

Bunbury Aldersey CofE Primary School Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 21st November

Present: Nicola Badger, Jen Duckett, Helen Bennett, Jennifer Yates, Kathleen Carline, Julia Dancy, Lisa Williams, Caroline Nutall, Lynne Dickens.

Apologies: Janine Fairclough, Jo Tillett, Vanessa Quirk-Green

1. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.
2. No New Appointments.
3. Head Update: Emotional health and well being day was very successful - all children enjoyed it. Years 1,2 5and also 6 did yoga. Another emotional wellbeing day planned before the end of this year. Cities exhibition and food tasting next Thursday. Lots of focus taking place on maths teacher training.
4. Outstanding actions from previous meeting: Parents not seeing the outcome of previously raised issues. Suggestions of bullet points from meetings to be posted on the weekly newsletter and JD to write short summary letter for distribution to parents via email.
5. Takeaway Homework: Call for consistency and clarification on homework expectations. School will be guided by parents opinions. School understands that there will be parents that won't want homework and some that will and there will be no comeback on children if homework is not carried out. NB personally feels some homework not effective as parents maybe too helpful so not actual representation of child's work! She did however advise frequent reading each night. Homework review planned this year, survey for parents will be sent out in due course.
6. Holiday homework: to be discussed in the above survey.
7. Uniform consistency: NB referred parents needing clarification to uniform list on the website and she doesn't have a problem with black or white socks. Cost and quality of uniform raised - school continues to receive very mixed reports and will provide feedback to the supplier. Some parents really like it!
8. Supplier visits to school to be chased up, a small stock available from the office would be very useful - especially ties.
9. School Dinners: Children reporting quality still poor. NB said often children don't like change. She had one the other day and it was fine. Parents are also invited to sample some dishes at the cities exhibition on Thursday 30th November.
10. Painting aprons for pupils: Too costly for the school to buy individually. Parents welcome to buy and write child's name inside with a marker. It can then be kept in bag and used in art.
11. Books shortage/update: School have to buy a reading band at a time and has to be Oxford reading or another approved educational book supplier. Can't just buy a few at a time so to buy 50 books from each band could cost as much as £400. To replace book bands across the whole school would cost up to £10000. Will raise this point again at next council meeting and mention to PTA ref fund raising aspirations?
12. Yr6 Bike Rack: Can the ribbon please be taken off and also maybe a mention in the newsletter that the facility is available (ribbon was removed the same evening).
13. Yr 4 Very impressed with Miss Stuart - NB will pass on this feedback

14. Any Other Business

1. Parking complained about again. NB happy to put number plate numbers in the newsletter. Can also be reported by individuals to police via designated service, photographic evidence useful. Will re-approach parish council regarding the problem. Will also change notice in newsletter to include map and legal consequences of stopping on yellow zigzags.
2. Request for an “action required” note at the top of any e-mails that need action.
3. More lighting requested for the path to the after school club.
4. Access to places in after-school club: Bunbury Badgers to look at possibly increasing staffing levels.

15. Next Meeting Date - Tuesday 23rd January 2018