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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	Amelie
Kestrel	Jack
Sparrowhawk	Jaeger
Buzzard	Samantha

Phonics Workshop

Unfortunately, due to staff absence, we had to postpone this morning's phonics workshop. As soon as a new date can be confirmed, we will share this with you. In the meantime, please see the recording from last year's workshop [here](#)

Parents' Evenings

Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th October

Parents evening bookings can be made through the MCAS app. On the left hand side menu select parents evening, select one date from the parents' evening selection box then click on the red 'teacher's name' box, select your chosen time.

Following the parents' evening, you will be provided with a short report which shares the next steps for your child in English and maths. The written report has changed slightly in an attempt to reduce the time taken for teachers and to provide a tighter focus for parents as to what the next steps for your child/ren are.

Buzzard Class Residential

An amazing week was had by Buzzards at Hindleap Warren with towers climbed, pitch-black tunnels navigated and mud wallowed!

A link will be shared with Buzzard parents later this week that will contain all of the photos taken across the week. They are large files so you should be able to print them large if required.



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Year R September 2024

The window for applying for places for Reception children to start in September 2024 is now open. The application window closes again on January 15th.

Our open day for prospective parents is Thursday 19th October. If you know anyone that is looking for their child's first school, please do let them know about our open day where Buzzard Class children will give them a guided tour of the school.

Splash

Splash provide us with an assembly once per half term which parents and toddlers are welcome to attend. The assembly is normally based around either a Bible story or a particular Christian value which is then taught to the children in an interactive way. Our first of the year is this Wednesday starting at 14:45. Please wait by the hall doors where one of the staff will let you in.

Bury Choir

An amazing chance to learn to sing and be part of a choir. Tea Killick (one of our new Reception parents) has been teaching choirs and singing for over 23 years. Please see the poster below if this is something you would like to get involved, and in doing so, help raise funds for the school.



Bury Choir
Learn songs and vocal technique
and sing in harmony!
No need to read music!
No experience necessary!
£5 per session – Mondays 1.30–3
at Newlands, Westburton Lane
Non Bury parents welcome
too!
Contact Tea Killick violin100@hotmail.com
for info or to book your place!

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

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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.

Monday 2 nd October	Phonics workshop for Year R and Kestrel parents Postponed – new date to follow
Wednesday 4 th October	SPLASH assembly 14:45 – parents welcome
Tuesday 10 th October	FGB
Wednesday 11 th October	Poetry Workshop - Sparrowhawks
Monday 16 th October	Air Ambulance online session for KS2
Thursday 19 th October	Open Day for prospective parents
Friday 20 th October	INSET 2
Monday 30 th October	INSET 3
Friday 3 rd November	Everybody Read sessions start up for Little Owls and Kestrels
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance at Church (children only)
Tuesday 14 th November	FGB
Friday 17 th November	FOBS Lego Day
Monday 20 th November	Artist working with whole school
Tuesday 21 st November	Artist working with Buzzards
Wednesday 6 th December	SPLASH
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

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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 <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