alongside existing co-chair Sian Whiteley. We also extend our thanks to Chloe Daly who stepped down from the role of Treasurer and welcome Jo McCulloch back to the role. Our constitution has now been formally accepted so we can now look into gaining charitable status and the benefits that go with that.

Upcoming.

We will be continuing with the Friday morning cake Raffle up until Easter, thank you to all who have provided cakes, we really appreciate your support. Snack sale will also continue up to Easter. Wednesday 27^{th} March sees the return of the Quiz and Curry. As before it will be £10 per person and will be held at The Squire and Horse, starting at 7:00pm. Our thanks go to Nick, Shannon and the team for their ongoing support with hosting this event.

Sponsored Read-a-thon

At the time of writing, you have successfully raised over £1000 and over £200 for school to spend on books – a huge thank you to everyone, this is an amazing response.







Covid Guidance

Most Covid guidance has now been withdrawn.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

PE and Bury Rangers

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

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

	Bury Rangers	PE
Monday	-	
Tuesday	Little Owls	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Everyone
Thursday	Kestrels	-
Friday	Buzzards	

^{*}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.

Please keep checking these dates and times as I will update them every week.

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Friday 12 th January 2024 Friday 22 nd March	FOBS Lego Workshop
Thursday 7 th March	Jeanne Willis author visit
Tuesday 12 th March	FGB
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day* and KS2 visit to Pulborough Brooks as







	part of their John Muir Award
Tuesday 19 th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20 th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20 th March	SPLASH
Friday 22 nd March	FOBS Lego Workshop and KS2 Red Nose Day
Friday 29 th March	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th May	FGB
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	KS2 SATs
Wednesday 15 th May	SPLASH
Wednesday 22 nd May	Sports Morning
Monday 3 rd June	School Photos
Friday 14 th June	Sussex Day
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Day
Tuesday 9 th July	FGB
Wednesday 10 th July – square brackets = evening show only	KS2 Production (2pm and 6pm [Sparrowhawk Parents])
Thursday 11 th July – as above	KS2 Production (9am and 6pm [Buzzard Parents])
Tuesday 16th July	Bee Day (more info from Miss Willett to follow)
Monday 22 nd July	INSET 4
Tuesday 23 rd July	INSET 5

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 https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/. It is incredibly helpful to us foryou 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