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Dear parents and 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 the winners were:

Little Owl Bloom
Kestrel Oscar
Sparrowhawk Milo
Buzzard Erin
Mrs Seymour Oscar Y

Writers of the Week

Each week, one child from each class will be chosen for displaying an element of excellent writing. Their work will be displayed in school for all to see.

Last week's winners were:

Little Owl Maeve Kestrel Florence Sparrowhawk Amos Buzzard Arthur

Thank You

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who came in to help with our clay days. The children have made some beautiful models, which would not have been possible without your help. Please join us in crossing fingers as their work now begins its journey through the kiln.

Mr Moore Absence

My thanks to Mrs Braun and Mrs Clark who have led the school in my recent absence. As many of you appear to be aware, I fractured my ribs whilst on residential with Buzzard Class. Please do not take this personally if I appear to grimace at you at morning drop off, my ribs are still painful and can take several weeks to heal.





This (13th October) Morning

My thanks to all of you for your understanding regarding the electrical situation this morning. With the information available being that the power would be off until 1pm, this left us with no option but to take the decision to close school as our toilets, water, and food provision was all inoperable. As soon as it became clear that the power had returned and we were assured the issue had been resolved, we then opened school as normal. Thank you to everyone who was able to hold on whilst we received this assurance and my apologies for any inconvenience this caused.

Phonics Parent Workshop - Wednesday 15th Oct

If your child is in Little Owls or Kestrels (or further up school and you would like a refresher), Miss Willett and Miss Webb are offering a parent workshop to explain how we teach phonics (reading and writing sounds) and how you can help at home by hearing your child read in the same way that we do in school. The session will be from 8.45 - 9.15 on Wednesday 15th October in the hall. There is no need to book, just stay after drop off.

Harvest

Our harvest service this year will be at the St. John's Church in Bury on 24th October at 2.15pm. Children will need collecting from the Church at the usual end of the school day. Please let us know if someone else is collecting your child/ren.

If you feel able to, then please send a donation into school from today.

- tinned foods
- pasta
- cereals
- chocolate

No fresh produce please

Messages from FOBS - please see below for some exciting news from FOBS

Harvest Fair - Friday 24th October, 3.15-5.00pm at Bury Village Hall

We're delighted to confirm that the Harvest Fair is happening thanks to our wonderful volunteers – and everyone from outside the school is welcome to join the fun too!

Expect tombolas, games, crafts, snacks, pumpkin painting and more – a brilliant afternoon for all the family. Entry is free; just bring cash or card to buy stall tokens. Non-uniform day this Friday in exchange for prizes for the Harvest Fair please.







Harvest Art Competition

Children can start creating their masterpieces now! Make an autumn collage on A4 paper or card using only natural materials on top. Bring your entry along on the day to be judged – there will be prizes for each age group!

Wreath-Making Evening - Friday 28th November 7-9pm

Join us for a relaxed, creative evening at the Village Hall making beautiful festive wreaths. It's always a lovely social event and a fantastic fundraiser for the school.

Booking early helps us source the best materials at the best prices – so don't wait! Book here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc020DLq2Tm1QND 971-bd7NVbhEdz1WisHInW7unBCmtZfw/viewform

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Little Owls

Kestrels

Sparrowhawks

Buzzards

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 |
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| Monday | Sparrowhawks | |
| Tuesday | Kestrels, Little Owls | |





| Wednesday | | Everyone |
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| Thursday | | |
| Friday | Buzzards | |

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.

| Tuesday 30 th September | A special assembly from the Rivers Trust |
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| Monday 20 th October | Parents' Evening |
| Wednesday 22 nd October | Parent's Evening |
| Friday 24 th October | Harvest – 14:15 at St John's Church, Bury |
| Monday 3 rd November | INSET 2 (25/26) |
| Tuesday 11 th November | Remembrance – school and local parishioners (due to space) |
| Friday 14 th November | Open Day for prospective parents |
| Tuesday 18 th November | Lego Day – Brilliant Bury Houses (in Lego) |
| Friday 21 st November | Christmas Carol Theatre Performance to school |
| Wednesday 26 th November | SPLASH Assembly |
| Tuesday 16 th December | Singing to the village |
| Monday 5 th January | INSET 3 (25/26) |
| Wednesday 21 st January | SPLASH Assembly |
| Wednesday 11 th March | SPLASH Assembly |
| Monday 11 th – 14 th May | KS2 National Assessments |
| (TBC) Monday 29 th June | INSET 4 (25/26) |
| Wednesday 22 nd July | INSET 5 (25/26) |

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



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





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