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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	Leo
Sparrowhawk	Orla
Buzzard	Skye

Harvest

Thank you all for the fantastic turnout for Harvest on Wednesday. The children did brilliantly with Year R in particular – standing up and singing to a room packed full of people is a huge achievement no matter what age you are. With a few last minute arrivals, we actually managed to send Fr Peter off to Stone Pillow with 190 items, a fantastic achievement so thank you all.

#HelloYellow

A big thank you to all of the yellow on display on Thursday – we raised a total of £69.50 which has been passed on to Young Minds, the charity behind Hello Yellow. The money will go towards helping them achieving their four key aims

1. Foster innovation to meet the needs of vulnerable and excluded children and young people.
2. Promote good mental health to more children and young people than ever before.
3. Champion the voices of young people and parents to influence mental health policy and practice.
4. Inspire excellence to achieve transformed, integrated services.





Parents' Evenings

We look forward to seeing you all at our parent meeting slots on Tuesday and Wednesday. As ever, I will ring the bell at the end of each appointment slot to ensure we all keep to time for each other. Of course, if you have something specific to discuss beyond the parents' evening slot, we would always encourage you to meet with your child's class teacher A.S.A.P. Please discuss this with the class teacher so that a time can be booked in the school diary.

Cake!

It was Mrs Cowley's turn as the school baker on Friday – providing a carrot cake that had quite a few staff tickets being purchased! A delighted Nora took home the prize, which I am sure she shared with the rest of the family.

Small Schools Consultation

The local authority (LA) is currently consulting on the 'Proposed Reorganisation of Rural and Small Schools in West Sussex'. Five schools have been identified by the LA and form part of the consultation: Clapham and Patching CE Primary, Compton & Up Marden CE Primary, Rumboldswyke CE Infant, Stedham Primary and Warninglid Primary. The LA have requested that schools in the wider area share this consultation with their families so that a wider view is sought.

<https://haveyoursay.westsussex.gov.uk/strategic-planning-and-place/rural-and-small-schools/>

Whilst I think you will find it very hard to comment on the specific schools in question, there is an email address which you can share your views on small schools and the many strengths they have. If you would like to share your views, please do so by emailing:
schoolconsultations@westsussex.gov.uk

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 22 nd and Wednesday 23 rd	Parents' Evenings
Friday 25 th	INSET
Monday November 4 th	School Photos
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
Thursday March 5 th	Author Visit
Friday May 22 nd	Sports Morning
Monday July 20 th	INSET



Thank you for your continued support.

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