

CHAIR: E Jordan

VENUE: School

DATE: 17.11.15 3.15pm

## PARENT COUNCIL

Bunbury Alderney CE Primary School

REPORTING PERIOD: 2015 - 2016				
Present	Name	Membership Category	Child's Year	Membership Commenced
√	Victoria Rice	Parent	YR	Nov-15
√	Nic Webster	Parent	YR	Nov-15
√	Adele Blinkhorn (Clerk)	Parent	Y1	May-15
√	Laura Hothersall	Parent	Y1	May-15
√	Rachel Thirlwall	Parent	Y2	May-15
√	Madeline Jones	Parent	Y2	May-15
√	Tracey Flynn	Parent	Y3	May-15
√	Kate Catherall	Parent	Y3	May-15
x	Vanessa Green	Parent	Y4	May-15
√	Marnie Dobson	Parent	Y4	Jun-15
√	Emma Jordan (Chair)	Parent	Y5	May-15
√	Roz Kepke-Smith (Vice Chair)	Parent	Y5	May-15
√	Kate Anderson	Parent	Y6	May-15
√	Diana Williams	Parent	Y6	Nov-15
√	Fiona Todd	Head teacher	n/a	
√	Sheila Loughlin	IEB	n/a	

**Minute Taker :** Adele Blinkhorn

Discussion & Action Points	Whom/When
<b>1. Apologies</b> Vanessa Quirk-Green	
<b>2. Minutes of Last Meeting</b> Accepted	
<b>3. Parent Council Nominations</b> Nic Webster & Victoria Rice were welcomed as elected Reception Reps.	EJ

Diana Williams was elected as Y6 Rep.	ALL
<p><b>4. Actions from last meeting</b></p> <p><b>Whole School Learning Log</b> - This is now complete and should have been rolled out across the year groups. Please check class blogs for further information.</p> <p><b>Reading List</b> - A suggested read list has now been produced, this will be sent out shortly.</p> <p><b>After School Club for Parents</b> - to show/help parents understand the current teaching methods. <i>The School is hoping to re-instate this in the new year.</i></p> <p><b>Gates at Pick-up</b> - The gates are now open in time for school pick-up.</p> <p><b>Wet days</b> - Children are able to enter the school from 8.40am on wet days.</p> <p><b>Meet the Teacher Correspondence</b> - This has now been dealt with.</p> <p><b>Mini Bus</b> - Due to the large class sizes it would not be cost effective to fund a mini-bus at present.</p> <p><b>Interschool Competitions</b> - There are still a number of concerns regarding interschool competitions. Parents would like more notice of up-coming events, to enable better preparation. Parents also need to better understand how the school can assist with this preparation by providing targeted sports lessons. Suggestions were made that parents maybe able assist with additional extra-curricular sessions, so the children understand the rules etc. prior to the event. Parents of KS2 children would like to understand the selection process, as currently the same children seem to be picked and therefore, not all children have the opportunity to compete.</p> <p><b>Book Swap/Sale</b> - PTA to organise - <i>The PTA are hoping to have a 2nd hand book sale at the Xmas Fair.</i></p>	<p>-</p> <p>FT</p> <p>FT</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>FT</p> <p>AB/RKS</p>

<p><b>5. Bunbury/St Oswald's Federation</b></p> <p>EJ thanked the School/IEB for the open meeting. EJ advised that a Y4 parent had a number of concerns, which she had tried to address. IEB advised that they had invited the Y4 parent to meet.</p>	-
<p><b>6. Walking the Dog to School</b></p> <p>The previous arrangements of parents being unable to walk their dogs to school has been revoked. However parents are reminded that all dogs should be kept on a lead and under control. Dogs are still not permitted on School property for Health &amp; Safety reasons. Please be mindful of others, especially those who may be afraid of dogs!</p>	-
<p><b>7. School pick-up - No Mr Bibby!</b></p> <p>A number of Parents have expressed concern that there is no longer an adult representative present at the bottom of the drive to stop children running out into the road. <i>FT also expressed her concern and has approached Councillor Jones for support and/or suggestions e.g. the possibility of a crossing. Councillor Jones will be visiting the site over the coming weeks to assess the problem.</i></p>	FT
<p><b>8. School Bus Comms</b></p> <p>Parents are concerned with the lack of communication from the school or the bus company when there are delays with the bus service. <i>FT advised that the School have no responsibility for the bus company and suggests the Parent Council write directly to them. FT to give contact details.</i></p>	EJ/FT
<p><b>9. School Drop-off</b></p> <p>It has been noted that children arriving on the buses are left on the driveway with no adult supervision. <i>FT to ensure all children arriving on the bus prior to the gates being opened will be brought into school via the main entrance.</i></p>	FT

