

Parent Council Meeting Minutes – 3rd March 2022

BUNBURY ALDERSEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Name	Tick if present
Mrs Badger	✓
Mrs Waring	✓
Kathleen Carline	✓
Laura Thomas	✓
Emma Knight	✓
Jen Duckett	✓
Laura Smith	✓
Julia Arkell	✓
Melissa Dawson	✓
Kati Rocket Earl	✓

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. Takeaway Homework 4. STEM Y3 5. Transition to High School Y6 6. Blazers Y4 7. Swimming Y6 & Y1 8. School Fest Y3 9. After school Clubs Rec, Y1 & Y5 10. Drama Provision Y5 11. 5-minute Run Y5 12. Hall Star Provision Y2 & Y3 13. Homework Y3 14. Ukraine Y3 15. School Trips Y3 16. Friendship Bubbles Y3 17. School Gates opening YR 18. Gate Padlock YR 19. AOB 20. Next Meeting 	
Discussion	Action
1. Welcome to new reps, still have 1 vacancy in Reception class	
2. Hoping to return back to normal this half term. The PTA hosted the book sale in school and we are having visitors return, tomorrow we are inviting a visitor as part of Judaism Day (World Faith day), enriching the curriculum further. Trips are also returning. Connected curriculum, we have STEM connections in everything we do and will promote science and engineering in girls and boys.	

<p>3. Swift response appreciated by parents/carers for Autumn B homework. Mrs Badger asked not to respond to emails in the evening and to relax. Clarification on takeaway homework – 1 item produced each half term, 6 pieces per school year.</p>	
<p>4. Y3 – is school getting the parent volunteer speakers needed? NB would welcome more, does not need to be a parent but can be someone from the community/local links – anyone who can ignite a spark with the children. It has gone out in The Link & a request now to go in The Bunbury Paper Y3 – Plans for Science week in April? NB, we will hold our science week a different week to tie in with STEM theme after Easter for the summer term.</p>	NB
<p>5. Support for transition – NB this will be offered by means of Conway (which for now has been confirmed to go ahead), visits from current pupils of Tarporley High School (Mrs Badgers children to deliver), THS also hold an evening for parents. Other schools (Bishop Heber) do not offer the same package but this due to us not being a feeder to the school, we have requested more in terms of transition but this was deemed unnecessary (by the school) as they fill their numbers and do not need the additional pupils from other schools. KC suggested BH pupils could visit school to aid transition, to answer questions etc. just as NB's children visit school from THS, former pupils of Bunbury who attend BH could visit also – NB welcomed this idea. NB also advised that all parent questions could be compiled and forward to her as some she can answer and others may need to be answered by the high school which she would happily forward.</p>	NB & KC
<p>6. Y4, not all children seem to have blazers? NB said we will be stricter moving forwards, especially after Easter when the PE hoody can only be worn on PE days and not uniform as it can be currently. Those wearing the correct uniform to be praised, unfair to punish those not wearing this as it is not always the child at fault or responsibility. Returning to whole school assemblies will encourage correct uniform with uniform monitors.</p>	
<p>7. Y6, more info on facilities. NB – there will be a covered heated pool at the back of school. Children will change in the boys/girls toilets. Groups of 12 boy/girls swim in each lesson. Children can bring additional dressing gown/flip flops to wear to and from the pool - more info to be sent out. Y1, How to access lessons? NB Swimming is a statutory requirement forming part of the curriculum. All children must be able to swim 25meters upon leaving primary school, as Years 5 & 6 have missed this due to covid the priority is with them. Lessons will start with Year 6 moving lower through the school all KS2 children will receive lessons (Y3-6). We will be offering an after school class/club for Y1 & Y2 pupils, due to limited group sizes, priority will go to those who have not yet completed any swim lessons outside of school as we are aware of the high waiting lists to join lessons since covid</p>	NB/KW
<p>8. Y3, consultation on pricing? JA – some parents could afford to pay more and would not mind as the children really enjoyed the week, option for some to pay extra? NB - as school, we set the price to be fair and affordable for all. JA - suggested a charge and a voluntary additional donation. Residential visits will return next year and costs for these are higher than previously charged.</p>	NB
<p>9. Y1, more options possible (AmaSing)? External providers set the year groups they deliver to, quite often this is due to ability and also ratio. We</p>	KW

