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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 the winners were:

Little Owl	Alice
Kestrel	Ruby
Sparrowhawk	Charlotte
Buzzard	Oscar I

Staffing Updates

Mrs Braun will not return until after Easter at the earliest. Mrs Barnes continues in her place. Now that I know this will be the case for at least the next four weeks, I want to ensure that the Year 6 children are as supported as possible ahead of their National Assessments, which are only a few school weeks away. This means that Mrs Barnes will continue in Buzzards from Monday to Friday until Easter and we will secure a strong supply teacher to work in Sparrowhawks for these next 4 Fridays. I do appreciate that this is not ideal, but I feel it is fairest for the Year 6 children as I do not yet know when Mrs Braun will be returning after Easter.

Building Work Updates

Our internal work continues to move forward. This week it is planned for a new ceiling and lighting to be installed into the library space. This will reduce our movement around the school with fewer assemblies taking place this week. Lunchtimes will not be affected.

Splash Assemblies

We have two Splash Assemblies coming up; the first is this Wednesday – unfortunately, with the current building work and reduced hall space we will be unable to welcome parents. The second is on April 2nd which is a special Easter service. We hope to return to inviting parents to this Easter special which starts at 14:30.

PE next week

PE will take place on Tuesday 18th March and not Wednesday 19th March next week.

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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, Kestrels Buzzards (until Easter)	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Everyone
Thursday		
Friday	Buzzards (from summer term)	

*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 March 18 th	Sparrowhawks Trip to Winchester Science Museum
Thursday March 20 th	Full Governing Body meeting
Tuesday March 25 th	Little Owls and Kestrels author visit
Wednesday April 2 nd	SPLASH Easter assembly – all welcome
Thursday May 8 th	Full Governing Body meeting
Monday May 12 th	National Assessment Week for Yr 6 (SATs)
Wednesday May 14 th	SPLASH assembly
Friday May 16 th	Three Musketeers – Theatre Performance
Wednesday May 21 st	Sports Morning
Monday June 2 nd	School Photos
Week beginning Monday June 2 nd	Bikeability for Buzzard Class
Friday June 13 th	Sussex Day
Tuesday June 17 th	New Starters Morning for new Little Owls

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Wednesday June 25 th	Yr 6 Leavers at Chichester Cathedral
Wednesday July 2 nd	Transition Day
Friday 4 th July	KS2 Camp – more to follow
Tuesday 8 th July	14:00 KS2 production to parents (children welcome)
Wednesday 9 th July	18:00 KS2 production to parents (Sparrowhawk Parents)
Thursday 10 th July	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 10 th July	18:00 KS2 Production to Parents (Buzzard Parents)
Friday July 11th	Diversity Day
Tuesday July 15 th	FOBS Lego Day
Tuesday July 15 th	Reports out
Thursday July 17 th	Leavers' Assembly (Yr 6 parents welcome)
Friday July 18 th	School Walk
Monday 21 st July	INSET 4
Tuesday 22 nd 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.

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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