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## DIARY DATES

- 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
- 15 Feb - Sports for Champions

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

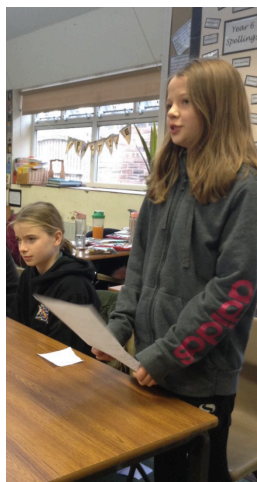
It would be very easy this week to fill our newsletter with Covid related news after the events of the past 7 days! However, I know that despite our recent outbreak we have continued to enthuse, inspire and create fantastic learning opportunities behind our closed doors.



This week we have explored Parliament week within school. UK Parliament Week is a week-long national programme that aims to get the public to engage with the country's democratic systems and institutions.

As part of UK Parliament Week, people are encouraged to organise events and activities in collaboration with other members of their community. These activities are often themed around the topic of democracy and how people can be empowered by democratic systems.

Around the school our children have enjoyed and participated in debate and discussion.



Year 6 are taking part in the national UK Parliament Week!

Next week we have a busy week in school as we begin our Christmas festivities. On **Wednesday 1st** we will be having our Sponsored Reindeer run. After the success of the event last year, we will be hosting our sponsored Reindeer Run once again this year around our all weather running path.

This year antlers are not provided, however, children are able to come in Christmas Fancy Dress for the day or Christmas attire: jumpers, sweatshirts, accessories etc but please make sure their outfits are suitable for running in.





All children will take part in the day and sponsorship forms to raise funds for our school outdoor learning area have already been emailed to all parents. Please only donate what you are able to either by sponsoring your child a number of laps or a lump sum donation. Any contributions are always very gratefully received. Should you require another sponsor form please don't hesitate to ask.

This is an outdoor event and children will be running in their class groups. Unfortunately, due to our recent rise in cases we are unable to have parents on site at the same time. Father Christmas will still be visiting and we still plan to have some very special surprise visitors during the day.

On **Friday 3rd December** we also have our Messy Christmas day. During the day the children will explore the Christmas story in their RE lessons through craft, art and technology based activities.

We look forward to being able to share with you some of the photos from both of these days.

### **Homework**

I can only apologise that some homework sheets and activities have only just reached you at the end of this week. I have responded to the parent council and stressed that with covid, Christmas and the lateness of the homework information that there is no expectation for take away homework to be completed this half term.

Moving forward, take away homework will be issued at the start of each **term** and will link to the learning for that term. Children will then choose **one activity for each half term** to complete at home and then share with the class. Dates and activities moving forward will be shared by all class teachers within the first week of each half term.

### **Sport**

It has been fantastic over the past few weeks to see sport and competition begin again within our Sandstone cluster at 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.

**Talent wins games,  
but teamwork and  
intelligence win  
championships.**

***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 and that a more healthy alternative is sent in with the children.

### **School Play 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 - Raphaella for showing compassion by always helping her peers
- Y1 - Bertie for showing kindness and compassion in our classroom
- Y2 - Theo for showing compassion by noticing when others need help
- Y3 - Ingo for always showing kindness and compassion in our classroom
- Y4 - Tenzing for being compassionate to his peers in the classroom
- Y5 - Amelia for always being kind and considerate to others
- Y6 - Alyssa for always making an effort to be kind to everyone when they are upset



### **Star of the week**

- YR - Elsie for her amazing list of animals she has seen in our story
- Y1 - Edie for fantastic independent Maths this week
- Y2 - Archie for great coding in computer lessons
- Y3 - Tristan & Heidi for excellent team work and skills in Hockey
- Y4 - Elise for her excellent effort with her work this week while she's been at home





Y5 - Harriet for involving herself in more class discussions

Y6 - Holly for her incredible debating skills when doing work on Parliament Week



**PE Award** goes to Edie in Year 1 for always trying her best!

### Mathletics Awards

**YR Bronze** Elsie, Lily C, Aelwen, Rafferty, William & Rose

**Silver** Elsie

**Y1 Bronze** Asher, Edie & Ruby

**Y2 Bronze** Theo, Charlie, Tom & Tobias

**Y4 Bronze** Isabelle, Elise, Ted, Freddie, Alex & Seb

**Y5 Bronze** Emily H & Sky

**Y6 Bronze** Oscar

### Times Tables Awards

**Y2 Gold** x2 x5 x10 with inverse Freya, Frankie, Ruby and Chloe

**Bronze** x2 x5 x10 Primrose, Isla, Theo, Charlie & Tobias

**Gold** x5 Archie, Sienna, Daisy, Ben & Marcie

**Silver** x5 Noah

**Silver** x10 Alice & Ted

**Bronze** x2 Floence

**Y4 Champion** (99 questions in 3 mins) Sam

**Champion** (99 questions in 4 mins) Henry, Hugo

**Champion** (60 question 13x table) Zachery

**Champion** (99 questions 13x table) Alex

**Y5 Gold** Elsie

**Champion** (x14) Finley

**Champion** (x15) Eua & Emily H

**Champion** (x16) Evelyn

**Champion** (x20) Belle & Esme

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*

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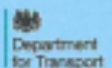


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