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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 | Damian |
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| Kestrel | Matilda |
| Sparrowhawk | Arthur |
| Buzzard | Daniel |

Thank you

Unfortunately, illness got the better of me last week and so I would like to pass on my thanks to Mrs Braun and Mrs Clark for ensuring everything ran smoothly at school, and of course to the rest of the staff team for pulling together to support each other.

Remembrance

My thanks to Mrs Braun and the staff team for organising a very fitting Remembrance service on Friday. We have received several pieces of correspondence from villagers to compliment the children's behaviour and reading.

Artist in Residence

Next Monday and Tuesday we will be joined in school by artist, Darrell Wakelam. Darrell will be working with every child in school across the two days as the children work together to create some new classroom-inspired sculptural art.

Staff training

Over the next few weeks, several of the staff team will be undertaking different training sessions and as such, there will be more supply staff in school than normal. Wherever possible we try to use the same supply staff in order to provide consistency for the children – however, please be aware that this is not always possible.





Children in Need

For Children in Need, the children can dress up in their own clothes for a donation (please use the link here: https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/

Requests For Absence

A reminder that any request for absence needs completing on the absence request form and returned to school two weeks in advance.

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Most Covid guidance has now been withdrawn.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 | | Buzzards & Sparrowhawks |
| Tuesday | Buzzards | |
| Wednesday | Sparrowhawks | Everyone |
| Thursday | Kestrels | |
| Friday | Little Owls | |

*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.

| Tuesday 14 th November | FGB |
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| Friday 17th November New date – 1 st December | FOBS Lego Day |
| Monday 20 th November | Artist working with whole school |
| Tuesday 21 st November | Artist working with Buzzards |
| Monday 4 th December | Keyboard and Piano instrumentalists performing to their parents - 9am |
| Wednesday 6 th December | SPLASH |
| Friday 8 th December | MUFTI (FOBS – raffle prizes) |
| Tuesday 12 th December | 9:30 and 14:00 Nativity (Little Owls and Kestrels) |
| Friday 12 th January 2024 | FOBS Lego Workshop |
| Tuesday 16 th January | FGB |
| Wednesday 24 th January | SPLASH |
| Thursday 7 th March | Jeanne Willis author visit |
| Tuesday 12 th March | FGB |
| Wednesday 20 th March | SPLASH |
| 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 |
| 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 <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