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Diary Dates

- 08 Dec - Xmas Fair
- 11 Dec - Y4 Ancient Greek Day
- 12 Dec - KS1 Nativity, 1.30pm at school
(for parent/carers/young siblings)
- 13 Dec - KS1 Nativity, 1.30pm at school
(for parent/carers only)
- 14 Dec - KS1 Nativity, 1.30pm at school
(for parent/carers only)
- 15 Dec- Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Dinner
Messy Christmas Day
- 19 Dec - KS2 Carol Concert, 6pm at
St.Boniface Church
- 21 Dec - Xmas Parties, during school
- 22 Dec - INSET Day
- 25 Dec - 05 Jan - XMAS HOLIDAYS
- 8th Jan - Return to School
- 30 Jan - Y5 Bikeability
- 31 Jan - Y5 Bikeability

FRIENDS of BUNBURY ALDERSEY

Event	Date
Cake Sale (BLUE TEAM)	27.10.23
Pumpkin Party Disco	08.11.23
Quiz Night at Dysart	29.11.23
X Mas Fair	08.12.23
Cake Sale (YELLOW TEAM)	20.12.23

(formerly PTA)

Dear Parents and carers

We've come to the end of another busy week in school and we are now officially in December and the run up to Christmas.

We very much look forward to seeing you at the listed events as we celebrate this very special time of year.

BUNBURY ALDERSEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL				
Countdown to CHRISTMAS				
4th December 	5th December 	15th December Christmas/Own clothes day in exchange for Christmas Fair Donations. Reception/ Year 1 and Year 2: chocolate/ sweets/ biscuits Year 3/Year 4/Year 5 and Year 6: wine/beer/bubble bath/ soft drinks - anything in a bottle	21st December 	3rd December Christingle Service St Boniface Church 6pm
4th December 	5th December 	6th December 	7th December 	8th December Friends of Bunbury Christmas Fair 3.30pm - 6.00pm 
11th December 	12th December KS1 Nativity performance Doors open at 1.30pm 2 parents/carers/ grandparents per child per performance 	13th December KS1 Nativity performance Doors open at 1.30pm 2 parents/carers/ grandparents per child per performance 	14th December KS1 Nativity performance Doors open at 1.30pm 2 parents/carers/ grandparents per child per performance 	15th December Christmas JUMPER DAY  Donations for Save the Children Christmas Dinner Day Messy Christmas Day
18th December Homework Books due in. 	19th December KS2 Carol Concert St Boniface Church 6pm 	20th December Take away Homework projects in. Parents can view projects from 3.30pm - 4.00pm in classrooms	21st December Last Day of Term Christmas Parties - own festive/party clothes Father Christmas to visit school	22nd December Merry Christmas 

On Tuesday we held our very first No Pens Day in school. No Pens Day is organised by Speech and Language UK and gives children the opportunity to take part in listening and speaking activities all day without having to lift a pen or pencil.

As we all know some children find writing daunting, and equally some children struggle with being able to confidently speak aloud in front of their peers. Tuesday provided our children with a chance for our children to improve their speech, language and communication skills through the day with a range of talking and listening



activities – starting with the biggest ever show and tell! In celebration of No Pens Day, the day began with a whole school assembly, followed by a school wide Show and Tell. The children across the school took part in a range of activities using their speech and language skills - from RE discussions, to Greek plays and debating. A whole host of lessons took place without a single word written. There was a real buzz and hype of activity around the school as children learnt how to be more confident communicators and recognise the importance of using of voices. Thank you for your support and kind donations and to all the teachers for their delivery of some fantastic writing-free lessons!

No Pens Day

**Speech and
Language UK**



On Wednesday the whole school visited the New Vic Theatre in Stoke on Trent to watch The Nutcracker. It was a fantastic live performance of this magical

story and was thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils and staff. Taking the whole school out for such a visit is a huge responsibility but I know our children always behave with respect and kindness when out of school. I am incredibly proud of all our children for their conduct during the whole day and it was a fantastic start to our Christmas festivities.



Thank you

All the staff and volunteers at Chance Changing Lives would like to say a big thank you for all our generous harvest donations and have sent a certificate to show their appreciation.

Attendance

Attendance at school is important both academically and for social/emotional reasons. Whilst we understand that pupils will be absent from time to time due to illness; absence from school for other reasons should only be for exceptional circumstances. I have received an increase in the number of holiday absence requests for holidays. As a school we look at each request for leave from school on a case by case basis and absences in term time will only be permitted under exceptional circumstances. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, holidays taken in term time will be unauthorised and maybe subject to a fine.



CERTIFICATE

OF APPRECIATION

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO:

**BUNBURY ALDERSEY COFE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

This certificate is an appreciation of your school for your Harvest Donation to Chance Changing Lives. Helping those in deep poverty.