<p><b>10. Drinking Fountain</b></p> <p>Some Parents have commented that there isn't a supply of cups available at the water fountains. <i>FT explained that for hygiene reasons all children should be using their own water bottles.</i></p>	-
<p><b>11. Panto</b></p> <p>Parents are concerned that their children are extremely hungry following the Panto trip because they only receive a biscuit and a drink at the interval. Can parents provide a more substantial snack for the children to take with them? <i>FT agreed that a more substantial snack should be consider. PTA to look at costs.</i></p>	AB/RKS
<p><b>12/13. Test Results &amp; SATS</b></p> <p>Parents are requesting access to tests results and information on SAT testing. <i>FT advised that no official testing is taking place and any other benchmarking results would be discussed at parents evenings. There is no current information available on SATS Testing.</i></p>	-
<p><b>14. Outside Play area</b></p> <p>Parents would like to know how the outside play area will be used during the winter months. <i>FT advised that playtimes are currently staggered to ensure enough space available for children to play.</i></p>	-
<p><b>15. IEB Update</b></p> <p>Y5 Parents have written to the IEB requesting information on who will be teaching Y6 next year. Parents are concerned that teacher changes always hit Y5/Y6 pupils at a time when stability is paramount. <i>SL advised that they are aware of the concerns and considering all the options and will notify parents as soon as a decision has been made.</i></p>	IEB

<p><b>16. Head Update</b></p> <p><i>FT would like to thank parents, Council Members and the IEB for their continued support.</i></p>	-
<p><b>17. Successes</b></p> <p>Red, Amber, Green systems is working well throughout the school.</p> <p>Pen Licences in Y4 have been a great success.</p> <p>Parents are grateful for the support for Brass.</p> <p>Parents would like to thank the school for recognising the extra help required with spellings in Y4.</p>	
<p><b>18. AOB</b></p> <p><b>a. Rules on Snacks</b> - It has been noted that not all parents are supplying their children with 'fruit only' snacks. <i>FT advised that she can only advise parents on what would be suitable. It was also mentioned that the canteen only provide toast. FT to speak to Canteen regarding a healthy alternative.</i></p> <p><b>b. Football at Break</b> - Is it correct that Children are not currently permitted to play football at break-time. <i>FT advised that due to the lack of space and health &amp; Safety concerns, children are not able to play football. However, there are plans underway for the school to build an 'all weather surfaced' area for the children to play football on.</i></p> <p><b>c. Coats</b> - Can Teachers please encourage the children to wear their coats when outside. <i>FT believed this was already happening but is happy to reaffirm.</i></p> <p><b>d. Mathletics</b> - How do the Certificates work? <i>Only one certificate can be earned per week. To earn a bronze certificate the child must obtain 1000 points. When the child has earned 5 bronze certificates, they are awarded a Silver. When the child has 4 silver certificates, they are awarded a Gold.</i></p>	<p>FT</p> <p>-</p> <p>FT</p> <p>-</p>

<p><b>e. Parents evening</b> - Some parents expressed concern about parents evening been dis-organised and times not been kept due to sessions over-running or parents being late. <i>FT explained that they are looking at improving the process and welcomed suggestions. Some suggestion included: increasing time allowed where necessary; giving parents more information up-front, so discussions are about the child and not the process.</i></p> <p><b>f. Lost property</b> - Is it possible to re-instate the lost property bin as parents are finding it impossible to locate lost items. <i>FT suggested that a rota be drawn up of parent council members to take charge of the lost property bin at the end of each week. EJ to arrange.</i></p>	<p>FT</p> <p>EJ</p>
<p><b>18. Next Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 2nd February 2016 - 3.15pm</p>	