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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to our first STARS (Success, Teamwork, Aspiration, Resilience, Respect and Responsibility) of the week from each class for 2019/20. 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	Arthur
Sparrowhawk	Conner
Buzzard	Jamie

Brilliant Bury

Signs have been kindly put up by Mrs McCulloch advertising our open day for existing and prospective new parents. Please do come along and look at the children's work learning all about the history of Bury.

Volunteering Opportunities

If you are keen on the outdoors and would like to volunteer (or know someone else who would), then please do let Mrs Clark know so that we can go through the DBS process for working/volunteering in schools. Our Bury Rangers sessions take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons each week and it would be great to have some more hands on deck supporting Mr Gatrell and Miss Willett.

If you enjoy listening to children read, we are always keen to get additional adults in school to listen to all ages of children. Again, please see Mrs Clark to get your DBS underway and let us know the days and times you can do.

1000 Trees

Thank you for all the pot donations towards Bury's 1000 tree project. If anyone has any excess compost they would like to donate, Mr Gatrell would be very grateful.



Swimming Pool Update

As you know, the children's knowledge of the local environment and how to care for it is something that we always striving to develop here at Bury. One such way we do this is through the use of the pond in the wildlife area. Unfortunately, our pond is not brilliantly situated with a lot of leaf-fall and a rather small area. Despite this, the staff still take the opportunity to pond dip and learn about lifecycles with the children – given the space this often has to be in very small groups so that the children can safely access the water. We are also a thriving habitat for toads here at Bury and a regular spot for volunteer toad road crossers at certain times of the year. If only we had a large area of water that could further support the local wildlife and allow us to better learn about the area – the swimming pool. Whilst the ongoing maintenance and size of the pool are not conducive to good use of funds nor adequate to meet the expectations of the National Curriculum, if watertight, they offer an excellent habitat for the children to safely learn. With the conversion of the old changing rooms into an outdoor classroom it also means that all of the necessary equipment is on hand to investigate the creatures that we carefully find. We are incredibly lucky to have a wetlands expert as a parent, Mr Stevens who has talked us through how to make a fantastic habitat for the wildlife and for our children to safely investigate. We will shortly be in the process of relocating the current pond to the swimming pool area and with Mr Stevens guidance, removing some of the invasive plant species that have found their way into the pond.

Thanks to all of the fundraising efforts, this is now at a stage that we can get on and finally make this redundant space, a space that can be utilised by the wildlife and children of Bury for years to come. We are aiming to get the work done as soon as possible so that the wildlife has the maximum time to settle in to its new home and is ready to explore by the summer term.

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. Instead we thought instead of sweets that 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. Our own list will grow as there are masses of excellent books coming out all of the time at the moment – it really is a great time for high quality children's literature.



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
Wednesday 2 nd October	14:45 Splash Assembly – All parents welcome Splash are a group who use puppets to tell a Christian story
Thursday 10 th	Open Day – the children will be sharing the work they have done about 175 years of Bury School. This will also be our open day for prospective new parents. There will also be the possibility to make a tile for our outside mosaic throughout the day (clay permitting).
Wednesday 16th	Harvest Celebration 14:30
Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd	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 10th PM (14:00)	Kestrel's Nativity
Tuesday 10th	Children's Christmas Craft Enterprise (more to follow)
Wednesday 11th 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 19th	Christingle at Church 14:30
Thursday March 5 th	Author Visit



Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,
Headteacher