



# BUNBURY ALDERSEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Parent Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Name	Tick if present
Mrs Badger	✓
Miss Hickson	✓
Mrs Waring	✓
Jen Duckett	✓
Lisa Williams	✓
Madeline Jones	✓
Julie Sweet	✓
Julia Dancy	✓
Laura Payne	✓

Minute Taker: K Waring	
Apologies: Laura Smith, Emma Knight, Julia Dancy, Kathleen Carline	
<b>Agenda:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mrs Badger Update</li> <li>2. Outstanding Actions – Holiday Club &amp; Uniform</li> <li>3. Homework Feedback (Y3)</li> <li>4. Homework Presentations (Y3)</li> <li>5. Homework (Y6)</li> <li>6. Athletics (Y6)</li> <li>7. Recorder Club (Y3)</li> <li>8. Shakespeare Workshop (Y3)</li> <li>9. Recycling (Y1)</li> <li>10. Reading Records (Y1)</li> <li>11. School Lunches (Y6)</li> <li>12. Languages (Y6)</li> <li>13. Boys Netball (Y6)</li> <li>14. Bullying (Y6)</li> <li>15. Party Invitations (Y1)</li> <li>16. Forest School (Y3)</li> </ol>	
Discussion	Action
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Children have settled into the new topic. Following Christmas we will move to a History topic with timelines. We continue to use Maths No Problem and IPEELL, embedding both methods. Both are working well, the children and teachers like them. The schools Ethos has been reviewed by the Governors in September and we have adopted a new vision 'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together' and 'Let your Light Shine' taken from Matthew 5:16. Correspondence will be going out parents. It was felt that this would be better understanding by children. Children and Governors were involved in the process. Y6 are introducing The archbishop of York Youth Trust. We are also looking at courageous advocacy examples so far from pupils are creating parking posters, raising funds for local dog waste bins. From January, celebration assembly will change day, from Friday at 10am to a Monday at 2.30pm. Celebration will still be announced in the newsletter but we ask for this not to be shared</li> </ol>	

<p>with children as they will receive the awards on the following Monday. This will give parent/carers an opportunity to attend the assembly, particularly if you would like to see your child receive an award.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Holiday Club questionnaire</u> - has been reviewed and most users wanted the hours of 8am-6pm. Parent Council said that parents need to know when it will be open and also needs to be reliable. School have tried various external clubs with a variety of clubs/activities but when minimum numbers have not been met some have been cancelled. Suggestion made of simplifying clubs, similar to sports clubs run in the past. NB said that Holiday Club has been running at a loss. Suggestion made of outsourcing, using a private company. <u>Uniform</u> - all past issues seem to be resolved and demand is now being met and delivered to school.</p>	<p><b>JD</b> to source known private company name</p>
<p>3. Lack of teacher feedback in homework books. Books returned just signed. NB said this is policy, teachers sign homework books, feedback to children and children receive a sticker. NB does not want to overburden staff. Parents received homework feedback during parents evening, consistent across all year groups. Children can also be sent to Mrs Badger when showing good examples of self-supporting learning. This is also echoed in work completed in school, children receive a sticker. Something new which will be introduced - personal email to parents from NB to inform of children's exceptional work/effort, can also be linked to homework journal. On the other end of the spectrum, children will also call their parents if they have done something wrong, explaining to them what they done. This is proven to be a powerful tool.</p>	
<p>4. Some children have not presented their take-away homework. NB said all children will have the opportunity but due to time restraints and fitting in around class learning, it can take a little while to get around the whole class.</p>	
<p>5. Request for more homework in Y6 to prepare for High School. CH said homework increases through the year, she does not want to overwhelm children by making a big leap. Homework sheets are coming home, Parent Maths Club commences tomorrow, each child (including those who do not attend) will receive a booklet to complete in the sessions and/or at home. In time, English sheets will also be sent home.</p>	
<p>6. Some children in Y6 are unsure if Mathematics is still to be used. CH said Mathematics is very much still in use, homework tasks are set each week. This is to be done alongside Times tables Rock Stars.</p>	
<p>7. As recorder lessons did not take place in Y2 last year, could this be done in Y3? It was thought this was unlikely. NB has spoken to Ms Charlesworth about this returning in Y2 and will speak further again. Parent Council suggested that a parent volunteer could run a recorder club. NB agreed that this would be fine.</p>	<p><b>NB</b> to speak with KC <b>Parent Council</b> to ask for volunteer</p>
<p>8. Mrs Gordon has offered to run a Shakespeare workshop during school hours. It was thought that this could be delivered to Y5 as Mrs Gordon will run this in Youth club outside of school. JS informed that only 4 children from Y6 attend youth club. Discussion held. NB is happy for this to be delivered to Y6 pupils.</p>	
<p>9. We are still recycling though this has changed in school due to a change of contract with schools bin providers. We now only have 1 bin collection for</p>	

<p>all waste. This change is due to costs. Parent Councillors surprised to know that this was not free to school and incurs a charge. NB informed that we will continue to recycle within school, but we no longer have recycle bins in every classroom. Instead, we have recycle points around school. Not recycling would create the wrong message to children and seem a backward step so we will continue to separate classroom waste.</p>	
<p>10. Reading records, concern that children aren't reading often. Suggestion made of a reading volunteer? NB welcomed this and JS volunteered for the role. JS is also fluent in French, possibility of small group French lesson discussed.</p>	<p><b>KW</b> to issue DBS</p>
<p>11. School lunches, correspondence to parents on this was raised – the school menu was emailed to all parents and also available on the website. Issue raised that there was only jacket potatoes left on one day. KW explained how there are 2 choices, however this popular choice can run out. Numbers of portions are evaluated for next time. Classes are now being rotated for lunch so Y6 are not always last to go in. Feedback on the whole is that food served seems better. NB informed that our cook, Sophie is now a permanent fixture at Bunbury. Sophie is very positive and the children also like her. Stickers are now in use at lunchtime.</p>	
<p>12. Languages – Mrs Craven no longer delivers languages in school. NB informed this is due to the budget. Languages has now fallen to class teachers. We have 2 teachers fluent in Spanish. Years 3 and 4 will be taught French and years 5 and 6 will be taught Spanish. For children to experience both would be good as Year 7 in THS are taught either French or Spanish and this is not a choice, they are placed by THS in one language group.</p>	
<p>13. Can boys join netball? NB does not object to boys playing netball. CH informed they are taught this in PE. KW informed that Netball club is for the girls as competitions at THS are girls only and Mrs Walker runs the club practising for such events. Therefore due to numbers is only open to girls. It only small schools who can enter boys into competitions and we are classed as a large school.</p>	
<p>14. Bullying, mentioned from Y4. Parent has found out from another parent that their child has been bullied. NB was concerned and not aware of this and has asked parent council to return to the parent, asking if they could contact her directly. NB informed that all issues are dealt with straight away. Use KIVA in school. Also covered as a Rights Respecting School and during PHSE, no outsiders, everyone is equal.</p>	<p><b>Parent Councillors</b> to contact parent</p>
<p>15. Can only some party invites be issued in book bags? NB informed that we do not do this. We would only issue if going to the whole class.</p>	
<p>16. Forest School lessons are being enjoyed by Year 3.</p>	
<p><b>A.O.B</b> Kathleen Carline is no longer able to attend meetings unless they are on a Thursday/Friday JD to seek members where we space. NB to add to newsletter once we know.</p>	<p><b>JD</b> to forward details</p>
<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> Tuesday 21st January 2020, 3.15pm.</p>	