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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to our STARs (Success, Teamwork, Aspiration, Resilience, Respect and Responsibility) of the week from each class. The class teacher chooses one child each week who has demonstrated one or more of our core values. The last week's winners were:

Kestrel	Arabella
Sparrowhawk	Ariana
Buzzard	Joe

Armistice

The whole school joined Fr Peter and Dorset House pupils at St John's this morning to remember the fallen from Bury. The children were excellent showing their respects which was a big achievement for our new Yr R children.

Swimming Pool Conversion – urgent help required

The new space is taking shape but we are now in need of some volunteers. We need some willing painters and decorators to cover the outside brickwork in some new lighthouse paint. If you think you can give up some time to help us with this, please get in touch asap.

On the 2nd December Mr Stevens, Grounds Manager from the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust in Arundel is looking for some volunteers to help him relocate our existing pond flora and fauna into its new home. He has identified an invasive species of plant that he needs help removing before the relocation takes place. If you have time in the morning and would like to help Mr Stevens with this important project, whilst learning more about our local pond species, then please let us know.

Bees

Mr Gatrell has been busy setting up the apiary at the back of the school field ready for the bees to be put in place. This will hopefully be happening over the next couple of weeks.

Small Schools Funding and the West Sussex Consultation

Westburton Lane, Bury, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 1HB





Our MP, Nick Herbert, decided not to stand again the day after our meeting at parliament last week. He has released an article about the meeting which has subsequently been picked up by the local press – the article can be found [here](#)

Weekly Cake Raffle

The cake raffle continues to be eagerly anticipated in Friday's assembly. Last week saw Derin winning Mrs Braun's chocolate brownies.

FOBS

An evening of Christmas wreath making (and a little wine drinking) is being run by FOBS. Please see the flyer to book your place – spaces are limited so get in quick.

Children in Need (15th November)

To support Children in Need we will be having a mufti-day, please bring a donation for whatever you can afford. This week's cake raffle proceeds will also go towards Children in Need so please bring an extra £1 for a strip of tickets.

Birthdays

For our new parents. Children can wear their own clothes for the day (or a day either side of the holiday) when it is their birthday. Historically, lots of sweets such as small bags of Haribo have been brought in to give out at the end of the day. The sweets invariably produce a huge amount of rubbish and are gone within seconds. 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. If there was a message inscribed it would keep 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 don't 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.

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.

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. New dates added are in bold.

Date	Event
Tuesday 12 th November	Inter-Faith event at Easebourne Primary (Yrs 5 and 6)
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd	Buzzard Class Residential to Hindleap
Thursday 21 st	14:45 Kestrel Class music performance to parents
Wednesday 27 th	Splash Assembly – All welcome
Tuesday December 10 th PM (14:00)	Kestrel's Nativity
Tuesday 10 th	Children's Christmas Craft Enterprise (more to follow)
Wednesday 11 th AM (9:30)	Kestrel's Nativity
Thursday 12 th	Singing to the village at the annual village lunch – all children collected from village hall
Thursday 19 th	Christingle at Church 14:30
Monday 6 th January	INSET
Saturday 18th	16:00 – 19:00 Inaugural Bury Wassail – more to follow
Thursday March 5 th	Author Visit
Friday May 22 nd	Sports Morning
Monday July 20 th	INSET

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,
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