

Parent Council Meeting Minutes – 18th May 2023

BUNBURY ALDERSEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Name	Tick if present
Mrs Badger	✓
Mrs Waring	✓
Julia Arkell (Y4) Chair	✓
Emma Knight (Y6) Secretary	✓
Kathleen Carline (Y5)	✓
Laura Smith (Y1)	✓
Kati Rocket Earl (Y3)	✓
Julie Sweet (Y6)	✓
Angela Gordon (Y1)	✓

Minute Taker: K Waring	
<p>Apologies: Melissa Dawson, Nicola Tomlinson, Natalie Connelly, Alex Davies</p>	
<p>Agenda: 1. Parent Council Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Head Update 3. Maintenance 4. Parking 5. After School Clubs 6. Residential Trip 7. School Fest 8. Internet Safety Meeting 9. AmaSing Concert 10. Uniform 11. Homework 12. Positives 	
Discussion	Action
<p>1. Still need a representative for Reception class. No feedback received from pleas on Newsletter. KC to pitch from September as she will be a new reception parent - perhaps attend New Parents evening in June & Meet the Teacher in September</p>	<p>KC</p>
<p>2. We are rattling quickly towards the end of the school year. Focus this term is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) as an over-arching theme. Began this with Science week. Learning has been enjoyed by all and curriculum is fully embedded. Our (SDP) School Development Plan has focused on basic skills - phonics, times tables etc, Science/IT and R.E. We are due a SIAMs inspection next year. I.T has developed this year with new laptops and ipads. Staff have completed training on coding and there is good quality work taking place. Children are good with ipads/apps but not so much with laptops and keyboard skills. Laptop skills are to be focused on particularly in older year groups with transition to secondary</p>	

<p>in mind. Over the coming weeks we will be monitoring and looking at the new SDP for next year from any priorities that emerge.</p>	
<p>3. KS2 toilets, broken and sticking locks. NB – order has been approved for new locks on doors and further maintenance to be completed during the half term as the water supply needs to be turned to complete this and cannot be done whilst children are in school. It is a requirement that all schools have running water at all times.</p>	<p>RH</p>
<p>4. Y4 – progress with parking/parent group? NB only 1 parent has come forward to date and a further parent emailed today. More parents need to come forward. JA to help with this. Y5 – would like another staff member at the end of the drive. NB would like to know the reasons why and thought process behind this? This is not possible due to staff handing over classes, manning school bus, preparing for clubs etc. Y2 – request for visit from PCSO. NB emailed the request today – PCSO has agreed to come at the end of the day.</p>	<p>JA NB re PCSO</p>
<p>5. Y4 – have mixed feedback with new termly booking of clubs. Some prefer but some not as it's a bigger commitment. NB clubs will remain termly due to admin/work load efficiency, having to chase payments etc. Y4 – is there a way to make signing up fairer? NB we can move the opening time on school spider to later 8pm, 9pm etc JA - some clubs get oversubscribed, waiting lists. KW - Many of those on waiting lists are offered a place a we can ask clubs to expand numbers etc.</p>	<p>JA to enquire if a different opening time would suit</p>
<p>6. Y4/Y5 – Huge thanks for the residential trip – happy children. Request for more communication/photos as parents felt a little lost. NB – we do try to when possible update social media with photos. Tricky to do when activities are on, not all children have photo permission and lack of internet, working from 3G etc. NB also prioritises staff being with children rather than being on social media all day. Y5 - Please don't tell sleeping arrangements before trip. NB we will never please everyone with this, what works for one won't work for another. KC – said it was handled well, she preferred knowing ahead of the trip whereas others felt differently. NB - we always inform of dorms ahead of all residentials, if children move rooms we need to inform the site due to fire regulations etc</p>	
<p>7. Y5 – is there an overnight stay for School Fest? Is it the whole week? Cost indication? NB - School Fest is on the dairy dates section of the newsletter and will run a full week as before, there will be 1 overnight stay for each KS2 class as before. Cost will need to increase slightly as the cost of food and the activities booked have also increased. Will add some info the Newsletter this week and a letter will be coming out shortly.</p>	<p>NB add info the Newsletter</p>
<p>8. Y4/Y6 - praise for the Internet Safety meeting. Y4 request for another outside of work hours? NB The police officers working pattern is 9-5pm but I will request this. AG – advice on how to manage issues with children being unpleasant in school and online, what can we do as parents? NB things often happen outside school and then filter back to school and we try to pick up the pieces if we are aware. Parents can monitor/check phone/only allow use when present and not to be used when alone in bedrooms etc. We have spoken to children re media footprint, reinforced respectful use of social media. Today we had an assembly on being safe, kind and respectful. AG – thank you, the PHSE is great in school.</p>	
<p>9. Y3 – AmaSing concert this year? NB the Story House are not running it this year.</p>	

<p>10. Y3 – can children wear polo shirts in summer? NB there are no plans to change the uniform. During high temperatures a message will be sent to say ties can be removed. Cotton shirts are often cooler than polos are.</p>	
<p>11. Can weekly spellings have a date rather than week 1/2/3? NB yes, I will speak with class teachers.</p>	<p>NB</p>
<p>12. Y2 – praise for swimming, Y6 enjoyed lifesaving skills. Y1/Y2/Y6 – caring, supportive, dedicated nature of staff AG – level of care and support is wonderful. Y1 – Strike days have been well handled by the school, full curriculum taught in class through the year - girls loving it. Y1 – praise for Mr Friel sports enjoyed throughout the year. Y1/Y6 – chicks are a good distraction at stressful time. Y1 – lots of facebook coverage, thanks. Y6 – praise for Miss Hickson and Mrs Walker for support during SATs. JS – thanks for breakfasts, encouragement, prioritising well-being</p>	
<p>A/O/B Y5 – when will we hear re new school hours? NB - on Friday 26th May. We will analyse the data which then needs to be agreed by the board of directors. Will parents be informed of September school days to help with buying uniform? NB - we will follow the usual format of 2 PE days/forest school for some years/uniform the remainder. Timetable will go out ahead of September.</p>	<p>NB</p>
<p>Date of next meeting: TBC. JC - requested the next meet is with questions over email rather than online as they are low on numbers. NB agreed this would be fine</p>	