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DIARY DATES

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

31 Mar - Y1 Beeston Castle trip

03-14 Apr - Easter holiday

19-21 Apr Y4 & Y5 Residential Trip

24 Apr - Science Week

24 Apr - Swimming pool onsite for lessons

27 Apr - Bag2School collection, 9am

01 May - bank holiday

02 May - Academy Photography, classes & Y6 leavers photos

04 May - PC Cornall Parent online safety coffee morning, 9am in school

05 May - Coronation Playground street party (red, white and blue theme)

08 May - bank holiday (Kings coronation)

12 May - Red Team Cake Sale

29-02 Jun - Half term holiday

05 Jun - INSET day

09 Jun - Y6 Child Safety Media Trip

13 Jun - YR,Y1,Y2 Musical Stories Concert

15 Jun - Y4 Bridgewater Hall Trip

17 Jun - Bunbury Village Day

22 Jun - Scholastic Book Fair arrives!

28 Jun - Sports Day

29 Jun - Reserve Sports Day

03 Jul - School Fest week

07 Jul - Blue Team Cake Sale

10 Jul - Y6 Leavers Service Trip

17 Jul - Y6 Leavers Evening, 6pm in school

19 Jul - Y6 Leavers Service, 11am **St.Boniface Church**

19 Jul - Last day of term





Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." John 11:25-26

Dear Parents and carers

We have come to the end of our Spring term in school and what a fantastic term it has been once again. The excitement and enthusiasm for learning never wanes and it has been fantastic to see the children across the school progressing with their learning journey. As always the wide and varied, broad and balanced curriculum that we offer at Bunbury would not take place without such a dedicated team of staff. I am as always humbled to work alongside such professionals who I am sure like me you are extremely thankful for.

Yesterday our children ended the term with an Easter worship at St Boniface church. Our Year 6 narrators told the Easter story through bible verse, poems and prayers whilst the rest of the school presented those key parts of the story. As always in their unique and inspirational way.









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Year 1 Beeston Castle Visit

Today Year 1 have visited Beeston Castle as part of their fabulous finish to their Castle topic. They have had a fantastic time, despite a short shower and all looked fantastic in their costumes. A huge thanks to Miss Cork and her team for leading the day with lots of medieval activities. The children have enjoyed mword skills, treasure hunts and castle part identification as well as a snack of medieval biscuits made by Miss Cork.



Thank you Miss Hewitt

Today we sad a huge thank you and goodbye to Miss Hewitt. Mrs Hewitt who joined the school in September has been appointed into her first teaching post starting after Easter. We wish Miss Hewitt the very best of Bunbury luck as she begins her teaching career.

PTA Thanks

We hope you are all enjoying your Mother's Day gifts and the flowers are blossoming. A big thanks to Zoe and Sarah from Bramble and Blooms for supporting us with these gifts.

150 Club - today during assembly, the 150 club was drawn for months on February and March. the lucky winners were:

Julia Dancy with number 52

Sarah Nash with number 132 - Congratulations, you have both won £40!!



Parent council

Our parent council are a group of parents who represent the parent body within their child's class and hold regular meeting with Mrs Badger. The meetings are held half termly after school for about 45 mins via zoom. During the meeting questions from the parent body can be raised to clear any confusions or add clarity to things taking place in school, it is also a fantastic opportunity to raise with school any positives which can often go unheard. We are currently looking for 2 representatives from our parent class to join our parent council team. Should you be interested in taking on this role please contact Mrs Badger on principalbunbury@rcsat.cheshire.sch.uk

Summer uniform

When we return after the Easter break the children if they wish to can wear summer uniform I have attached the link below to our uniform page on the school website so that you can see the summer uniform requirements.

http://www.bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk/page/uniform/2420

Online Safety Parent meeting 9am Thursday 4th May

I am aware that a number of our children have their own mobile phone and devices and I am conscious that nowadays most children have these at an earlier age than previously. However with the owning of such devices comes the responsibility of using it appropriately and with respect to others.

