

Bunbury Aldersey C of E Primary School Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 22nd January 2019

Present: Nicola Badger, Kate Waring, Laura Smith, Betony Burrows, Jen Duckett, Julie Sweet, Jennifer Yates, Julia Dancy, Kathleen Carline

1. Apologies

Madeleine Jones, Emma Knight, Helen Bennett, Lisa Williams

2. Reps for Y4 and Y6

- no response
- will go in newsletter

3. Minutes from last meeting

- accepted

4. Governor update

- vacancy for parent governor

5. Head update

- waiting for result of lottery bid still. Plan to start development over Easter
- forest school has started with a block per school
- PTA raising money for forest school area
- Singapore style maths has begun to be used
- theme of 10 texts in place
- in summer term school will do STEAM project (science, technology, engineering, art, maths)
- already have been some parent volunteers to get involved.

6. Outstanding actions

- blogs - will be discontinued as only getting a few hits and have little impact. Information about what is going on in class is available on school class web pages. School newsletter will direct parents to their class pages on the school website (not app)
- short notice for sports competitions - school only receives short notice
- constitution still to be updated to remove AGM - EK to action

7. Lots of praise for Y3 resilience class

- helping children to talk through problems and learn resilience and confidence to allow coping mechanisms for getting upset and angry
- plan to be rolled out in other classes too.
- parents would like more info/awareness that these programmes exist

8. Y3 very excited about forest school

- this is also due to be rolled out across school.

9. Homework

- take away homework can be brought in earlier than the submission date if necessary.

- parents would like comments in homework books.
- concerns that current homework doesn't prepare for SATS/high school homework.
- trying to free up teacher time for other school work
- homework is monitored even if not marked.
- stickers for younger children a possibility?
- IDL/mathletics certificates and reading records can count towards homework book

10. Healthy eating campaign

- cakes in school getting excessive e.g. 1 class had 4 cakes in 1 week
- homework will no longer involve baking
- school lunch desserts are balanced and adhere to stick guidelines. Often have hidden vegetables
- Mrs Badger to speak to PTA to have fruit available for older kids
- plan to have a once termly 'healthy eating food day'
- important to not term food 'bad' to minimise risk of negative food connotations/eating disorders risk

11. Road safety

- Mr Huntbach to paint a line at the end of the school drive awaiting dry weather
- physical barrier - no funds but if parents were to fund/fundraise school would support
- parents to be asked not to stand and chat at the end of drive - forces children into road
- minibus has consent at present from school to park on zigzags as children have to be accompanied by staff from school to minibus. NB looking into further places safe places for the minibus to park as currently it does not comply with official regulations for yellow lines

12. More drama activities request from Y3

- drama under english in curriculum
- active lives - new extra curricular club for Y1-6, starts after half term

13. Lego club for YR

- private provider and not suitable at reception age

14. Bunbury parish council meeting

- parent council members to circulate with year groups
- will go in newsletter
- Mrs Badger going to attend

15. Hymn sheets Y5

- ??? wait till next meeting (no Y5 rep present)

16. Cool connections Y5

- positive feedback from parents

17. Swimming Y4

- concern re changing room arrangements
- children are mixed area but go in cubicles with others of the same sex

18. Residential trip Y5

- small class size means don't meet minimum numbers for many venues.
- on hold to possibly combine with another school
- cost high due to small class size

19. Update parent council member names on school website

- Jen Duckett to action

20. AOB

- lots of payment requests in the lead up to christmas - consideration to be made

21. Next meeting

- Tuesday 12th March