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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 Betty
Kestrel Jessie
Sparrowhawk Matilda
Buzzard Arthur

Building Update

Things are moving along quickly with the classroom installation. The drainage and groundwork are almost complete. Should everything stay on schedule and weather permits, the new classroom will be lifted into place on Saturday 1st February. There will be temporary road closures outside of school as the classroom is craned in, so please bear this in mind if you are in the area.

Installation of the new classroom is weather dependent. In the event that the high winds continue into next weekend it will not be possible to install the classroom. If this is the case, a new date will have to be agreed which could involve an emergency school closure on health and safety grounds. We all hope that there are no issues and the current forecast holds for Saturday. If any problem does arise, we will contact you over the weekend to inform you all as soon as we are able.

Athlete Visit

The children are getting very excited about meeting Commonwealth Gold Medallist, gymnast Kelly Simm this Friday. The children are doing a great job getting sponsorship for their fitness circuits – there is still time to add more to the total by following the QR card. Any funds raised will go directly to new sports equipment for the school.

Please ensure your child is in PE kit for Friday.







Author Visits

As the majority of you will know, with the support of FOBS we always strive to bring in a high quality author to work with the children each year. In a slight change for this year, we are bringing in two authors – one for Little Owls and Kestrels, and another for Sparrowhawks and Buzzards.

Mrs Braun and Miss Willett will be sharing the exciting news about our KS2 author later this week. For Kestrels and Little Owls, they will still get to meet our KS2 author and then they will get their own author visit just a month later.

We are not dressing up this year (we have a one year on, one year off approach) so no need to start thinking about costumes unless you want to get ahead of yourself for 2026!

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 (for this half term only)	
Tuesday	Little Owls, Kestrels	
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.

Wednesday Jan 29 th	SPLASH assembly
Friday Jan 31 st	Athlete Visit
Saturday Feb 1 st	Buzzard Class craned in
Monday Feb 24 th	Parents' Evening
Tuesday Feb 25 th	Author visit for KS2
Wednesday Feb 26 th	Parents' Evening
Thursday March 20 th	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday April 2 nd	SPLASH Easter assembly – all welcome
Thursday May 8 th	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday May 14 th	SPLASH assembly
Wednesday May 21st	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
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 21st 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 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