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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 Josiah Kestrel Oscar Sparrowhawk Maisy Buzzard Daniel

Building Work Updates

If everything goes to plan, this week will be the final week of building work. Our new library shelving is being created and installed and new flooring is being laid into the old Buzzard classroom and into the new storage area in the hall. Final coats of paint are being applied and screens repositioned. Once the builders complete, we will then empty the hall and begin to use the newly created spaces.

Staff Updates

We are delighted to let you know that Darren Cox has been appointed as our new Premises Manager and will be starting next week. This will provide a week of handover with Mrs Maynard who steps down from her caretaking and cleaning role at the end of this term.

Author Visit

Tomorrow is the turn of Early Years and Key Stage 1 to work with an author as we are visited by author Hannah Peckham. Please see the message below from Miss Willett who has organised the event:

We are really lucky to have Hannah Peckham, local author of some wonderful children's picture books all about feelings, visiting us tomorrow (25th March). These include Bronty's Battle Cry, a story about a little brontosaurus who prefers calm and quiet spaces rather than the roaring contests expected of him, and The Get Well Spell about a unicorn who has been helping everyone else so much that he has forgotten to look after himself. After journeying in search of a magic get well spell, he comes to realise there is no spell, instead he just needed to make time for himself and he felt much better.





Hannah will be spending the afternoon with Little Owls and Kestrels, ending the day with a whole school assembly so all children get to meet her and hear her stories.

Hannah will be staying after school to sell her books in the hall and she will sign them for you. They are payable by card directly to Hannah. Please collect your children from the usual place and then enter the hall via the double doors when invited by school staff. Please do consider buying one of her books to support her, they are really wonderful stories.

If you would like to find out more about Hannah and her books, have a look at her website https://hannahpeckham.co.uk/

As ever, a big thank you to FOBS for funding our author visits to school. The children love the opportunity to work with these authors and it is great that we are so well supported to be able to make this happen each year. My thanks also to the staff team – in order to secure such high quality authors, it requires a lot of forward planning.

- 2018 MG Leonard
- 2019 William Grill
- 2020 Yuval Zommer
- 2021 Joshua Seigal (remote due to Covid)
- 2022 Joshua Seigal (in person)
- 2023 AF Harold
- 2024 Jeanne Willis
- 2025 Kieran Larwood and Hannah Peckham
- 2026 If you have a suggestion for next year's author visit, please let us know here

PE this week

PE returns to its usual Wednesday slot.

Parents' Evening interim reports

The interim reports will be shared via email later this week once all of the rearranged meetings have been completed.

Please note, Buzzards reports will not include a reference to effort and achievement due to Mrs Braun's absence starting prior to this being added.

Playground Markings

Thank you to Mrs Nash who, on behalf of FOBS, joined Jago, Maggie, Daniel, Ophelia, Connor, Belle, Miss Burnett and myself as we discussed plans for new playground markings. After much discussion, the children drew some designs with chalk to see what they would look like. We have decided that whilst the playground has time to settle, we are going to continue to use chalk to create different markings and see what is used regularly. In order to get a range of ideas, the weekly award winners will pick a partner from their class and will be in charge of designs for the following week.





We will meet again towards May half term and decide on next steps.

Winchester Science Museum

Our thanks again to FOBS for helping to bring down the cost of Sparrowhawks recent trip to Winchester. The children learnt lots and also got to show off their scientific thinking with some great questioning throughout the trip. This is our first visit to Winchester Science Museum as Miss Willett was keen to look at additional trips to enhance our curriculum offer. Such was the feedback that this will be a regular feature as part of two-year planning cycle moving forward.

Comic Relief

Thank you for all of the red on display on Friday – please use the link to donate if you would like to https://donation.comicrelief.com/form/giftaid



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	Duzzarda (from aummentarm)	
Friday	Buzzards (from summer term)	

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.

date them every week.	
Little Owls and Kestrels author visit	
SPLASH Easter assembly – all welcome	
Full Governing Body meeting	
National Assessment Week for Yr 6 (SATs)	
SPLASH assembly	
Three Musketeers – Theatre Performance	
Sports Morning	
School Photos	
Bikeability for Buzzard Class	
Sussex Day	
New Starters Morning for new Little Owls	
Yr 6 Leavers at Chichester Cathedral	
Transition Day	
KS2 Camp – more to follow	
14:00 KS2 production to parents (children welcome)	
18:00 KS2 production to parents (Sparrowhawk Parents)	
Full Governing Body Meeting	
18:00 KS2 Production to Parents (Buzzard Parents)	
Diversity Day	
FOBS Lego Day	
Reports out	
Leavers' Assembly (Yr 6 parents welcome)	
School Walk	
INSET 4	
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



^{*}There will of course be times when these days need to change and we will give as much notice as possible





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