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Diary Dates

- 14 Jun - School Council Jumble Sale**
- 19 Jun - Y6 Conway residential (for THS pupils only)**
- 28 Jun - Colour Run**
- 03 Jul - Y4/Y5 Residential**
- 04 Jul - Scholastic book fair arrives**
- 08 Jul - School Fest Week**
- 15 Jul - Y6 Leavers' evening**
- 16 Jul - STAR Day (2pm-5pm)**
- 19 Jul - Leavers' service, 11am St.Boniface**
- 19 Jul - Final day of term**

Dear Parents and carers

Another week of summer term has passed us by and as always it has been a busy one at Bunbury.

This weeks news:



This week I have had the pleasure of accompanying our year 6 children who are moving to Tarporley High School in September on their transition residential to Anglesey. They have been an absolute delight to be with and I have been so proud of how each and every one of them have faced new challenges.



A huge well done also to our year 6 children who stayed in school as we know how unsettling this time of year can be especially when half your class are off on a residential.

On Tuesday we welcomed our new September reception children into school for their first transition morning. It was lovely to see our new starters and we are very much looking forward to them becoming part of our family in September.

Repeated reminders:

STAR day

For all new parents to our school STAR Day (Success, Targets And Reflection) is a day to celebrate and reflect on the academic year with your child/children. Star Day is scheduled for Tuesday 16th July, 2pm-5pm.

At 2pm you are invited into school to celebrate your child's achievements, share books and learning. The aim of the afternoon is to enable parents and carers to discuss their child's achievements, evaluate progress and discuss next steps in learning with your child so that we are all working together to ensure the best outcomes. You can come in at any time between 2-5 pm to do this and appointments are not necessary.

We will ask you to complete a short form with your child as you discuss their work which identifies what your child has been successful at as well as targets you can create together. The aim is to work in partnership with you and co-create effective and achievable targets for your child and also to reflect on the progress they have made this year. We hope that the afternoon will be an enjoyable and supportive experience for all involved.



20 MPH

Time to have your say on whether Bunbury should have a 20 mph speed limit on all the residential roads within the village. If you feel it would make life in Bunbury, quieter, safer and cleaner it is important you register your views by completing the questionnaire. You can do this by completing the paper copy delivered to every house and returning it to one of the collection boxes at the Co-op, The Nags Head, or Tilly's.

Extra questionnaires are also available at the same locations on the side of each box. Every member of the household (at parents discretion) can complete a form. You can also fill in the online version at https://bunburyvillage.info/ays_survey-id3

Have your say now and help to influence the life we live in Bunbury.

**Mobile phones and internet devices**

I am aware that a number of our children own devices or mobile phones and as a school we repeatedly deal with incidents which have occurred due to irresponsible use at an evening or weekend. Whilst I cannot dictate at what age children receive such pieces of technology I would like to politely ask that any devices used by children have the highest level of filtering and security, are not used in bedrooms, bathrooms or personal spaces away from adults and are checked regularly for anything which may be or contain inappropriate content. As a school we have taken a number of proactive measures to ensure that we educate the children as well procedures such as a mobile phone agreement for any pupils who may be bringing these items to school.

As a school we take internet safety extremely seriously and want to support and help educate parents with such a fast moving industry.

The following website provides useful parent guides to a variety of APPs/ Programmes and websites. <https://nationalcollege.com/guides>

It is always much appreciated when parents and carers support us with such important messages as this and recently I have been contacted by a growing number of parents who wish to take a stand on the use and ownership of mobile phones at a young age.

We are parents with children at Bunbury school and we have joined the Smartphone Free Childhood movement.

<http://www.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

This movement aims to encourage parents to talk about smartphones, social media and their impact on our children's lives. And to empower us to change the norm, so that parents don't feel like they need to provide their children with smartphones, just because everyone else does.



If this is of interest, we would love to hear from you - please get in touch - sfcbunbury@gmail.com.

