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DIARY DATES

- 29 Nov - Y4 Chester Zoo Trip**
- 29 Nov - Y5 Chester Zoo Trip**
- 01 Dec - Sponsored Reindeer Run**
- 03 Dec - Messy Xmas (whole school)**
- 07 Dec - Y6 Safety Central Trip**
- 07 Dec - Rec & KS1 Nativity for Reception parents, 1.30pm**
- 08 Dec - Rec & KS1 Nativity for Year 1 parents, 1.30pm**
- 09 Dec - Rec & KS1 Nativity for Year 2 parents, 1.30pm**
- 09 Dec - Xmas Panto Showing more info to follow**
- 10 Dec - Christmas jumper day**
- 10 Dec - Christmas lunch**
- 15 Dec - KS2 Carol concert at St. Boniface Church, 6pm**
- 17 Dec - Christmas parties**
- 17 Jan - Y5 Bikeability**
- 18 Jan - Y5 Bikeability**

Please view our school calendar on our website for up to date information: www.bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk/events



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our week in school has continued to be a busy one. After the excitement of TT Rockstars day last Friday this week we have turned our thoughts to others.

This week we have been supporting the anti bullying week. Anti-Bullying Week 2021 is happening from Monday 15th – Friday 19th November and has the theme 'One Kind Word'. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at the National Children's Bureau.

In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying. Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So, from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity. It starts with one kind word. It starts today and we need your help to make it happen!

On Wednesday 17th November Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary supported Anti-bullying week with an odd sock day. Odd Socks Day is an opportunity to have fun, be yourself and spread awareness of the core values Anti-Bullying Week promotes. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their uniqueness. There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All they had to do to take part was wear odd socks to school if they wished to. During the week we shared the following video with the children as well as talking about bullying and that small acts can lead to a ripple effect of kindness across our school.

<https://youtu.be/lpZ3u5Z6pOg>





Today we also supported Children In Need with a Pyjama day as voted for by the school council. Our school council work behind the scenes with Mrs Smith to ensure that the voice of the children is heard inschool. At the start of the year each child across the school can nominate themselves to be a class rep for the year. Nominations are then voted on in each classroom and 2 representatives are selected from the children's votes. The children nominated then meet regularly with Mrs Smith to make

decisions about events, topics which are important to them and items in school. Next week our school council have organised a Parliament week.

It was fantastic to see all the children once again dressed up and enjoying the day whilst raising money for a very worthwhile cause. In total we raised over £ 100 and thank you all for your very kind and generous donations.



Each week we work with the children of Bunbury through our worships on some of the most topical and recent issues which may be affecting the world in which they live. This week the focus has been on the following question: Do we need to experience danger to learn how to be safe?

A German professor believes that secure playgrounds prevent young people from finding out important dangers during their early years. Rolf Schwarz, from Karlsruhe College of Schooling in Germany, argued that 'we want to permit youngsters to return into touch with threat'. Built in 2018, the very high climbing tower, with many risky obstacles in Berlin-Frohnau's Ludwig Lesser Park is an example of a trend that has become popular in Germany over the last five years.

We all have the right to rest, relax, play and take part in cultural and creative activities. Playgrounds give us a great opportunity to play and be creative!



It has been fantastic over the past few weeks to see sport and competition begin again within our Sandstone cluster at Tarporley High School. Seeing the children experience different sports and compete alongside peers from different schools is something that we have all missed over the past few years. At Bunbury, we are blessed to have so many sporting opportunities for our little ones from our reception class right through to Year 6. Under the instruction of our sports partnership, we participate in various sporting competitions

throughout the academic year from dodgeball to gymnastics to name but a few. Since covid we have not been able to take as many children as we would wish to events and as you will be aware parent

spectating has also been paused. However, we always take considerable time when making team selections to ensure that firstly, those who may wish to take part maybe offered the chance and secondly, to ensure that children are chosen in order to develop their skills, abilities and self-confidence. It is though not always possible each time to take all children who volunteer particularly with the current limited numbers. Our teams and squad selections are done on a rotational basis with a core of children chosen who excel in a particular sport in order to hone their abilities within a competitive environment alongside those children who show enthusiasm and want to have a go at taking part in a collaborative team sport. Some may believe that we should be going into a competition to win with the strongest team. However we all know that part of becoming a good well rounded sports person is learning that you may not win each time and to work as a team. Both myself and Mr Friel agree that our team selection will never become elitist as this does not sit with our school vision of 'Let your light shine.' We will always ensure that there is an equal mix of those who excel and those who show enthusiasm and a desire to try something new within a competitive environment.



Outside the world may remain strange and uncertain but behind our school walls wonderful things are continuing to take place...

Heathy Schools

As you will be aware we are a healthy eating schools and always think carefully about the foods we promote with our children either through our school lunches, schools snacks or cooking sessions within the classroom. We have noticed recently that there are a number of children who are bringing in unhealthy snacks at break time. We ask that snacks such as crisps, cake, chocolate bars are kept to a minimum as snack and that a more healthy alternative is sent in with the children.