Michelle Parles **CHANCE** *20th Nov 2023*
SIGNED Changing Lives DATED

Where attendance falls below 90% for any pupil, we will contact you to discuss this and put in any additional support if needed. **We are now working with an attendance family support worker, Elisha Wollaston, across the trust to support families where absence may be persistent or below our threshold.** This is a supportive role and is focused on putting in support as and where needed.

Each academic year has 190 school days, this leaves 175 non-school days for family time, holidays, visits and non-urgent appointments. If a pupil is absent for just 1 day each term that equals 6 days or 39 hours a year of lost learning.

Attendance at school enables us all to build a strong team and to strengthen our learning powers. Our overall attendance for whole school is currently 96.66% which is 1.59% above the national figure and above other North West schools.

EVERYday
counts
attendance matters

Parking

Despite many previous letters about parking considerately, safely and legally around the school entrance and exit there continues to be some persistent unsafe examples.

Please can I remind and ask parents, carers and grandparents to park safely, considerately and legally when picking up or dropping off at school.

Double parking or parking opposite the school creates a real hazard to the safety of our children and we ask politely that this is not continued. Despite repeated reminders there is still some persistent parking on the zig zag lines and opposite the zig zag lines. We politely ask that this is kept a car free section of the road for the safety of all pupils and pedestrians.

As a school we promote kind, safe and respectful behaviour and we hope that this is reflected within our wider school community. PCSO Sharon Jones will over the next few weeks be supporting the school with our safer parking campaign and be monitoring round the roads adjacent to school to gently remind all about safe, considerate and legal parking.

As you will also be aware our school parking committee are working with me to drive safer parking for all around school. A number of parents are already on the committee however if you feel this is something you would like to support please feel free to join us and contact me on principalbunbury@rcsat.cheshire.sch.uk.

Our next meeting is on **Friday 8th December at 9.15am** - we will also be joined by members of Bunbury Parish Council.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making the journey to and from school as safe as it can be.

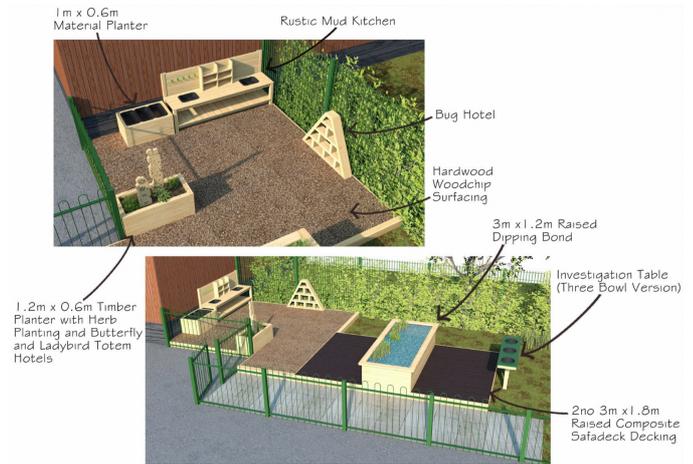
Friends of Bunbury School

Further to my Christmas dates letter I have further details regarding our school Christmas fair organised by the friends of Bunbury Aldersey.

The Christmas Fair will take place on **Friday 8th December from 3.30 - 6pm**. This will take place in the



school hall. All are welcome to attend. There'll be activities, games, stalls, cakes, teas, coffees, mulled wine and turkey baps and soup. We hope it's going to be another huge success and we look forward to seeing you there as we raise money for our Outdoor Science and nature area.



Mrs Badger's Weekly Awards

We have now been awarding children with different Christian values for a while based on the half termly focus value. We will still be working on a half termly value within school and this term we will be focusing on : Compassion. Now that the children have a deeper understanding of our Christian Values we will be asking them to help choose a child from their class each week. This could be in recognition for any value we have been working on in school

Christian Value Award

- YR** - Ivy and Mabel for showing compassion to others and being a good friend
- Y1** - Woods for showing compassion and friendship to others
- Y2** - All of Year 2 for showing courage, respect and friendship on 'No Pens day'
- Y3** - Finley for making kind choices and making an effort to be extra patient
- Y4** - Theo for showing perseverance and creativity for our set design planning
- Y5** - All of Year 5 for showing such kindness to their buddies on the school trip
- Y6** - Grace for showing friendship by playing with a peer when they were lonely



Headteachers Award

- YR** - Alice R for her fantastic independent writing
- Y1** - Adrianna for showing amazing confidence in all our Nativity rehearsals
- Y2** - Sofia for amazing times tables work this week in Maths
- Y3** - Harvey for his amazingly detailed and engaging show and tell
- Y4** - Isla for learning her lines for our Greek play so well!
- Y5** - Martha for outstanding show and tell on 'No Pens Day'
- Y6** - All of Year 6 for their brilliant work on 'No Pens Day'



Times table awards

- Y4 Silver** Isla
- Y6 Bronze** Isabella
- Champion** Rose

PE Award



This weeks PE award goes to Jessie in Year 3 for excellent handball skills this week!