School Communication and payments

From September 2024, we will be changing the way we send communications and moving to online bookings for School Meals and Wraparound care.

We will be sending communications to you via the School Spider App and email. We encourage you to download the School Spider Parent App for instant notifications, please see the guidance attached.

We will continue to use SchoolMoney for online payments and will be moving to online bookings for Dinners and Wraparound Care. These will have to be paid for at the time of booking or you will need sufficient credit in top up for childcare vouchers if this is your method of payment.

This will allow sufficient time to bring your accounts up to date or build a credit balance before we begin the new system in September. We will issue further details before the end of July.

Attendance

Attendance at school is important both academically and for social/emotional reasons. The Government have launched a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance. The campaign aims to primarily reach those parents and carers whose children are taking preventable odd days of absence – or “avoidable absence” – rather than children who face greater barriers to attendance, such as those with long term medical needs or special educational needs and disabilities. The NHS and the Chief Medical Officer say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Whilst we understand that pupils will be absent from time to time due to illness; absence from school for other reasons should only be for exceptional circumstances. I have received an increase in the number of holiday absence requests for holidays. As a school we look at each request for leave from school on a case by case basis and absences in term time will only be permitted under exceptional circumstances. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, holidays taken in term time will be unauthorised and maybe subject to a fine.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent weeks	Equivalent lessons missed
95%	9	18	1.4	45
90%	19	38	3.4	95
85%	29	58	5.4	145
80%	36	72	7.1	180
75%	48	96	9.3	240

Attendance at school enables us all to build a strong team and to strengthen our learning powers. Our overall attendance for whole school is currently **96.66%** which is **1.86%** above the national figure currently at **94.8%** and above other North West schools.

Having good attendance also means being on time and not being late to school. Children who arrive late can feel embarrassed, left out and miss out on important introductions to lessons.

Punctuality is an essential life skill that needs to be taught from the very beginning.

From next week we will also be focusing on persistent lateness to school and reminder letters will be sent to parents where there is persistent lateness.

The school day begins at **8.45am** with gates opening at **8.30am** and closing promptly at the start of the school day.

Today I have met with our attendance officer looking at all pupils who have under 90% attendance and in particular any children or families who have a repeated pattern off illness. This could be taking the same day off regularly or all children within a family having illness on the same day especially if these days link to a school holiday.

May 2024 Household Support Fund update

On 6 March 2024 the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, presented his Spring Budget to Parliament. The Chancellor confirmed that the Household Support Fund (HSF) would be extended for a further six months from 1 April 2024 to 30 September 2024. Since this announcement Cheshire East have been working at pace to develop a new support package, ensuring that it goes to those most in need of financial support.

On 29 April the Children and Families Committee endorsed the new HSF support package. Schools can now access, through a referral process and a new HSF Decision Panel, a range of support for financially vulnerable adults, children and their families living in Cheshire East. Referrals can be made for

- Food and Energy support, based on household composition
- Financial support for wider essentials, up to the cost of £500.00

- Financial assistance for exceptional costs, over £500.00

Further details can be found on the following link Household Support Fund (cheshireeast.gov.uk)
Please speak to Mrs Badger or the school office in confidence if you would like a referral to be made.

Pre - loved Uniform

We are currently looking for someone to store and collect our pre-loved uniform as our current parent who organises this is wishing to step down from her role. If anyone is interested in taking on the storage and organising of this it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the school office if you are able to help in anyway.

Bunbury Badgers Wraparound Care

We would like to inform you of a price increase for our wraparound care fees from September 2024. The price increase will be applied to after school care only and does not include breakfast club. The breakfast club fee will remain at £5.00.

