



'In unity we learn and play in the loving hands of God'

Bunbury Aldersey CofE Primary School Parent Council Minutes 20th June 2017

Present:

	Name	Child's Year	Membership Category	Membership Commenced
√	Julie Sweet	R	Parent	September 16
x	Emma Knight	R	Parent	September 16
√	Nic Webster	1	Parent	November 15
√	Kate Anderson	1	Parent	May 15
√	Jo Tillett	2	Parent	September 16
√	Julia Dancy	2	Parent	September 16
√	Rachel Thirlwall	3	Parent	May 15
√	Lisa Williams	3	Parent	September 16
√	Kate Catherall	4	Parent	May 15
x	Caroline Nuttall	4	Parent	September 16
√	Lynne Dickens	5	Parent	September 16
√	Vanessa Quirk-Green	5	Parent	May 15
√	Roz Kepke Smith	6	Vice-Chair	May 15
√	Emma Jordan-Stout	6	Chair	May 16
√	Fiona Todd		Headteacher	
√	Nic Badger		Head of School	

	Action
1. Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. 2. Actions from last meeting a) Girls toilets- NB reported that in response to the concerns regarding some children feeling intimidated in the girls toilets, the main entrance door has been removed and this seems to have resolved the issue. As all the toilets have individual cubicle doors there are no privacy or safeguarding issues identified in doing this. b) New uniform availability – it was confirmed that the new uniform will be available, in full, from the beginning of July onwards. JD raised the point that initial negotiations had suggested that the outfitters would be able to offer fitting sessions at the school for parents to attend and avoid travelling into	



<p>Nantwich. NB agreed to look into this with the supplier. The next newsletter is to confirm the availability of uniform from July onwards. It was also confirmed that the PE kit will consist of black shorts and a green polo shirt.</p>	<p>NB</p>
<p>c)School improvement plan -deferred to next meeting</p>	<p>FT</p>
<p>3. School trip payments LW - if parents want a payment plan to spread payments, they can do so on request at the school office. You can also pay by instalment through the school money site .</p> <p>4. Swimming LW– it was confirmed that the swimming still takes place in year 4 and that any children who can't swim 100 m by year 6 get a further opportunity to continue to go daily in year 6, until they are able to do so. They are looking at bringing these catch up sessions into sync with the year 4 sessions , to be carried out in year 5, to avoid the need for release of precious staff resource.</p> <p>5. NSPCC – LW- Discussed positive feedback on the parental NSPCC session on Online safety. Discussed the usefulness of showing the educational video that was shown to parents at the meeting. Discussed that not all parents would find it age appropriate and therefore difficult for school to show. Suggested we put a link on the newsletter to age appropriate resources for parents to choose to show to their children if they feel appropriate . Resources include https://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/ and https://staysafeonline.org/</p>	<p>NB</p>
<p>6. After school meetings .NB . Poor turnout at these meetings is discouraging for staff and speakers. School are trying to offer more flexibility on timing including both after school and evening sessions but this does not seem to be improving attendance rates. School office could send out a survey asking parents what timings they prefer for after school meetings to try to improve attendance. Parent council to post on facebook page for feedback from parents on preferred timings. School will also reiterate in literature the fact that parents can bring children along and provision will be made for them.</p>	<p>NB</p>
<p>7. Cost of after school sports and holiday clubs. LW. Some parents are concerned about the cost of before and after school clubs and holiday clubs. NB has researched this and the cost of ours are comparable to other clubs in the area . NW mentioned what a positive experience she and her family have had at the club and others agreed.</p>	<p>NB</p>
<p>8. Sports day timing -LW- some parents are asking whether could be thurs or fri but this depends on which days the sports coaches are in school.NB will look into this. JD raised the fundraising opportunity for PTA to sell drinks and cakes or strawberries and cream at this event . NB to discuss this with PTA.</p>	<p>NB</p>
<p>9. Homework - Y4 children are not always handing in homework and there is no consequence to this. Discussed that NB will look into mechanisms for collecting</p>	<p>NB</p>



<p>homework and ensuring that it is clear to the children when homework is expected to hand in and that staff are reminding children .</p>	<p>NB</p>
<p>10. VQG raised concerns that fruit of spirit and star of the week awards can be inconsistent , resulting in some children receiving them several times during the year, and others not at all. A register of each class is kept to try to ensure that all children are covered during the year . However there are some children who are always left to the end of the summer term . NB will look into this and ensure that all children are included and the system for checking this is robust.</p>	<p>NB</p>
<p>11. Uniforms spoiled by art materials- some parents report that uniforms are being ruined by arts materials - staff to remind children to bring in art overalls and use them .</p>	
<p>12. Old uniforms – EJS reminded us that there is a phased introduction of the new uniform and that it is still worth passing on outgrown uniforms to those coming up the school.</p>	
<p>13. Marketing and social media- EJS has composed a letter to send out to parents asking for volunteers to assist on a very part time basis with marketing and social media of the school, to try to raise its profile and improve application numbers.</p>	<p>EJS</p>
<p>14. Retirement of Chair and Vice Chair – EJS and RK are retiring as their children move onto High School. The Parent Council were united in their thanks to them both for all their hard work and for doing a fantastic job as Chair and Vice Chair. LW kindly offered to take up the role of vice chair. The role of Chair will be advertised via a letter to all parents.</p>	<p>EJS</p>
<p>15. Close of year- this was the final meeting of the year. EJS will send out an email to ask all current parent council members to confirm whether or not they are able to continue in order to advertise for any new class reps required.</p>	<p>EJS</p>
<p>16. Positive feedback- EK wished to raise some positive feedback from a number of school wide events that had happened recently. These included the Easter service, Haberdashers service and the Sea of Dreams exhibition. The latter event was particularly successful, and enjoyed by parents and children alike. Parents enjoyed the fact that work of younger and older children was displayed alongside one another, and were very impressed by the standard and variety of the art work. NB reported that she is planning to run a similar school wide literacy project in the autumn term based around 'Cities'.</p>	
<p>17. Y6- high praise was given for Miss Hickson who has done a fantastic job with this year group.</p>	
<p>18. Next year's form teachers NB- Letter coming out tomorrow regarding who is teaching which year group next year.</p>	
<p>19. AOB- none.</p>	



20. Next meeting – to be scheduled for September 2017 once new Chair in place.	
--	--