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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 Maisy Sparrowhawk Jayden Buzzard Belle

New Starter

Welcome to Elsie who has started in Yr 5 today. This now means Yr 5 is at capacity. We now only have spaces in Reception and Yr 6.

Everybody Read (Little Owls and Kestrels)

From this week, Everybody Read will return to its AM slot for at least the rest of this half term. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

New Equipment

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed some football goals in the skip. Our old ones had served us well, but had finally succumbed to the power of Bury children's shooting. We have invested in some more heavy duty ones which we hope will last many years. We have also bought a new Basketball post for the children, which was carefully built by Mrs Maynard and Mrs Hubbard last week. We are now awaiting some builder's sand for the base before setting it up for the children. Basketball is hugely popular at lunchtimes and this will now give us the opportunity to have two heights set up so that all of the children can access them.

Soon to arrive will also be some new skipping ropes, hoops and balls to complement our existing resources.

New Starters for September 2024 (repeated from last week and left as a reminder)

We had a lot of interest in school places for September 2024 and now have a waiting list. If you are a







current parent, please ensure you have returned the acceptance paperwork by Friday 3rd May to ensure you get your place.

As you may already know, our Published Admission Number is 10 which means we can admit 10 children into our new Reception Classroom. However, since changing our structure to have a Reception-only classroom, our classroom has space (according to DfE guidelines) for 13.6 children. Therefore, if those families that have not been offered a place choose to appeal, it is likely that an appeals panel will increase our intake to 13 children.

Building Work

The planning application for Buzzards' Classroom (more detail provided last week) has now been submitted. We will update you as we learn more.

Message from FOBS

POOL RENTAL FUNDRAISER

We are renting out our heated pool again this summer with all funds going directly to FOBS. Please see link here if you'd like to book an available slot and use the FOBS SumUp link provided to pay. We'd love to beat what we managed to raise last summer.

Thanks for the support, Jess and Geoff Youngs. (Any questions, please speak to Jess or email thehoneypotatnewlands@gmail.com)

https://calendly.com/thehoneypotatnewlands/rentourpool?month=2024-04

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		
Tuesday	Little Owls	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Everyone
Thursday	Kestrels	
Friday	Buzzards	

^{*}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.

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Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th May	FGB
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	KS2 SATs
Wednesday 15 th May	SPLASH
Tuesday 21 st May	Ambassador School Day – Bees (more to follow from Miss Willett)
Wednesday 22 nd May	Sports Morning
Monday 3 rd June	School Photos
Friday 14 th June	Sussex Day
Tuesday 18 th June	Transition meeting for new Yr R parents
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Day (including new starters visiting the school)
Tuesday 9 th July	FGB
Wednesday 10 th July – square brackets = evening show only	KS2 Production (2pm and 6pm [Sparrowhawk Parents])
Thursday 11 th July – as above	KS2 Production (9am and 6pm [Buzzard Parents])
Tuesday 16th July	Bee Day (more info from Miss Willett to follow)
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 issomething 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