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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

It was fantastic to see so many smiling familiar faces this morning and also some new faces joining us in different classes. Kestrel Class has the youngest children joining us in the mornings this week, Connor, Theo, Matilda, Maisie, Hugo and Declan were welcomed to the class by their new Year 1 friends. It did not take any of them long to find all of the great resources Mrs Seymour had out ready for them.

In Sparrowhawk Class we welcomed Charlie and Toby and in Buzzard Class Eva has joined the team.

Once the older children in Reception join us next week, the school will be operating at its overall admission number of 70. We still have space in a couple of year groups and our overall physical capacity means we may be able to accommodate these children if people are moving into the area.

Little Birds nursery have now vacated the lower half of school house. The governors and I are now working carefully over the autumn term to see how we can best redevelop the space to have the most positive impact on the school. Watch this space!

## Thank You

A huge thank you from all of the staff for the many gifts and words/letters of thanks for everyone's work over the last year. It really has been a tremendous effort from everyone and I have no doubt we will all hit the ground running this year also.

## Changes

A big thank you to the FOBS team who have been busy giving the sheds on the field a new lease of life. The very observant of you may also spot that there are a couple of areas of the field which are fenced off, these are the holes that have been dug ready to install the new goalposts. A thank you this time to Tommy's dad who has been busy preparing the holes and will be setting up the posts once the concrete arrives.



## Covid 19

Over the holidays some of the guidance was updated for schools. In full these can be found here [Actions For Schools](#) and here [What Parents and Carers need to Know](#)

A significant change is in the need to isolate. The following is taken directly from the guide:

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

The following is still the case if you suspect your child has coronavirus or has a positive test:

Do not send your child to their nursery, childminder, school, college or to an entry test for a selective school if:

- they are showing one or more [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- they have had a positive test result
- there are other reasons requiring them to stay at home, for example, they are [required to quarantine](#)

You should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#).

The symptoms for children are listed as follows:

- a high temperature
- 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 sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Additional detail on our standard systems and the continuity plan in terms of an outbreak can be found in the additional document attached.

## Sunshine and showers

Thank you to those of you sending your children in with hats and with sun protection applied. With temperatures set to remain high with storms and rain to follow this week, please ensure



your child has all appropriate clothing with them each day.

## Clothes and Water Bottles

Please make sure you have labelled everything – it is quite impressive how certain items of clothing can end up lost and with more children than ever before here at Bury these items are much easier to locate when labelled. Please also note we have multiple occurrences of children with the same first name so do include an initial.

One positive from last year has been coming into school in PE kit throughout the last year and half has really helped with ensuring the children get more time being active and less time changing – it has also helped with children not forgetting kit. 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.

We will therefore be continuing with attending school in PE kit or Bury Rangers clothes for the relevant days. Those days are as follows\*:

	Bury Rangers	PE
<b>Monday</b>	Kestrels	Buzzards
<b>Tuesday</b>	Buzzards	Sparrowhawks
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sparrowhawks	Kestrels
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Friday</b>		

There will of course be times when these days need to change and we will give as much notice as possible. For this week, **Sparrowhawks'** Bury Rangers will be on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** and return to Wednesdays from next week.

## Lateral Flow Device test kits

Any of our families are now entitled to collect LFD Test Kits to use at home. Please use this NHS link to find the nearest collection point to you [LFD Test Kit collection sites](#).



## 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.

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	1 <sup>st</sup> day back for children
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September – 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Hindleap Residential
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Buzzard Class Inter-Faith day at Easebourne
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Day for Prospective Parents (Covid guidance permitting)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	SPLASH assembly
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Book Fair in school
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	INSET
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Bury Wassail
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	INSET
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School Photos
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Sussex Day – Folk Festival (more to follow)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Additional Holiday in lieu of Queen's Anniversary

## 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 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