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## DIARY DATES

- 15 Nov - Opens Day for Reception 2022
- 17 Nov - Bag2School collection, 9am
- 17 Nov - Open Day for Reception 2022
- 19 Nov - Pyjamas day in aid of Children In Need, pls bring £1 donation
- 01 Dec - Sponsored Reindeer Run
- 03 Dec - Messy Xmas (whole school)
- 07 Dec - Y6 Safety Central Trip
- 07 Dec - Rec & KS1 Nativity for Reception parents, 1.30pm
- 08 Dec - Rec & KS1 Nativity for Year 1 parents, 1.30pm
- 09 Dec - Rec & KS1 Nativity for Year 2 parents, 1.30pm
- 09 Dec - Xmas Panto Showing more info to follow
- 10 Dec - Christmas jumper day
- 10 Dec - Christmas lunch
- 15 Dec - KS2 Carol concert at St. Boniface Church, 6pm
- 17 Dec - Christmas parties
- 17 Jan - Y5 Bikeability
- 18 Jan - Y5 Bikeability

Please view our school calendar on our website for up to date information:

[www.bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk/events](http://www.bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk/events)



Dear Parents/Carers,  
What a busy week we have had in school over the past 7 days! As always the children have risen to the challenge and I am incredibly proud of each and everyone of them. Yesterday we held our 'live' Remembrance worship in school and were joined by the British Legion, Rev Tim and Rev Claire.

It was a very special service as we were able as a school to remember those who have died in service altogether. For the second time this half term children and staff once again worshipped in our shared space. The children sat and listened perfectly to Rev Tim, showed respect and reflection during the silence as well as ending the service with a communal singing of "We will Remember." It was a very special moment once again to hear all voices singing together in our school hall rather than over zoom.



Today we held our own TT Rockstars Day in school and it was fantastic to see all children in their Rock Star outfits. There was plenty of hair dye, crazy eye makeup and many inflatable guitars around school! Even the staff team were compelled to 'shake up' their usual look for the day!



TT Rockstars is a fantastic programme, which we have been using at Bunbury for the past few years, to develop knowledge of times tables and division facts for all pupils from Year 2 to Year 6. Times tables are recognised as essential to access many mathematical concepts and knowledge will be assessed at the end of Y4 by a National test. When it comes to times tables, speed and accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations within maths. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables! Despite the fact that we have now reached the end of the competition, I am hopeful that the children will continue their work on TT Rockstars and keep practicing those times tables.

During the day, each class spent their final sessions on the I pads doing TTRockstars to get as many final points as they could before the battle ended. Some of our top scorers were:

Class: year 6

Pupils:

Year 6: Carter

Year 5: Emily H

Year 4: Elise

Year 3: Rory

Year 2: Tobias

Best dressed in KS1: Henry in Year 2

Best dressed in KS2: Hugo in Year 4

On **Friday 19th November** we will be having an own clothes day for Children in Need. We are asking for a suggested donation of £1 on the day for children to wear their **pyjamas** in order to raise money for this very worthwhile charity. If children wish to wear any 'Pudsey Bear' merchandise they are more than welcome to, however it is not essential that these items are purchased.



This week our Eco committee presented their thoughts and intentions for school to our Local Governing Committee. Led by our chair Lesley Davies the governors heard all about the groups intentions and plans for making Bunbury school more eco friendly.



I was incredibly proud of how well the children spoke and presented their ideas to governing committee and have been invited back to future meetings to share how their proposals have developed. As well as presenting to the governors our eco group have also led worships around the school in each of our 7 classes.

Each week we work with the children of Bunbury through our worships on some of the most topical and recent issues which may be affecting the world in which they live. This week the focus has been on whether we should do more to protect elephants. A new study published in Science magazine found that in Gorongosa National Park, Mozambique, a rare genetic condition, that causes tuskless elephants, has become more common. Ivory poaching has pushed the species to the brink of extinction but the few tuskless elephants left could now increase in numbers. In 1969, Gorongosa National Park was home to over 2200 elephants, but now there are just over 700 in the Park. With the children we have been thinking about the following questions:

- What are elephants being born without the ability to grow tusks?
- What is being done to protect elephants?

