

'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'

## Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary School

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Dear Parents / carers

So, we have come to my last letter of this academic year. Despite trying our very best for normality, it certainly has been another year to remember! I thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding as we have navigated through the past few months. However, I want to reflect on all the fantastic things we achieved as a school community and will achieve again as we move forward to a new academic year. Our fantastic children who have shown strength and resilience, our determination and teamwork to enable us to remain open even with a skeleton staff at times, our work in the community, the attitudes and ethos of our children and our 3rd fantastic School Fest project are all things we need to celebrate from the past 12 months in school. As always it would be impossible to write about each and every one of the exciting learning opportunities and experiences that have kept us busy over the year! Needless to say, our twitter feed @BunburyACE and Facebook page are a great way to look back and recall all of those magic moments that show our 'Love for Learning' and opportunities to 'Let their Light Shine' to the full.

I am incredibly proud to be Principal here at Bunbury and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff, pupils, parents, local governors, directors and members of the local community for making this school a special place to work in. The dedication of the staff is outstanding and I am always amazed at the lengths that they all go to, ensuring that learning is as it should be – inspiring, motivating, engaging and above all fun! Just a quick glance back at the year on twitter and Facebook gives me enormous pride and shows the wealth and depth of experience and opportunity on offer. This could not happen without such a dedicated team all making outcomes for children the best that they can be. Together, you all certainly make it the best job in the world!

Today we said goodbye to our year 6 leavers. Over the past few weeks we have celebrated and marked the end of their primary education with our traditional water fight. We have participated in the Diocese Year 6 Leavers Service at the Cathedral with a lunch at Zizzis. We have celebrated their fantastic SATs results after a disrupted journey through KS2. On Monday evening, we watched with pride their performance of Midsummer Nights Dream and presented them with the traditional trophies and certificates. Today, we have also celebrated in Church during a special service where we shared in some final memories of their time at Bunbury Aldersey Primary School. Along with our year 6 leavers we are also saying goodbye today to a number of pupils who are moving onto new houses, areas and schools: Koshae, Asher, Tom, Milana, Tristan, Alex, Emre and Izzy you will all be very much missed.

We also say a very sad goodbye to Mrs Gabriel who will be leaving us after nearly 6 years at Bunbury and Miss Helsby who will be returning to study for her Masters degree in Speech therapy. I know these staff and children will be missed greatly but they all take with them their special memories of their time at our school. They will always be part of the Bunbury school family and we look forward to hearing about how they progress in new pathways and careers.

As we come to the end of the summer term, there are a number of parent volunteers, who I would like to thank, who give up their time to support the school voluntarily through the year. I would like to say thanks to our team of parent council representatives who meet with me regularly to discuss and improve the provision at Bunbury. Also to our very active and enthusiastic PTA, led very ably by Mr Neave, who through the year have through 'out of the box' thinking raised an amazing £10,600. As a school, this enables us to provide those extra facilities and provision for all our children. We look forward to hearing about more fantastic fundraising events in the new school year.

A huge thank you to you as parents too. Your partnership is really appreciated and helps us to develop and improve in many areas. As we come towards the end of another year, I wanted to thank you all for your kind,



caring and understanding support of school. Also for the many gifts which have been left for myself and the staff in the school office.

And lastly, to our fabulous children. They never fail to amaze me with their happy, inquisitive and positive attitudes towards school. Together you all help to make this the best job in the world.

As we look forward to September, I wanted to reiterate some reminders for the new school year.

### **When will my child return to school?**

All children will return to school in the autumn term. Term will begin on **Tuesday 5th September**. All children will return to school on this day and attendance at school is mandatory.

**Please remember that our new start time will come into effect on this day. Gates will open at 8.30am with all children in school and registered by 8.45am. The school day will end for all at 3.15pm.**

### **What will my children wear?**

All children need to return to school in their full school uniform from September. If children wish to come back in summer uniform this is permissible until October half term. On the days that your child has PE, we are asking that they continue to come to school in the morning in their full PE kit. They do not have to bring their school uniform with them as they will remain in their PE kits all day. Black jogging bottoms may be more advisable particularly as the weather changes further into the term as PE lessons will take place outdoors and the black PE hoody may also be worn on these days only.

Please see below the planned days on which your child will be taking part in activities such as PE or Forest school and so therefore uniform will not be required on these days. Children can continue to attend school in PE kit on PE days, old clothes are required for Forest school and a letter will be sent out in the new academic year with further details.

	PE	Forest school
<b>Monday</b>	Year 3, Year 4	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 5	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 2, Year 5, Year 6, Reception and Year 1	
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 1, Year 4, Year 3, Year 6, Year 2	Year 2, Reception
<b>Friday</b>		

### **Bunbury Badgers**

Bunbury Badgers will continue to operate in the autumn term in the mobile classroom. We will open for before and after school care from 7.45am and after school till 6pm.

### **What arrangements are in place for the start and end of the school day?**

Gates will be open from **8.30 – 8.45am**. We ask that children are not brought to the site any earlier as there will be no supervision from any staff member. Any children who are dropped off before this time will be taken to Bunbury Badgers and an invoice will be sent home for any acquired hours of care.

When dropping off we are asking parents to continue to do this promptly as the children will continue to go straight into the classroom and not play on the playground before school. We have found that this has been a much calmer start to the school day and therefore beneficial to focusing the children ready for their learning.

As I have said in many of my communications over the past few years – our school is reliant upon children being in the building, making relationships and working together. Our Bunbury school family has grown from strength to strength during this time and I will continue to ensure that all our children are enabled to '*live life in all its fullness*' *John 10:10* through the work we carry out in school during the next academic year.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer break with your family and friends and we look forward to seeing everyone back safely in school on **Tuesday 5th September**.

Best wishes



Nic Badger  
School Principal & Executive Headteacher for RCSAT