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DIARY DATES

- 17 Jan - Y5 Bikeability
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- 19 Jan - Y2 Nantwich Trip
- 15 Feb - Parents Evening
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- 28 Mar - Decades week
- 30 Mar - Easter Service
- 01 Apr - Decades dress up day, own clothes
- 01 Apr - Decades Disco
- 19 Apr - Science Week
- 25 Apr - Swim sessions commence at Bunbury (for top end of KS2 pupils)
- 26 Apr - Y5 Roberts Bakery
- 09 May - Y6 SATs week
- 16 May - Schools Fest Week
- 26 May - Platinum Jubilee playground street party
- 22 Jun - Y6 Conway Transitional Residential (for THS pupils, provisional date)
- 23 Jun - Y4 Bridgewater Hall Trip
- 27 Jun - AmaSing Concert at the Story House
- 18 Jul - Y6 Leavers Evening
- 20 Jul - Y6 Leavers Service at St.Boniface

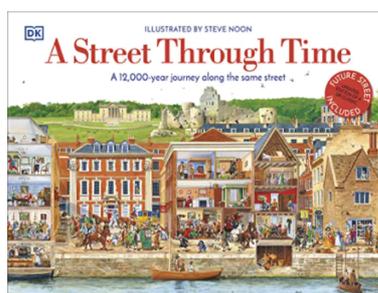
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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
 Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Parents/Carers,

After our first full week of 2022 back in school it has been lovely to hear and see the excitement and enthusiasm for learning continue. Our new theme for learning is a history based project around the text 'A Street Through Time'. Around the school I have seen interesting and creative learning opportunities being developed as children explore castles, knights, World War 2 and Romans to name but a few of our themes.



To begin the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations and to end our history theme we will be having a decades week at this end of the term: Monday 28th March - Thursday 31st March.

To end the week, on Friday 1st April we will have a Decades Dress up day which will end with a Decade Disco for the children in the evening all children and staff will be invited to dress up in the fashions and styles of their decade! During this week each class will explore in greater depth a decade within the Queens reign. This week teachers have chosen their decade to explore and classes will be investigating the following periods of history during that week:



- Reception – 1970's**
- Year 1 – 2000's**
- Year 2 – 1950's**
- Year 3 – 2010 onwards**
- Year 4 – 1990's**
- Year 5 – 1980's**
- Year 6 – 1960's**



We can't wait to see the range of outfits on parade



I am also excited to explain a little more as to how we will provide swimming provision this term. As you will be aware for the past 2 years we have been unable to take our Year 6 children to the swimming pool due to the ongoing pandemic. There has also been an increased demand at public swimming pools for school swimming lessons as we are all faced with the prospect of 'catching up' to ensure all children can swim 25 metres before they leave primary school. As a result, and to ensure I provide the opportunity for all to learn to swim we will be hiring a heated, covered pool at Bunbury school in April. Our priority will be to catch up those children at the top end of KS2. We will also be able to offer some after school swimming clubs to some of our younger children. As we have now had the permanent work carried out to install this on our playground, I am looking at this becoming an annual booking.

The pool will arrive at the school week beginning 25th April and be with us for around 3 weeks which will include filling and heating time. A lifeguard and swim instructor will be provided for the duration of the time the pool is with us and children will be taught in groups of around 12/ 13 pupils at a time throughout the school day. Over the next few weeks further planning work will go into how the sessions will look and will be communicated once further decisions have been made.

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

Parking

Please can I ask that as the new year starts we continue to be mindful of parking outside of school and around the roads adjacent to our site. I have once again received a number of complaints as school has started about inconsiderate and dangerous parking. Photos of cars parked in dangerous or inconsiderate places continue to be shared with me by local residents and parents and I will continue to share this on our newsletter.

Please can I ask that parking does not:

- block driveways of residents
- block the road by parking opposite other parked vehicles
- mount the pavement making it dangerous for children and parents with prams
- block key crossing points by obstructing vision or narrowing the gap to cross



New Bike for Christmas

If any children have received a new bike for Christmas Sharon Jones our PCSO is proposing to hold a Bike Marking session for all those new Bikes received.

It is to be held on 29th January 2pm at The Playing Field Car Park. This is Weather permitted and can be checked out on the Police website on the day, which details are on their poster at the Village Hall Notice Board.

Covid: latest guidance updated 14.1.22

We are starting to see a reduction of covid cases since last week and current cases within school are now relatively low. I am constantly reviewing the measures we have in place within school to ensure that they are proportionate, keep children and staff safe and don't impact on the learning taking place within school. At present the following measures are helping us to reduce our infections and therefore prevent both pupil and staff infections which is helping to ensure children are provided with the best possible face to face learning experiences with their class teachers.