8<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
**UN Rights of a Child**

I can set up or join groups, such as the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) or Youth 4 African Wildlife (Y4AW) as long as it doesn't harm others.



## **Layers and Ventilation**

One of the ways in which we are attempting to stop the spread of covid in school is to have good ventilation - as recommenced in the most recent DFE guidance. This means, as you will have no doubt noticed, having doors and windows open to allow for through flow of air. Effective ventilation removes stale air which may contain Covid-19 aerosols and brings in fresh air containing more oxygen, less carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and water vapour and fewer microbes.

Around about this time of year the heating kicks in and we are usually toasty warm. However, if we keep windows and doors open the system will not run as efficiently and it may still be colder than usual. As we did last year I ask that you perhaps layer up with either an extra t-shirt under uniform and ensure jumpers/cardigans in school as well as coats. Or alternatively pupils may wear their **Bunbury BLACK PE HOODY** over their uniform as an extra layer. I will make sure that the children are comfortable to learn and will try to balance ventilation/heating as best as I can.

Please can I ask that all children now wear there winter uniform to school.

## **EYFS (Reception)**

**Boys:** Black trousers, school logo polo shirt, school logo sweatshirt (green). Black socks, black shoes.

**Girls:** Tartan skirt or pinafore, school logo polo shirt, school logo sweatshirt (green). Black tights, black trousers (no leggings), black shoes (no heels).

## **Year 1-6**

**Boys:** Black trousers, white shirt, school tie, grey jumper (green stripe). Black socks, black shoes.

**Girls:** Tartan skirt, white shirt, school tie, grey jumper (green stripe). Black tights, black trousers (no leggings), black shoes (no heels).

***Outside the world may remain strange and uncertain but behind our school walls wonderful things are continuing to take place...***

## **Covid**

Covid is still circulating within our community and whilst I know we do now need to live with the virus and reduce any further disruption for our children I also wish to keep everyone as well as I possibly can. We will continue to operate with caution in school but not to the extent that it will effect the educational experience the children receive. After half term we will begin to look at holding a worship a week back in the school hall with all the children as I know this is something we have all missed within our Bunbury school family. We will though as always keep any decisions we take under review and have the right to withdraw these should the situation change. I am as always extremely grateful for your trust, patience and belief in the school as to how we continue operate.

The new guidance states: Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, they will be sent home and they should follow public health advice.

**We continue to ask that if any child is displaying symptoms of Covid 19 that a PCR test is taken asap.**

**There are 2 main COVID-19 tests:**

- PCR tests – mainly for people with symptoms, they're sent to a lab to be checked and you get the result within a day or two**

- **rapid lateral flow tests – only for people who do not have symptoms, they give a result in 30 minutes using a device similar to a pregnancy test**

**Whilst we understand that it is often easier to complete a LFT test if you or a member of your household is symptomatic, it is important that a more sensitive PCR test is taken, as this provides a more reliable indicator of any COVID infection.**

**The LFT test identifies infection for a short window of peak infectiousness, whereas the PCR test can identify COVID infection at a lower threshold.**

### **Guidance for households with confirmed or possible Covid 19 infections**

In the event of a positive case, close contacts (including household members) are no longer required to isolate if:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

However due to a rise in cases within Cheshire East we are asking that any child or lives in a household with a positive case remains at home for 5 days and only returns on the receipt of a negative PCR test after the 5 days.

Close contacts will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

If there is a substantial increase in the number of positive cases in school or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise us to temporarily reintroduce additional measures. These may include reverting to bubbles, the wearing of face masks or increased testing. Whilst we are very much looking forward to a more 'normal' school year, we are also mindful that Covid 19 remains a serious health issue.

We would therefore urge you to remain vigilant of the symptoms and to not send your child into school if they are displaying any such symptoms. As a school, we will always be guided by national and local guidance and will advise you of any changes that result from any advice as soon as possible.

