

Parent Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 13th October 2020

BUNBURY ALDERSEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Name	Tick if present
Mrs Badger	✓
Mrs Waring	✓
Jen Duckett	✓
Kathleen Carline	✓
Jen McCleave	✓
Laura Payne	✓
Emma Knight	✓
Julie Sweet	✓
Julia Dancy	✓
Nicola Tomlinson	✓
Julia Arkell	✓
Natalie Connelly	✓
Alex Davies	X

Minute Taker: K Waring	
Apologies: None	
Agenda: 1. Apologies 2. Thanks to previous reps 3. Minutes from last meeting 4. Governor update 5. Head update 6. Outstanding actions 7. WhatsApp group for PC 8. Return to School 9. Holiday Club 10. SENCO Concerns 11. PE Concerns/Questions 12. PE Positives 13. Harvest Festival 14. Star of the Week 15. Well prepared for lockdowns 16. Reading 17. Bags 18. Masks for Teachers 19. Black history month 20. AOB 21. Next meeting	
Discussion	Action
1. No apologies	
2. Thank you to previous reps. Still need rep in Year 1 and Reception class, anyone should contact JD	
3. Previous minutes have been approved and uploaded to the school website.	

4. No update	
<p>5. Still managing a school and Trust within a global pandemic. Main goal is to provide a calm, safe environment for children to continue their learning. Since March we have communicated all updates to parents and staff. Priority is mental health and well-being, learning priority is to focus on the basics, reading, writing Maths and phonics (for relevant year groups). There is a noted 'bounce back' with the children's learning, they are picking things up quickly. We are still running a connected curriculum with Music lessons taking place, harvest, with the virtual service and school photos all taking place.</p> <p>The school development plan was written over summer. KS2 reading has a new scheme in class – pathways to reading which was rolled in September. The review of the curriculum is paused for the moment; it is not the right time and only requires tweaking. Ofsted were complementary about what they saw and inspected within our curriculum and only small adjustments/ refining to be made. Finally, we want to review our SEND practice in school.</p>	
<p>6. Still require class reps in Year 1 and reception class. Anyone interested to contact JD</p> <p>Bobbly blazers – school to contact Badged re this. NC commented that she had issues with receiving orders, having made orders early in the summer and then was contacted to say that items were not available in September. KW will follow this up with Badged</p>	KW to follow
<p>7. JD proposed a WhatsApp group instead of Facebook to communicate meetings, This was agreed by all and PC's to forward contact details to JD</p>	JD
<p>8. Y4 Feedback it's been well managed, great communication. Y5/4/2 said children are settled, happy, safe and calm.</p> <p>The children are super happy there is no negative feedback or complaints from parents</p>	
<p>9. Y3 - Lack of holiday club. NB said what was apparent from the parent's survey completed in 2019 was that we could not staff the requirements and club was making a financial loss and needed subsidy from the school budget which impacts on the children in school. Holiday club will no longer run. Key worker parents mainly raised the issue – PC to feedback</p>	Parent Council to advise parent
<p>10. Various concerns raised surrounding SENCO, these are to be communicated directly to NB due to confidentiality. JD to advise those with concerns</p>	JD to advise specific parents
<p>11. Y6 expressed that some children do not want to take part and stayed in class is this ok, is PE mandatory? NB advised that there has been a couple of children not completing PE but this not their own choice but her own for reasons due to confidentiality she cannot discuss. PE forms part of the curriculum and children cannot opt out – NB will explore this further. Y6 asked if there is scope for the daily mile? NB confirmed that this is being completed but perhaps not daily and not on PE days. It is hard to fit in around a fixed timetable of handwashing and toilet breaks which take approx. 40mins out of the school day.</p> <p>Y5 sitting in wet clothes post PE - NB advised that as previously communicated all PE sessions will take place outside and children will need appropriate outdoor clothing, adding that all children are encouraged to wear coats, any damp jumpers have been dried on radiators. PE outside is the safest option in terms of keeping everyone</p>	

<p>safe when weighing up the risks of getting wet against transmission of covid. In turn, this also keeps the teacher safe as they teach across all bubbles. We are looking at other options for worse weather e.g table tennis, Go Noodle etc but these will not be as active.</p> <p>Y2 asked for an update re new PE teacher. NB informed we have 4 candidates for interviews next week. They will conduct a lesson outdoors and be interviewed over Teams.</p>	
<p>12. Y2/5 PE - positive comments received from parents regarding being in PE clothing all day, less lost items – can this continue post covid? NB is happy for this to continue, children gain more time in their session and teachers are not looking for lost shoes etc. It is also more hygienic for the kit to go home and be washed through rather than hung on a class peg for most of term which is why the school have added a School PE hoody which is available now from Badged and optional to all. This can be teamed with plain black joggers from any store.</p>	
<p>13. Y2/4 Virtual harvest was really positive and universal praise was received although Y6 could not be seen for some of their reading</p>	
<p>14. Y3 Star of the week, children were not aware they had received awards. NB said that all those who are awarded are announced to the whole school during zoom worship on a Friday. Certificates – NB said she has had this on her list but will ensure certificates are created and will be received electronically by parents.</p>	NB / KW
<p>15. Y4 parents feel the class are well prepared for lockdown with google classrooms and have no issues yet. JDa asked if there was mileage to run through this in class? NB informed that this forms part of teacher training on the platform and children are completing a piece of work in class on google classrooms each week. Y6 said that they the children are comfortable with it.</p>	
<p>16. Y2 Reading – children making great progress, books are being changed regularly</p>	
<p>17. Y2 Can bags be brought into school? The plastic wallets are not ideal and children have a lot carry/manage. NB - Bags cannot be brought into school at this time. We are not using pegs in the corridors, all items are kept in class and we would not have room for children to move safely around class if bags are brought in, it would create a high risk of incidents happening - children could trip over and bang their head etc. Keeping corridors free from personal item means children do not cross paths/bubbles meaning we do not have to close other bubbles from possible transmission/close contact. The plastic wallets can be wiped down both at home or in school if children cough or sneeze on them. Some parents are using plastic bags to carry snacks/water bottles in and then handing over to children at drop-off.</p>	
<p>18. Y2 Masks for teachers? NB said there is no guidance for this at the moment. Teachers are with the children all day when handing over are outside, not in a small confined space for drop-off and pick-up. Teachers should maintain social distancing at these times.</p>	
<p>19. Y2 - Black History Month? NB said priority is to get the basics going, BHM & black lives matter is really important but we have noted an impact from lockdown with children's social skills, problems with sharing etc. BHM will fit within PHSE sessions when diversity, minority groups/minority ethnic groups is taught. JA said parents can find it difficult to talk about the subject at home. NB said we are Global Rights Respecting School and cover 'No Outsiders' within the curriculum but initial PHSE lessons will</p>	

focus on the children's well-being as the first priority. Diversity is covered within our PSHE curriculum throughout the school.	
A.O.B NT raised that for PE the concern was with bottoms getting when outside. JD said that they are wearing joggers over shorts and removing the joggers for the PE session so they do not get wet. This was thought to be a good solution	
Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17 th November at 4pm via Zoom	