<p>are constantly looking at alternatives. This is the same for Reception Class also, more clubs become available as children move through school. Y5, AmaSing, the kids like Kelly – NB Kelly is back with us this half term. AmaSing have rotated staff. Martial Arts Club? NB We have not received any info from providers wanting to deliver this but we will be looking at alternatives after the Easter break</p>	
<p>10. Y5, is there any drama provision? NB Drama is used throughout the curriculum, particularly in English. We have had less opportunities to deliver assemblies to parents due to Covid, hopefully this will change and live performances will return. JA – suggested that Ange Gordon may be able to return to deliver drama in the September term</p>	<p>NB to make contact</p>
<p>11. Y5, 5 minute run reported that this is not always taking place – NB confirmed this should happen daily and will remind all teachers</p>	<p>NB</p>
<p>12. Y3&5, Hall Star Provision, still worth pursuing? NB to speak with Hall Star re summer holidays. Discussion if they could offer weeks during summer and Easter and not the half terms as these do not seem as popular. Further discussion re football camp in the village already released dates at Easter and Hall Star is competition, perhaps avoid their dates? Also, feedback from Reception is that they would like to be included and not including them probably impacted numbers especially with those with older siblings – are reception able to join over the summer as they are almost Year 1?</p>	<p>NB to make contact</p>
<p>13. Y3, confusion over spellings for those who find it challenging – NB The Year 3/4 statutory spelling list is what the DfE expects all pupils to be complete come the end of year 4. All children need access to this, it is only fair that all have the opportunity to learn them and know what the expectations are. NB to speak with class teacher to seek alternatives. KC spoke of different colour groups for spellings in Year 4, is this possible for Year 3? NB to explore this Y3, handing homework books in on Thursday? NB Homework books are to be handed in during the final week and Thursday would be fine to do this. Takeaway homework must be brought into school by the Wednesday as this is shared on this day with the school.</p>	<p>NB</p>
<p>14. Y3, handling of news from Ukraine, concerns re playground chat, bombs, missiles, war etc. NB - Bunbury buys into a resource package 'picture news' which covers topical news and how to approach with children e.g resources for assemblies etc. The DFE has also sent further information. Newsletter this week to include such information and Bunbury's plan to support Ukraine. KC also advised of further resources. JA asked for information on this to be shared with parents</p>	<p>NB</p>
<p>15. Y3, school trips, any planned for Year 3? NB – school trips are now being booked when relevant to the topic in class, all trips are now linked to learning. Trips are planned for Y6, Y1 with Y2 already been on a visit. Y4 and Y5 are having workshops to school. Y3 have received live workshops and will book trips in future.</p>	
<p>16. Y3, implementation of friendship bubbles. NB – The intervention placed in Year 3 is short-lived and is to broaden/open up children's views and will push them out of their comfort zone. As professionals, please trust that the strategies/interventions we have in place are to benefit the children and not as a punishment. When children enter Year 3, friendships can often require intervention but with the addition of covid</p>	

<p>bubbles/isolation, peer relations will have impacted as explained in the recent letter to Year 3. JA suggested that the letter could be annual, for each Year 3 group</p>	
<p>17. YR, what time do gates open? NB – the school gates open at 8.40am</p>	
<p>18. YR, side gate padlock code is known by many parents for Badgers club, safeguarding. NB – thank you for addressing, we will look to change the lock during the day so parents will only have access to school (via the side gate) during Badgers opening times.</p>	<p>NB</p>
<p>A/O/B MD raised that the letter notifying parents of World Faith day and the need for allergen/dietary requirement children to bring an alternative for the food tasting activity was received too late and she could not bake the special bread in time with her work commitments. NB – apologised and advised that we were also notified of this late and once we had the list of ingredients confirmed from the visitor we informed parents the very same day.</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting: 4pm, either 3rd or 4th May 2022 TBC</p>	