The new fees for after school will be:

1st hour - £6.00 (until 4.15pm)

Full session - £12.00 (until 6.00pm)

Mrs Badger's Weekly Awards

We have now been awarding children with different Christian values for a while based on the half termly focus value. We will still be working on a half termly value within school and this term we will be focusing on : **Respect. Now that the children have a deeper understanding of our Christian Values we will be asking them to help choose a child from their class each week. This could be in recognition for any value we have been working on in school**

Christian Value

YR - Eli for showing compassion to a friend when they fell over

Y1 - Holly for persevering with Maths this week

Y2 - Ralph for showing courage with new learning and performing a poem

Y3 - Ollie for his patience, dignity and kindness in all things

Y4 - Mia for always being kind and respectful to everyone!

Y5 - James for being a superb and helpful member of gardening club



Star of the Week

YR - Lucy for using full stops in her writing

Y1 - Grayson and Arabella for showing creative thinking when making a coat

Y2 - Rafferty for working exceptionally hard and being respectful in worship

Y3 - Alexis for her writing in her diary entry of a journey down the River Nile and including effective examples of personification and adverbs of time

Y4 - Sienna for her excellent efforts building circuits in Science

Y5 - Ella W for always being kind and respectful member of the Y5 team and producing some excellent writing



Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday. Please remember gates will shut promptly at 8.45am

Nic Badger

Summer water safety

Accidents are mostly preventable with the correct knowledge and judgment and here are our tips to staying safe in the water during the summer:

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...

- **Enter slowly and carefully**
Think carefully about your ability to splash or swim in cold outdoor water. 49% of those who lost their life were classified as swimmers*. Are you really a good swimmer?
- **Stay within reach**
Don't go too far and stay within a standing depth.
- **Always be supervised**
Over 70% of fatal accidents occur in the absence of professional supervision. Seek life guarded areas and always make sure some one is available to raise the alarm.

Summer is an amazing time to enjoy our beautiful waterways but we must be mindful that warmer weather is directly linked to an increase in fatal drowning incidents.

Rivers and Lakes/Lochs pose the greatest statistical risk as there are often hazards that the average person is equipped to handle and there is a lack of professional supervision.

In an emergency...

- **Call 999**
Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.
- **If you're in trouble FLOAT and call for help**
Fall in or become tired – stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



STOP AND THINK



STAY TOGETHER



CALL 999



FLOAT

www.discoversocialskills.com

Discover
Social Skills

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I am writing to inform you about a social skills support programme available for pupils at Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary School from September 2024.

About the Discover Social Skills approach

The programme teaches specific skills to help pupils manage social situations appropriately such as:

- *Respecting others personal space*
- *Starting and maintaining conversations*
- *Staying on-topic during conversations*
- *Dealing with making mistakes*
- *Coping with losing and disappointment*
- *Taking turns*
- *Recognising and expressing feelings*

Plus many more skills and specialist self-esteem support if needed.

Lessons are guided by an initial assessment and parent consultation to target specific skill areas where support is most needed. Strategy advice is provided for parents and teachers to successfully embed skills at home and in school. Lessons are provided on a 1:1 or small group basis and are parent funded.

About the Coach – Adam Kirkpatrick

- MA Sociology
- BA (Hons) Coaching and Sport Development
- Over 10 years' experience of supporting pupils with social communication challenges
- UEFA qualified coach
- DBS checked




Contact

If you would like more information or would like to book a place please contact Adam Kirkpatrick at discoversocialskills@yahoo.com. Alternatively please see the website for more details and testimonials www.discoversocialskills.com.

Complete online in your own time


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on average 17% of the students in your class are likely to be neurodivergent




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Nantwich Police Fishing Competition

WHEN - Wednesday 21st August 2024 / 10:00 - 15:00
WHERE - Bay Malton Border Fisheries, Waybutt Lane, Crewe, CW2 5QA
WHO - Anyone aged 9 - 16 COST - Completely FREE

ADDITIONAL INFO
 Prizes to be won No prior experience needed
 Limited equipment provided for those who require it
 Please email for an application Nantwich.Police.Events@cheshire.police.uk



