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Diary Dates

22 Apr - KS2 onsite swimming lessons commence

30 Apr - Academy Photography, class photos & leavers' photos (Y6)

10 May - World Faith Day

20 May - Y6 London Trip

04 Jun - Science week

06 Jun - Bag2School clothes donation

06 Jun - Sports Day

08 Jun - Bunbury Village Day

19 Jun - Y6 Conway residential (for THS pupils only)

27 Jun - Reserve Sports Day

03 Jul - Y4/Y5 Residential

08 Jul - School Fest Week 16 Jul - STAR Day (2pm-5pm) Dear Parents and carers

We are already 2 weeks into the summer term and the children have returned and settled back into their new study themes well. It is fantastic to hear so much excitement and engagement in learning across the school from our youngest learners to those preparing to move to secondary school.

Thank you all for your continued kind words and messages following my surgery at the start of the term, they are all very much appreciated. Whilst I do still have access to my email this is not monitored on a daily basis. Whilst I recover please therefore can I remind you that any urgent emails or those requiring face to face appointments be sent to the Deputy Principal, Miss Hickson or the Local governing chair, Mrs Greenbury. I

look forward to being back at school

shortly.

Swimming lessons have taken place for some of our KS2 children this week and will continue next week for the remaining

KS2 classes. I know all the children thoroughly enjoy this experience and it is a fantastic resource which enables us to provide swimming provision to all our KS2 children on an annual basis. A huge thank you to all the staff involved in ensuring that this takes place through the school day alongside our curriculum teaching.



Over the next few weeks in school we have further events to enhance our curriculum offer for our pupils. On May 7th we will be having a special delivery in school and hope to hear the patter of some tiny feathery feet around the corridors. On May 10th we will be having a further World Faith and Belief day - this time focusing on Sikhism. Once again the children

will take part in activities to learn more about the Sikh religion and we welcome Prags Birk into school to deliver these sessions. A huge thank you to all the staff who as well as their daily class teaching organise and plan these fantastic enrichment opportunities in their roles as curriculum leads.





At Bunbury we pride ourselves in a broad and balanced curriculum for all our learners. Through the school year pupils receive regular and consistent teaching in the reading, writing and maths curriculum as well as RE and foundation subjects such as music, geography, history etc. Through the past couple of years we have been working hard through our school development plan to raise not only the profile, consistency and quality of science teaching but the scientific opportunities we provide for our children. One of our successful initiatives in this area is our focused science week in school. This not only provides the pupils with a dedicated week on science in addition to their weekly

lessons but also opportunities for them to hear and see how science features in many careers which they may well be considering.



This year we will be holding our science week once again Tuesday 4th June - Friday 7th June.

The theme this year for **British Science Week is 'Time**!'
Throughout the week, we would like to invite parents/carers into school to inspire the children with talks/demonstrations about their jobs or science-related hobbies and how they relate to time. This could be how the profession has changed over time, how time is relevant to your role, how practice has changed over time etc.
Volunteers can come from a range of STEM careers - engineers, designers, medical professionals, pilots, architects, scientists, technicians etc. Some roles may not be typically linked to science but still very much involve it - chefs, tech start-ups, gardeners, sportspeople etc.

If you could spare some time to share your passion with the children during science week please do get in touch with Mrs Smith via school admin.

Attendance

Attendance at school is important both academically and for social/emotional reasons. The Government have launched a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance. The campaign aims to primarily reach those parents and carers whose children are taking preventable odd days of absence – or "avoidable absence" – rather than children who face greater barriers to attendance, such as those with long term medical needs or special educational needs and disabilities.

The NHS and the Chief Medical Officer say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

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.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent weeks	Equivalent lessons missed
95%	9	18	1.4	45
90%	19	38	3.4	95
85%	29	58	5.4	145
80%	36	72	7.1	180
75%	48	96	9.3	240

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 **1.86%** above the national figure currently at **94.8%** and above other North West schools.

Having good attendance also means being on time and not being late to school. Children who arrive late can feel embarrassed, left out and miss out on important introductions to lessons.

Punctuality is an essential life skill that needs to be taught from the very beginning.

From next week we will also be focusing on persistent lateness to school and reminder letters will be sent to parents where there is persistant lateness.

The school day begins at **8.45am** with gates opening at **8.30am** and closing promptly at the start of the school day.

Our attendance officer will be joining us periodically to support the school with our "Late Gate" campaign

Parking

Unfortunately, we continue to receive a number of complaints with regards to inconsiderate parking in the surrounding residential roads of School.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that residents require access in and out of their driveways at all times. We appreciate that parking at drop-off and pick-up can be challenging with limited availability but please ensure that you leave enough room for residents to manoeuvre safely with the necessary visibility to do so. Parking directly opposite a driveway (when cars parked either side of it's entrance) will impact on the residents ability to manoeuvre their vehicles, particularly on narrow roads.

As always, thank you for your understanding as we work together in making this situation as smooth as possible for all.



Reporting School Absences

Please remember that all absences from school must be reported for **each day of absence**. Therefore, if your child is absent due to a medical appointment or is too unwell for school, please email admin@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk or call the school office to report this stating the reason for absence and any symptoms they have should they be unwell - this is so we are aware of any rapidly growing virus' in school or any illnesses that would need reporting the Public Health England.

SchoolMoney Accounts

We will be changing our payment system from 1st June 2024, could you please login to schoolmoney to ensure all balances are cleared before this date.

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: Friendship. 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 -** Charlie for showing compassion to Mrs Hunt when she hurt herself
- Y1 Grayson for persevering with spelling red words
- **Y2 -** Raff for showing respect towards his teachers and friends
- **Y3** Jack Morr for being a great mediator and keeper of peace!
- Y4 Marcie for always being polite and kind to others
- Y5 Freddie for showing friendship by getting his friends water bottles at lunchtime
- **Y6** Rose for her compassion when she helped a friend

Headteachers Award

- YR Eli for showing confidence when sharing his holiday photos with Reception
- **Y1** Alice H for a great start to the new term
- **Y2 -** Dotty for her infectious positivity this week!



- Y3 Charlie for his great work on setting description and imaginative world-building!
- **Y4** Jonty for his fantastic efforts in English this week!
- Y5 William Buc for creating fantastic personification for his nature poem
- Y6 Corey for his hard work and care towards a peer

Times Tables Awards

- Y2 Ellie, Lily D
- Y3 Sophie
- Y4 Molly, Ruby, Florrie, Freya, Tobias
- Y6 Jack, Elise, Eva, Alfie K



PE Award

This week's PE award goes to **Adrian in Reception Class** for his throwing and catching

Sporting News

A huge congratulations goes to our Year 4 Netball team for gaining a Gold medal in last nights tournament at Tarporley High School. The girls showed fantastic skill and sportsmanship in all their games - especially as they only had 6 players when a full team requires 7 players!



Well done to Florrie, Ada, Chloe, Sienna, Isla and Molly

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday. Please remember gates will shut promptly at 8.45am

Níc Badger



CHOLMONDELEY CASTLE GARDENS



April 28 @ 10:00 am - 5:00 pm £2.50 - £5.00

Spring Plant Fair – Sunday 28th April





TAKE PART ON YOUR OWN OR AS PART OF

A FUN TEAM OF TWO OR THREE

SAFE ALL GRASS RUN & BIKE COURSES

TAKE PART FOR YOUR CHOSEN CHARITY