I wish you all a lovely restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday.

Nic Badger

A Big Thank you!

Many thanks to everyone who donated to the annual Chester Sleepout for the Homeless last Friday. It was a chilly night but thanks to all your generosity and friends and family over £1,100 has been raised so far!

There's still time to donate , just go to [Justgiving.com/page/bunburymumsleepout](https://www.justgiving.com/page/bunburymumsleepout)

Thank You!

Karen Wildbure, Mandy Challoner and Vicky Kearns.





POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal.

197.51 (Pops)
55.63 (Stamps)
£253.14
was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely
Mavis Harris
Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £4,436.84

Registered Charity No. 219279

Pastoral Support

The YoungMinds Wellbeing Calendar 2023



Looking after your wellbeing as you count down to the winter break.

27 - MONDAY
Belly breaths
 Take a big deep breath in and fill your belly up with air. Then slowly breathe out through your nose.

28 - TUESDAY
Affirmation station
 Spread some winter joy to your classmates by writing positive messages on cards. Then get your teacher to collect and pass them around. For example 'I am loved', 'I can do this!'

29 - WEDNESDAY
Stretch it out
 Stretch your body from head to toe. Roll your neck, spin your arms and flex your toes!

30 - THURSDAY
Gratitude snowman
 Draw three circles on top of each other to create a snowman. In each circle, write something you're grateful for today.

1 - FRIDAY
Dance party
 As a class, get the month off to a great start by singing and dancing along to tunes that make you feel happy!

4 - MONDAY
Mindful colouring
 Enjoy some quiet colouring in time and let your creative juices flow.

5 - TUESDAY
Feeling grounded
 Silently, name five things you can see. Four things you can feel. Three things you can hear. Two things you can smell. And one thing you can taste. Use this exercise whenever your emotions feel too big.

6 - WEDNESDAY
Get crafty
 Draw, paint or craft your favourite animal that reminds you of winter. Polar bear? Penguin? Reindeer? Or even just a cat with a funky scarf on!

7 - THURSDAY
Worldwide winter
 Learn how other cultures and countries celebrate different things about winter.

8 - FRIDAY
Random act of kindness
 Do something nice for someone else today. Doesn't it feel great?

11 - MONDAY
Signs of winter
 As a class, take a silent, mindful walk around the school grounds. Noticing signs of winter along the way. Such as frost, falling leaves or even robins.

12 - TUESDAY
Body scan
 Try a body scan meditation to help you let go of stress or worries. There are lots of free videos of this on YouTube!

13 - WEDNESDAY
Self-soothe session
 Create your own self-soothe box to take home and use whenever you feel sad or worried. Include things like sensory toys, sour sweets and photos of things that make you happy. For more tips, check out the 'How to make a self-soothe box' blog on our website.

14 - THURSDAY
Get the giggles
 Give laughter yoga a go. It's said to make you happier and less stressed! There are lots of free videos on YouTube.

15 - FRIDAY
Your 2023
 Write down your favourite school moments of 2023 and any hopes or goals you might have for 2024.

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St Boniface

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

SUNDAY 3RD
 DECEMBER 4 PM

A candlelit service for all the family

In support of the Children's Society



DIY Nativity Service

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER
SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST BONIFACE CHURCH
COME IN COSTUME!

Brunch starts at 10.30 am
 Bacon butties
 Mince pies
 Tea, coffee and soft drinks

SANTA'S ON HIS WAY TO BUNBURY

Santa will be waiting for you at these special places – everyone is welcome!

Wednesday 6th December

5.00pm* Bunbury Primary School
 5.30pm* Darkie Meadow
 6.00pm* The Nags Head
 6.30pm* Parish Church/Dysart Arms

* All times are approximate

Santa will be supported by the Rotary Club of Tarporley and the Tarporley 41 Club.

Donations to support charities & community projects are invited but certainly aren't obligatory – it's your big smiles that make Santa really happy! If you would like to donate: we can accept cash or cards, or please use the QR code to donate via JustGiving.

Rotary Club of Tarporley – Charity Registration No. 1032689 (England)
www.tarporleyrotary.org.uk

St Boniface

Carol Service

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER
6.30PM

JOIN THE POP-UP CHRISTMAS CHOIR!
REHEARSALS TAKE PLACE ON THE
FIRST THREE SATURDAYS IN
DECEMBER FROM 10.00AM TO
12.00PM AT ST BONIFACE.
COME AND JOIN US!

CONDUCTOR: MARCUS WILLIAMS

NEW TEAM
Under 10's

Tarporley Victoria JFC are looking to add one or two players to our new team.

This would be perfect for children new to football or someone who hasn't played in a team before.

We train on Tuesday 6pm-7pm with FA qualified coaches and play Saturday mornings in the Chester & District League.

Contact us: tvjfc.clubsecretary@gmail.com