



'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'

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Dear Parent/Carer,

So, we have come to my last letter of this academic year. Despite the media and government perception that all was 'normal', it certainly has been another year to remember! It would be very easy to write about the high staff and pupil absence rates, which dominated our lives during the autumn and spring term and the continued presence of Covid. However, I want to reflect on all the fantastic things we achieved as a school community and will achieve again as we move forward to a new academic year. Our fantastic children who have shown strength and resilience, our determination and teamwork to enable us to remain open even with a skeleton staff at times, our work in the community, the attitudes and ethos of our children and our 2nd fantastic School Fest project are all things we need to celebrate from the past 12 months in school. As always, it would be impossible to write about each and every one of the exciting learning opportunities and experiences that have kept us busy over the year! Needless to say, our twitter feed @BunburyACE and Facebook page are a great way to look back and recall all of those magic moments that show our 'Love for Learning' and opportunities to 'Let their Light Shine' to the full.

I am incredibly proud to be Principal here at Bunbury and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff, pupils, parents, local governors, directors and members of the local community for making this school a special place to work in. The dedication of the staff is outstanding and I am always amazed at the lengths that they all go to, ensuring that learning is as it should be – inspiring, motivating, engaging and above all fun! Just a quick glance back at the year on twitter and Facebook gives me enormous pride and shows the wealth and depth of experience and opportunity on offer. This could not happen without such a dedicated team all making outcomes for children the best that they can be.

Today we said goodbye to our year 6 leavers. Over the past few weeks, we have celebrated and marked the end of their primary education with our traditional water fight. We have participated in the Diocese Year 6 Leavers Service at the Cathedral followed by a lunch at Pizza Express. We have celebrated their fantastic SATs results after 2 years of disruption. On Tuesday evening, we watched with pride, their performance of Macbeth and presented them with the traditional trophies and certificates. Today we have also celebrated in Church during a special service where we shared in some final memories of their time at Bunbury Aldersey Primary School. Along with our year 6 leavers, we are also saying goodbye today to a number of pupils who are moving onto new schools and areas: Hubert, Lily and Elliott you will all be very much missed. We also say a very sad goodbye to Miss Porter who will be leaving us to take up her teacher training in the autumn term. I know these staff and children will be missed greatly but they all take with them their special memories of their time at our school. They will always be part of the Bunbury school family and we look forward to hearing about how they progress in their new schools and career.

As we come to the end of the summer term, there are a number of parent volunteers, who I would like to thank, who give up their time to support the school voluntarily through the year. I would like to say thanks to Mrs Duckett and her team of parent council representatives who meet with me regularly to discuss and improve the provision at Bunbury. Also to our very active and enthusiastic PTA, who throughout the year have shown 'out of the box' thinking and continued to raise money so that we can provide those extra facilities and provision for our children. This year in particular, I would like to say thanks to Mrs Cole (Chair) and the rest of her team who are all stepping down after a number of years as part of our PTA. We look forward to welcoming our new committee in the autumn term and being able to hold some more fantastic fundraising events in the new school year.



A huge thank you to you as parents too. Your partnership is really appreciated and helps us to develop and improve in many areas. As we come towards the end of another very different and challenging year, I wanted to thank you all for your kind, caring and understanding support of school. Also for the many gifts which have been left for myself and the staff in the school office.

Lastly, to our fabulous children. They never fail to amaze me with their happy, inquisitive and positive attitudes towards school.

Together you all help to make this the best job in the world.

As we look forward to September, I wanted to reiterate some reminders for the new school year.

When will my child return to school?

All children will return to school in the autumn term. Term will begin on Monday 5th September. All children will return to school on this day and attendance at school is mandatory.

What will my children wear?

All children need to return to school in their full school uniform from September. If children wish to come back in summer uniform this is permissible until October half term. On the days that your child has PE we are asking that they continue to come to school in the morning in their full PE kit. They do not have to bring their school uniform with them as they will remain in their PE kits all day. Black jogging bottoms may be more advisable particularly as the weather changes further into the term as PE lessons will take place outdoors and the black PE hoody may also be worn on these days only. PE days for each class will be communicated to parents via letter prior to the start of term.

Bunbury Badgers

Bunbury Badgers will continue to operate in the autumn term in the mobile classroom. We will open for before and after school care from 7.45am and after school till 6pm.

What arrangements are in place for the start and end of the school day?

Gates will be open from 8.40 – 8.55am. We ask that children are not brought to the site any earlier as there will be no supervision from any staff member. Any children who are dropped off before this time will be taken to Bunbury Badgers and an invoice will be sent home for any acquired hours of care.

When dropping off, we are asking parents to continue to do this promptly as the children will continue to go straight into the classroom and not play on the playground before school. We have found that this has been a much calmer start to the school day and therefore beneficial to focusing the children, ready for their learning.

As I have said in many of my communications over the past few years – our school is reliant upon children being in the building, making relationships and working together. Our Bunbury school family has grown from strength to strength during this time and I will continue to ensure that all our children are enabled to *'live life in all its fullness'* John 10:10, through the work we carry out in school during the next academic year.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer break with your family and friends and we look forward to seeing everyone back safely in school on Monday 5th September.

Best wishes



Nic Badger

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