

Bunbury Aldersey C of E Primary School
Parent Council Agenda
Wednesday 10 July 2019

1. Head update.
 - The year at Bunbury has been an extremely successful one. Teaching and learning continues to look at increasingly interesting and creative ways to inspire the children's learning. Our recent theme of 'What do you do with an idea'? has proved enjoyable for all and this has been seen in the childrens work.
 - EYFS area development will begin on Monday 22nd July and will be complete for the new starters in September
2. Holiday club - easy to book on school spider. My boys had a great time on Tuesday in half term at Bunbury Badgers. (Y2)
 - We will be continuing to use this system to book our clubs and hope to have a list of clubs out now before the end of every term so that booking can start.
3. Blazers - My child will not wear his as it doesn't seem to be enforced in anyway. At the very least the school could request it for school photos, church services, school outings etc just conscious that we have this lovely uniform and while they are out representing the school they should be as smart as possible.
 - Children are reminded in corridors, classrooms and during worship to ensure they have their correct uniform. Before every service I always choose children from across the school as role models for uniform. The children are always requested to wear full school uniform for such events – perhaps we could also send a reminder to parents that this is also the case.
4. Class assemblies - seem to have dropped off this year.... Do the year groups still do an assembly?
 - We have not removed class assemblies from our calendar. However this term we took the decision to postpone them for a year due to the number of events/ residentials taking place.
5. Year 3 are asking for any photos from the Condoover residential to be shared
 - NB to ask Mrs Smith if there are photos which could be shared. We do need to be mindful though of GDPR regulations and of those children who do not have permission for photos to be in the public domain
6. It's a shame they haven't had any topic related day trips apart from the half day Christmas trip. I appreciate trips require a lot of organising but I think the children would have loved the opportunity and experience out of school. (Y2)
 - NB to remind staff to think about extra-curricular visits for their class.
7. Loved the creative curriculum thematic approach again.
 - Children have enjoyed all aspects of our connected approach to the curriculum and this will be continuing next year
8. Can we have more info about how many & what tests they do? (I don't mean the SATs, I mean the weekly/ regular ones - times tables, spellings, Big Maths etc) thanks (Y2)
 - NB to discuss this with staff as we have a number of low stakes tests within school and the communication of all of these would not be necessary. We also like to keep some of the tests as low stakes/ low keep so not to over worry the children. However it maybe something we can look at sharing at the meet the teacher meetings – for example weekly spellings, times tables etc.

9. Concern that I heard a report that the Street Dance leader is using Fortnite to inspire the kids, Fortnite dances and bringing in a Fortnite boardgame to play. Its great to get the kids doing dance, just need an alternative inspiration!
 - NB to follow this up with Street Dance leader
10. Star of the week - Children getting upset that classmates get this award more than once before they get it a first time. Is it possible that everybody gets it once before some are awarded it further times?
 - The general ruling is that all children should receive star of the week at least once during the year. Staff have a list of the children in the book to ensure that there has been fair coverage of this award. If this has not happened NB will investigate and remind staff to ensure all children receive it
11. Star of the Week - A few people are requesting a parental invite when a child is chosen for star of the week.
 - We usually decide Star of the week on a Thursday evening before the worship on the Friday. Whilst I understand that it would be lovely for parents to see their child receive their award I know that the late invitation would cause issues with some working parents who would not be able to attend due to work commitments. NB to think of alternative ways to get parents into school for this.
12. Music for Life - A number of parents now complaining (including myself) about very slow progress, even from diligent students. Concerns that the tuition is a waste of money. Also, parents from other schools have observed that Music for Life 'don't teach theory and reading music enough/ at all.' At least four parents (from year 5 alone) will be ceasing the classes in September. Most have been doing Music for Life for years - I have. I know my son, Christopher, asked his guitar teacher about helping prepare all the guitar players to do a piece for assembly. The teachers response was that 'he'd love too but didn't have the time'. I've been paying nearly £100 a month for my boys to have private lessons. I have personally complained to the company but have had no useful reply. Such a shame for everyone. Surely we can find a better provider? A friend of mine has a grandson who's teacher visits him at school. They have done concerts and regularly perform in assembly. The music teacher is enthusiastic and encouraging. Josh is now able to write his own songs in year 5. Sadly this music teacher is unable to take on any more commitments but there must be others out there? Both piano and guitar mentioned as an issues. Y5
 - NB to contact music for life regarding concerns raised.
13. Changing Arrangements for PE - Some mums in year 5 requesting separate changing areas for PE for year 5 and 6. The mums all have daughters and feel that the boys and girls are now becoming very 'aware' of each other. As the mum of a year 5 boy, I can confirm their worries are not unfounded!!
 - Year 6 children have a very clear defined space for boys and girls to change
14. Minute Notification - A few people have questioned how much really gets achieved at parents council. Can we start sending out a text and link to all parents when the minutes are published, like we do when the weekly newsletter is available? This would ensure that more people read the minutes and surely aid communication.
 - NB to ask KW to send a link out when minutes are published on the website.
15. Can selections for sporting events be more inclusive? Some would like to do it but never get picked because they aren't deemed 'as good'. They need to ask which children would like to do it and include them.
 - NB has spoken with SD regarding this and we are looking at ways to encourage as many children as possible to take part in the events.

16. All to call out for anyone interested in being on the Parent Council next year please (and what day of the week they could attend).
17. Next meeting

Future meeting dates: Planned to be the 3rd Tuesday of each half term (depending on Mrs Badger's availability) at 3.15pm

Minutes on website

