

26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Mrs Badger

As agreed, our class representatives have collected feedback and questions and we have collated in this letter, in place of our half termly meeting for Spring 2.

**Praise:**

**Neurodiversity assembly** - praise for the neurodiversity assembly and how children were able to discuss their own neurodiversity. One parent whose daughter spoke said doing this helped her to feel proud of who she is.

Could a similar assembly for children with other medical conditions and disabilities/medical issues to the next one?

**Other** There was consistent praise for World Book Day and the choice of dressing up in pyjamas

Thank you for the pta disco; both parents and teacher volunteers and particularly to DJ Snelson for her DJ skills!

**Staff praise** It has been lovely to see the level of praise from the parents for the staff of Bunbury school.

In particular, Mrs Dale has received many comments of praise for her caring nature and how it is never too much trouble to thoroughly update parents on the progress and well-being of their children. She is very caring and much appreciated by the parents, as are all of your wonderful staff.

Both Mrs Dale and Mrs Snelson were praised by Year 4 parents for really caring about all aspects of children's social and educational development, building confidence, making lessons and learning fun and exciting and always go above and beyond.

Miss Hickson has been praised by Year 6 parents for raising the confidence of the children in her class and for giving her time to put on the extra Maths sessions.

Year 1 parents have also praised the teaching and support from Mrs Cork is wonderful and the fact the children always go in with a smile is most important; she and the TA's are the result of this.

Also, Reception parents would like to give their thanks and praise to the wonderful team of teachers who care for their children.

Year 5 parents and children have expressed sadness that Mrs Curwen is leaving. Many messages of thanks and praise her support have been received - the children will miss her

Year 5 also praised the recent mythology and other enjoyable experiences such as the Chester football visits.

Thank you for all your positive feedback it is very much appreciated. It is always fed back to the staff team.

**Further feedback via each class:**

**School lunches – raised by Year 4 & 6**

Parents have reported a concern over the portion sizes and quality of the school lunches; both of which seem to have decreased.

I have been on duty in the hall a number of times during the past term and have not noticed a decrease in portion sizes or quality of food but I will continue to monitor. Catering is provided in school by an outside provider and so I will enquire as to whether there has been any change made recently. I know there has been a drive to reduce waste as often pupils are not eating all of their dinner and daily there is a large amount of waste food.

**Reception and Year 1:** (please find all feedback above under staff praise)

**Year 2:** will there be a school trip anytime during the remainder of this school year? Children have enjoyed the theatre trip and the on-site experiences.

NB to feed this back to class teacher as she plans her teaching and learning around the summer term theme. NB will also share with Mrs Colbourne-Payne who will be taking on Year 2 in the summer term in Mrs McShane's absence.

**Year 3:** parents have fed back that the children, although very busy, are very much enjoying their year, particularly because of the zoo trip, the swimming and the after-school clubs.

**Year 4:** Praise for staff as above in addition to Mrs Badger and Mrs Waring being so prompt with their responses to parental queries and concerns/requests.

**Year 4:**

- i) Brass Lessons - feedback that lessons are sometimes a little upsetting for children who are publicly told they have not rehearsed enough outside of school. Would it be possible for 1-2 additional slots at school for the children to practice? It was also asked whether it could be optional that children take home their instruments as opposed to compulsory? And whether they have to go to Bridgewater hall or could this be optional?

We pride ourselves at Bunbury in providing a broad and balanced curriculum and whilst we appreciate that music may not be every child's favourite lesson – this in turn can be said for all the different areas of learning. The school pay £1600 out of the school budget for this provision which I feel is a fantastic and valuable experience for all children to participate in. Just as we do in other subject areas we encourage a partnership between home and school for the rehearsal and practice of things such as spellings, times tables and in year the practicing of the brass instrument. No trip in school is compulsory and we cannot insist a child attends any school trip which takes place – however all trips are planned and organised to ensure the children receive valuable, enjoyable and memorable experiences linked to their curriculum learning. The Bridgewater Hall trip provides the children with the chance to play alongside the Halle orchestra within the Bridgewater Hall.

- ii) Some parents are feeling it financially at the moment as there are quite a lot of school trip, the residential, extra donations etc being asked for. It is recognised that school budgets are stretched etc but maybe it could be looked at what is classed as essential, this isn't solely a point for year 4 as some parents have children in other years too which is then making it feel even more of a financial strain.

We appreciate that there is financial strain at present and we try hard to ensure the trips we plan will benefit the children and the experience they have at Bunbury school. Trip are

planned to a minimum and no trip is now planned simply just for an outing – they all relate to curriculum areas being taught within the class. Should any parents need any support financially we are able to offer payment plans.

**Year 5:**

Parents have requested for more consistency around when spellings and my maths is set in the week – could these be specifically set for a certain time every week?

Many of the parents are pleased with the optional extra sheets for maths, SPAG and reading, thank you.

Information regarding the setting of homework will be added to the half termly homework letter which will be sent out the first week back in April. Whilst I appreciate it is a lengthy letter, please can we encourage all parents to read the letter thoroughly as it contains very useful information about homework at Bunbury and will answer most questions which are often emailed into school

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We look forward to your feedback regarding this letter in due course and at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Thank you very much for your continued support. Have a wonderful Easter break.

Yours sincerely

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