With young children we are aware that other symptoms such as hayfever type symptoms, sickness, stomach pains, sore throat, headache can be the first indication of COVID.

As part of our Covid response we will be continuing to inform you if there has been a child within a class who is being tested for **Covid 19** via text. All we ask is that you are more vigilant in watching for any symptoms in your child/children. Once we have received the results of the test we will only send out further communication should the test be positive.

## Mrs Badger's Weekly Awards

This term we will be focusing on the value of compassion. Each week we will be rewarding those children who have demonstrated this value during the school week.

### Compassion Award

- YR - Lily C for always showing compassion to others
- Y1 - Sophie for thinking of a friend in need
- Y2 - Molly for always thinking of her friends
- Y3 - Olivia for her wonderful ideas about compassion in her writing
- Y4 - Hugo for showing compassion when helping a friend in the classroom
- Y5 - Evelyn for helping others in need
- Y6 - Isabella for showing compassion towards an upset friend



### Star of the week

- YR - Maggie for her fantastic poppy picture
- Y1 - to all of Year 1 for their enthusiasm on Autumn Day
- Y2 - Isla for her fantastic gymnastics work
- Y3 - Flynn for his fantastic and beautifully neat
- Y4 - Freddie for his brilliant knowledge of historic artefacts
- Y5 - Hayden for the effort he has put into all his work this week
- Y6 - to all of our Eco committee for presenting to our school governors so well



### Mathletics Awards

- YR Bronze** Rose, Lily C, Aelwen & Elsie
- Silver** Rose
- Y2 Bronze** Theo, Charlie & Tom
- Silver** Charlie & Tom
- Y3 Bronze** Eliza, William Buc, Olivia & Ella W
- Y5 Bronze** Sky, Lucas & Emily G
- Silver** Sky
- Y6 Bronze** Isabella

### Times Tables Awards

- Y2 Gold** (x2 x5 x10) Ruby, Chloe, Freya & Frankie
- Gold** x10 Sienna
- Gold** x5 Theo & Florence
- Gold** x2 Charlie
- Bronze** x5 Molly & Noah
- Bronze** x2 Isla & Tobias

**Y3 Bronze** Ingo & William T

**Silver** James & Freddie

**Y4 Bronze** Elise & William

**Gold** Hugo

**Champion** Ted & Henry

**Champion** (99 questions in 4 mins) - Sam

**Champion** (99 questions in 3 mins) - Zach & George

**Champion** (60 question 13x table) - Alex

**Champion** (80 questions 13x table) - Corey

**Y5 Champion** Evelyn, Sky & Finley

**Y6 Champion** Harriet

Keep smiling, stay strong and keep safe Bunbury.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday morning.

*N M Badger*

### **PTA - 150 Club Draw**

October's 150 Club draw was held today and the lucky winner with the number 110, is J C Turner!! Congratulations! Please contact the PTA on [pta@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:pta@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk) to arrange collection of your winnings

## **CHESTER FC MINI KICKERS**

**Fun football coaching for children aged 3-7**

**When?** Saturdays, 9.30am (Reception) & 10.30am (Year 1 & 2)

**Where?** Goals Soccer Centre, Talbot Way, Chester CH1 4LT

**Who?** Boys and girls in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

**How much?** £4 per session - advance booking essential

To register email [community@chesterfc.com](mailto:community@chesterfc.com) or contact us for more information



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## CHESHIRE CUT FLOWER FARM CHRISTMAS WREATH BOXES

Christmas Boxes now available to order.  
Everything you need to make a beautiful Christmas Wreath  
wherever and with whomever you want.

Boxes will be filled with lovely festive foliage, tools and a  
sprinkle of finishing touches.

Step by step instructions included.

£35 per box

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*All proceeds to Bunbury Aldersey PTA*



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# YOUTH CLUB

PRESENTS

**£3 CHILD**  
**£5 ADULTS**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE**  
**AT BURROWS**  
**AND TILLY'S**

BAR OPENS 7PM CURTAINS OPEN 7.30PM

# DICK WHITTINGTON

2ND 3RD DECEMBER AT THE VILLAGE HALL