Therefore at present the following measures will therefore remain in place to reduce indoor mixing as much as possible:

- Children will continue with staggered toilet breaks in their bubbles through the day
- Children will be taught within their class bubbles
- All children will continue to enter and exit via their class external door during the day and movement around the corridors will continue to be discouraged and reduced
- Worship will take place online
- PE will take place outside (in all weather conditions). Please dress children appropriately for the weather on PE days
- Staff are advised to wear masks in communal areas and on the playground at the end of the day
- We would advise that all parents wear masks when entering the school site both inside and outside
- Staff will complete an LFD test twice weekly: Sunday and Wednesday evening
- Lunches will continue to be served in the hall and remain staggered. Children will sit in their class bubbles
- Common touch points will continue to be cleaned more regularly

We will continue to allow children to play freely with other year groups at break time and lunchtime and all after school clubs, including Bunbury Badgers will continue to operate.

Please can I ask that if you receive a positive LFD test or are taking your child for a PCR and you receive a positive result that the school are informed immediately via both of the emails below. This will enable to us to ensure the correct information is communicated to parents as soon as possible.

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There have been a number of changes over the past few days regarding covid, testing and self-isolation and I wanted to take the time to ensure that we are all aware and clear of these new changes which have taken place. I am sure that there will be more updates over the next few days and I will as always ensure that these are communicated clearly to our school community.

Confirmatory PCR testing following a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) have now been temporarily suspended from, Tuesday 11 January. This means that for all education and childcare settings, staff and students who have tested and reported a positive LFD result will no longer be advised to get a confirmatory PCR test. This change is informed by public health advice. With high COVID-19 rates, the risk of a positive LFD result being false is very small.

We therefore do not need to ask people to do a confirmatory PCR unless they:

- have symptoms (in which case they need to follow the stay at home guidance, self-isolate and order a PCR test)
- wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment
- have been advised to take a PCR test because they are in a clinically vulnerable group
- have been advised to do so as part of a research or surveillance programme

Education and childcare settings are not expected to trace contacts of a positive case, as this will remain the responsibility of NHS Test and Trace. From, Tuesday 11 January, contact tracing is triggered once a positive LFD test is reported.

I can also now confirm after communication with Cheshire East that where children reside in a house where there is a positive covid case there is no longer the need to isolate for 5 days. This means that should there be a household case children can continue to come to school as normal and do not need to remain at home for 5 days.

Pupils who are currently isolating where there is a positive household case are advised to isolate until Monday to allow families to get LFT kits.

Contacts of positive cases found tomorrow are advised to isolate until Monday to allow families to get LFT kits. Contacts of any positive cases found after tomorrow will not need to isolate but carry out daily LFTs as described within the national guidance.

Please continue to be vigilant and look out for symptoms. Despite a small increase at the start of the spring term we currently have low numbers of absence due to Covid this week. Thank you all for your efforts in slowing any spread through regular testing at home.

Returning to school after testing positive

From **Monday 17 January**, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both **day 5 and day 6** and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Mrs Badger's Weekly Awards

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

Courage Award

YR - Albert for having courage to have a go at writing independently

Y1 - Finley and Jack for showing courage when rearranging their party

Y2 - Tom for showing courage in sharing what he finds hard

Y3 - Jessica for having the courage to help when playing football in PE even though she was on the other team

Y4 - Corey for being courageous after a bad fall on the playground



Y5 - Emily G and Hayden for standing up for what they thought was right

Y6 - Harriet for being courageous when helping a friend with a problem

Headteacher awards

YR - Emila for her fantastic writing about Jack and the Beanstalk

Y1 - Jessie for her fantastic royal self-portrait this week

Y2 - Ted for his fantastic reading

Y3 - Morgan for her great reasoning in our investigation of light

Y4 - Eva for her incredible football skills in our session with Chester FC

Y5 - Belle for all her hard work on division this week

Y6 - Ted for his enthusiasm for our topic and for all his fantastic work so far



PE Award goes to Holly in Year 6 for adapting so well to PE lessons at Bunbury and for always demonstrating a supportive attitude during games.

Mathletics Awards

Y1 Bronze Bertie & JP

Y2 Bronze Theo, Charlie & Noah

Silver Theo

Y3 Bronze

Y4 Bronze Zach, Freddie, Seb, Elsie, William, Isabelle, Alex & Emre

Times Tables Awards

Y2 Silver x3x4 Frankie, Ruby, Freya

Silver x5 Henry

Gold x2x5x10 Charlie, Theo, Tobias, Primrose, Isla

Silver x2 Ben, Sienna, Archie, Marcie

Bronze x2 Molly

Y4 Gold Jack

Finally a huge thank you for your support, patience and understanding over the past 2 weeks during Mrs Waring's absence. I am pleased to say the office is now open and manned.

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.

Nic Badger

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