School equipment

Now that we are all collecting children once again from the back of school on the main playground area we have noticed an increased number of younger children and siblings using the equipment at the end of the day. **We politely ask that children do not use the play equipment during these times as they are not adequately supervised and accidents may occur.** Please can we ask that children are collected and that the playground is vacated promptly with all children remaining with their parents/ carers.

Covid

We continue to ask that if any child is displaying symptoms of Covid 19 that a PCR test is taken asap.

There are 2 main COVID-19 tests:

- PCR tests – mainly for people with symptoms, they're sent to a lab to be checked and you get the result within a day or two**

- **rapid lateral flow tests – only for people who do not have symptoms, they give a result in 30 minutes using a device similar to a pregnancy test**

Whilst we understand that it is often easier to complete a LFT test if you or a member of your household is symptomatic, it is important that a more sensitive PCR test is taken, as this provides a more reliable indicator of any COVID infection.

The LFT test identifies infection for a short window of peak infectiousness, whereas the PCR test can identify COVID infection at a lower threshold.

Guidance for households with confirmed or possible Covid 19 infections

In the event of a positive case, close contacts (including household members) are no longer required to isolate if:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

However due to a rise in cases within Cheshire East we are asking that any child or lives in a household with a positive case remains at home for 5 days and only returns on the receipt of a negative PCR test after the 5 days.

Close contacts will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

If there is a substantial increase in the number of positive cases in school or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise us to temporarily reintroduce additional measures. These may include reverting to bubbles, the wearing of face masks or increased testing. Whilst we are very much looking forward to a more 'normal' school year, we are also mindful that Covid 19 remains a serious health issue.

We would therefore urge you to remain vigilant of the symptoms and to not send your child into school if they are displaying any such symptoms. As a school, we will always be guided by national and local guidance and will advise you of any changes that result from any advice as soon as possible.

With young children we are aware that other symptoms such as hayfever type symptoms, sickness, stomach pains, sore throat, headache can be the first indication of COVID.

As part of our Covid response we will be continuing to inform you if there has been a child within a class who is being tested for **Covid 19** via text. All we ask is that you are more vigilant in watching for any symptoms in your child/children. Once we have received the results of the test we will only send out further communication should the test be positive.

Mrs Badger's Weekly Awards

This term we will be focusing on the value of compassion. Each week we will be rewarding those children who have demonstrated this value during the school week.

Compassion Award

- YR - Lucy for showing compassion when another child lost their toy
- Y1 - Elliott for showing kindness to his friend during Nativity
- Y2 - Daisy for always showing compassion and kindness to her friends
- Y3 - Ella W for always showing compassion and kindness to her friends and Mrs Smith
- Y4 - All of Year 4 for being compassionate to Miss Snelson when she had to teach from home this week
- Y5 - Megan for showing kindness to both adults and children
- Y6 - Nathan for showing compassion and kindness towards his class mates



Star of the week

- YR - Eleanor for making a beautiful lamp out of playdough
- Y1 - JP for wonderful singing during Nativity practice
- Y2 - for his fantastic attitude to learning, especially his perseverance
- Y3 - Cassian for his fantastic imaginative writing
- Y4 - Harriet for her excellent reading and moving up a bookband! Well done!
- Y5 - Marni for using relative clauses in her writing
- Y6 - Zac for his fantastic reading! Well done!



PE Award goes to Ben in Year 5 for showing empathy towards another pupil during PE

Mathletics Awards

- YR Bronze** Lily C, Lily D & Elsie
- Y2 Bronze** Theo, Tobias, Frankie & Ruby
- Y3 Bronze** William Buck
- Y4 Bronze** Freddie, Alex & Grace
- Y5 Bronze** Holly, Sky & Emily H
- Silver** Holly
- Y6 Bronze** Holly, Natalie & Jack

Times Tables Awards**Y2** (x2 x5 x10 with inverse) Frankie, Ruby, Chloe & Freya**Bronze** x10 Alice**Gold** x5 Mia**Silver** x5 Archie, Daisy, Marcie, Sienna & Molly**Gold** x2 Primrose, Isla, Tobias, Theo & Henry**Gold** x 10 Henry**Y4 Gold** Freddie**Champion** Hugo**Champion** (99 questions in 4 mins) - Isabelle & Ted**Champion** (60 question 13x table) - George & Zachary**Champion** (80 questions 13x table) - Alex**Champion** (99 questions 13x table) - Corey**Y5 Gold** Lollie, Theo, Esme & Bertie**Champion** (x13) Finley**Champion** (x14) Evelyn**Champion** (x15) Sky**Champion** (x20) William & Emily H

Keep smiling, stay strong and keep safe Bunbury.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday morning.

N M Badger

CHESTER FC MINI KICKERS

Fun football coaching for children aged 3-7

When? Saturdays, 9.30am (Reception) & 10.30am (Year 1 & 2)

Where? Goals Soccer Centre, Talbot Way, Chester CH1 4LT

Who? Boys and girls in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

How much? £4 per session - advance booking essential

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DICK WHITTINGTON

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