

Parent Council Meeting Minutes – 6th October 2021

BUNBURY ALDERSEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Name	Tick if present
Mrs Badger	✓
Charlotte Hickson	✓
Mrs Waring	✓
Kathleen Carline	✓
Laura Thomas	✓
Emma Knight	✓
Julie Sweet	✓
Nicola Tomlinson	✓
Julia Arkell	✓

Minute Taker: K Waring	
<p>Apologies: None</p> <p>Agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parent Council Members 2. Head Update 3. School Trips 4. Swimming Lessons 5. Whole Class Punishment 6. School Clubs 7. Play Area 8. Holiday Club 9. Homework 10. Tests 11. SIMs 12. Traffic Light/Peg System 13. Covid PCR Tests 14. Positive Feedback 15. AOB 16. Next Meeting 	
Discussion	Action
<p>1. Welcome to new reps and thank you to previous reps for your time on parent council. Still have vacancies, 2 reps needed in Year 2 and 1 in Reception. JD shared a letter to call out for reps for these vacancies</p>	<p>NB/KW</p>
<p>2. On the return to school more cases of Covid in the last 5 weeks than the whole of last year. Continuing to do as much as we can whilst keeping safe with an emphasis on getting back to normal – looking to bring worship back in the hall once a week. Keep an eye on case rates, keeping ventilated through school, hoodies can be worn OVER uniform. Developing RE teaching, focusing on Christianity and other world religions as part of the syllabus. Curriculum re-launch, was developed during lock-down by all Principals across the Trust. Can be found on class pages. Year group booklets have been produced and subject booklets are under construction. Mental Health/well-being training during Inset Day for all staff in the Trust, all to complete Youth Mental Health first-aid training to recognise first stage symptoms/signs. Trust is committed to providing not</p>	

only academic but mental health support.	
3. Covid has got in the way over last 18 months regarding trips. Y6 have informed parents of a trip today but we remain mindful of covid and risk assessments now to include covid risk e.g For the Y6 trip, they are the only school on site that day, no mixing with other schools etc	
4. Swimming Catch-up programme is scheduled for Spring. Y6 will be prioritised working downwards in year groups. Lessons will consist of a more intensive 3-week course, which will impact less on learning.	
5. Although there have been times when class have been kept in. NB investigated and happy that the right outcome was taken. Misinterpretation over missed PE lesson, only missing the end of PE when too wet and cold to continue, not due to behaviour and PE lesson began later on one occasion when staff needed to deal with an incident at lunch	
6. Clubs are dependent on staff, always grateful to any staff member who voluntarily gives up their own time. External clubs, some are proving reluctant due to Covid. Looking to reinstate Netball Club next term. Clubs are still a work in progress as we come out of Covid	NB/KW
7. During bubbles, each year had their own place to play. Zones still remain but are different to before. Rec & Y1 play in the MUGA, Y2 have half of the yard. Football zone at rear of field and other areas are for general use which is half of the field and yard	Staff to reiterate different play zones
8. Provided by external company, Hall Star, will seek possibility of extending hours and ask about being registered with ofsted to enable vouchers	NB
9. Homework is always a controversial issue, hard to please all, always an area for debate. Take-away homework due in on 20 th . Feedback for homework books to given in form of stickers, teacher comments and through parents evening. Sharing of takeaway between classes is to be reinstated whereby children move from class to class to view all homework created. We are planning to raise the profile of online Math based homework - Athletics certificates to be given out in celebration worship once again following half term. Spellings, required to learn high-frequency words, to be broken down into sets, 8 words per sets to ease confusion.	CH to raise profile for online Math based homework
10. Google classroom introduced in response to pandemic/remote learning and we are reluctant to add test results, can lead to comparison and ranking in class. Results and achievements shared through parents evening when terminology can be understood by parents rather marks which can be misunderstood/misleading. Would rather teachers spend time planning and not uploading results. Google classroom is good prep for KS2 when moving onto high school as majority of homework completed at High School is VLE (virtually) based.	
11. Aware that some parents are experiencing issues with SIMs Parent. Reported to ICT support who could not resolve and now passed to SIMs developers, Capita. We hope they will have this rectified soon and we can advise those who reported issues.	
12. There are 4 clear school rules and there are consequences if children do not make the right choice. Peg system works well and forms part of behaviour policy. Try to give balance, making right choices receives rewards with sticker charts, house points, Christian Value/Star of the Week etc. NB asked for parent to contact directly to speak further	LS to feedback to parent
13. No requirements to inform of PCR tests taken. Schools no longer act as track and trace. Cheshire West do not send notifications at all, even for	

<p>positive cases. We opted (out of consideration) to inform parents of a PCR taken within classes to so parents are informed and can remain vigilant to symptoms. Numbers are rising, Bunbury is low but to advise of negatives results would impact on workload</p>	
<p>14. All positive feedback is gratefully received</p>	
<p>A.O.B - None</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting: TBC</p>	