

Bunbury Aldersey CofE Primary School Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 13 November

Present: Nicola Badger, Kate Waring, Laura Smith, Jen Duckett, Julie Sweet, Emma Knight, Jennifer Yates, Julia Dancy, Madeline Jones, Kathleen Carline, Lisa Williams, **Simone Anderson?**

1. Apologies: Caroline Nutall, Bettony Burrows, Helen Bennett,
2. Reps for each year group.
No response to call out for Yr6 rep on Facebook
Try call out for Yr4
3. Minutes from the last meeting: accepted.
4. Head update:
 - Maths focus currently. Introducing the Singapore Style of Maths. It supports fluency, reasoning, problem solving. Teachers started to receive training mid-October. School has been trialing the technique recently as this different approach has a high success rate. The introduction is being monitored weekly and there will be further staff training later in the year.
 - EYFS outdoor area. £30k funding has been achieved. A £10k lottery application is being made. Aim to start building at Easter. More comments on FB would be appreciated (to support lottery aims). These are difficult to track if the FB page is shared, so please return comments / request comments are made on the original FB page. A display will be created for in school for comments too.
5. Outstanding actions:
Response to blazer letter.
The current shop owner wants to put the uniform prices up from 1 December. School has sourced a new supplier 'Badged' based in Sandbach. They will:
 - have online ordering.
 - do free delivery to school for orders over £5.
 - showcase / sell uniform at parents evenings / school events.
 - do private appointments out of hours during back to school period.
 - have a uniform bus that comes to Bunbury to enable parents to buy uniform.
 - purchase the remaining uniform from the current supplier
 - Improve stock levelsMore competitive uniform pricing list shared with Parent Council.
In light of this Governors have decided to keep the blazer and jumper compulsory (from January).
6. Mrs Badger hasn't yet had chance to chase blogs, but will.
7. Parent Council Constitution change proposed the removal of the AGM.
This will be carried unless an objection is raised.

8. Reception queries

- Impressed by Mrs Hunt and Armitage at parents eve - work together really well as a team and were really well prepared.
- Children are very motivated and seem to have learnt a lot, enjoying learning
- Children loved the dragon day and are looking forward to Christmas nativity.
- Initial confusion over reading books, but a letter was sent out clearing this up!
- Issues with interactions with older children
Play area is split KS1 / KS2 apart from 'free flow Friday'. Reception children are checked and those having trouble can be monitored.
- Mathletics - Bit of guidance about what to do please
Mathletics will be added to the FAQs.

9. Homework books - teacher comment would be appreciated

- Tick and signature from teacher is supposed to be all that is done.
- Trying to free up teacher time for other school work.
- Homework books are to encourage basic skills to be gone over.
- Onus is on the parent / child
- They are monitored but not fully marked.

There is no take away homework this busy half term.

10. We Will Remember

- lovely project and real lasting impact for children
- Great Remembrance assembly - It was incredibly moving and it was clear that a lot of work had gone into it.

Service will be repeated at 2pm on 30 November.

11. Sports for Champions day, but no Children in Need

- School are focusing charities that relate to staff and children and are trying to be selective.
- Sports for Champions - school does get 60% of the monies raised. The remaining 40% supports training and sporting facilities. The day raises sporting aspirations for pupils.

12. Young Voices

- Not doing it this year.
- Participating in AmaSing instead. Limited number of KS2 pupils will be invited to participate at Storyhouse.

13. Single use plastics on trips

Agreement to stop requesting this.

14. MacMillan Coffee morning

- Lovely event
- some children not allowed out of class - because hot drinks
 - i. This shouldn't have been the case
- Confusion about £1 payment when to pay
 - i. £1 to participate in cake competition (on delivery) then donation for cake buying (didn't matter at which point).

15. After-school clubs (Y3)

- Could clubs start first week back - rather than second week?
 - i. Safeguarding issues have been caused when not all slips returned / not all children picked up. A weeks grace seems to cause less confusion.
 - ii. Bunbury Badgers will be warned about the potential large numbers they will need to accommodate on the first week of half term.
- much more structured and organised.
- Maths club for year six good idea but clashes with netball which most girls do!
 - i. School will check for flexibility around netball
 - ii. Clubs run by volunteers so subject to their availability (staff meeting Monday, twilight training on Wednesdays) as well as school hall availability (hall needs to be reserved for sports clubs in poor weather).
 - iii. School is looking for an alternative to Musical Theatre Club (not enough numbers to make it viable on a Friday).

16. Concerns about the safety of the school driveway and the pavement on the side of school lane.

- Two Y5 pupils have become Road Safety Officers.
- A line can be painted at the bottom of the school driveway to act as a stopping point
- Request in newsletter to share parking information with other carers who collect children eg grandparents
- Suggestion of kids with speed cameras

17. Sporting competitions at Tarporley - short notice is given for the sporting events

- Now Mr Dooley is in post most sporting events can be attended, but not all children will be selected. So dates can be shared on this proviso.
- Quality of sports provision has improved since Mr Dooley has been in post. Lots of sports techniques being taught.

18. AOB

Spelling test for Y5 had little notice

- If there was a major test parents would be informed. School don't want to create a testing culture.

19. Next meeting

Tuesday 22 January