It is clearly not school's decision as to when a child is given a mobile phone nor our responsibility as to what APPs the children are using. I do draw your attention however to the APPS and their Age ratings graphic below.

Unfortunately, we do often see issues from irresponsible use of mobile phones coming back into school along with a lack of understanding and appreciation as to how to use a mobile phone responsibly. This lack of understanding can leave our children extremely vulnerable to their peers and online predators. Difficulties can take the form of comments made on social media

after school hours, inappropriate messaging, photos and sexting and can lead to much more distressing scenarios developing.

To support parents and help them navigate their way through this new online world our children are part of I have organised a parent session with PC Andrew Cornall on Thursday 4th May in the school hall. The meeting will start at 9am and last approx 90 mins. The presentation covers current risks from the online world, awareness of the functionality of the main apps young people are using and simple strategies parents and carers can utilise to reduce the risk of children coming to harm online.



A further letter will be sent out after the Easter holidays asking parents to confirm their attendance should they wish to take part in the meeting.

Parking

Parking continues to be a concern at the end of the day in particular. This is always exacerbated by any wet, cold and windy weather when more people arrive to collect by car. Please can I ask that we continue to be mindful or safe and considerate parking when dropping off and collecting children. I am mindful that this is not a problem just specific to our school and am always looking at solutions and ideas to help ease the situation. I am planning to start a working party so that school and parents can we collaboratively to find solutions to parking at these busy times. If anyone is interested in joining this please don't hesitate to contact me on: principalbunbury@rcsat.cheshire.sch.uk

We still have a number of people parking in our dedicated school bus parking space. Please can this be used by the bus only so that we can ensure the children can be dropped off and safely collected from school. I am also mindful that some children are collected by Grandparents so ask that this message is shared with all who collect children from school.

School Attendance

As a trust we set out attendance at an expected 95% for pupils and it is fantastic to see that we currently have 96% attendance as a school. However, there are a number of pupils whose attendance does fall below this expected standard and parents will be notified should this be the case.

We often experience an increased number of requests for holidays during term time, particularly during the summer months. Please note that unfortunately most of these will be classed as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances surrounding the absence. In this instance, we have a duty to report the absence to the local authority who may choose to issue a fixed penalty notice.

We understand that there will be times when absence is unavoidable and acceptable. Each absence is classed as authorised or unauthorised. Absences are coded as authorised where reasons are considered valid and unauthorised where no explanation or unacceptable reasons are given. Attendance is monitored every half term in school with specific scrutiny of number of days missed as well as patterns to absences - e.g every Monday/Friday or children within the same family being absent at the same time. Whilst we appreciate these circumstances could be entirely legitimate they are often flagged.

The following reasons are for example not acceptable:

- · shopping visits
- hair cuts

- care for family members
- days out
- holidays taken in term time (including long weekends taken on Fridays and / or Mondays)
- parental illness
- sleeping in / missing school transport
- birthdays or birthday treats

Every term I carry out a check of attendance across the school and should your child's absence fall below the expected 95% you may receive a letter outlining the expectations we have around attendance. Should this continue to show no improvement you will then be invited to an attendance meeting in school. We do appreciate that children get poorly and need to take time off school. However, I am sure you all support that term time absence has an undoubted negative impact on a child's learning and through the remaining part of the school year we would ask that any absences are kept to a minimum.

What the law says about school attendance: The law requires all children between the ages of 5 and 16 to be in full time education. Under Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 it is the duty of the parent/carer of a child of compulsory school age to ensure that they attend school regularly.

<u>Supervision Order Children's Act 1989:</u> The local authority can apply to the courts where attendance remains poor. A named education supervisor would be appointed to work with the family for up to 12 months to ensure the young person receives full time education.

<u>School Attendance Order Education Act 1996:</u> If this is issued; parents would be directed to register their child at a school named by the local authority. A warning letter can be issued when a pupil has had 10 or more unauthorised absences from school. The warning letter gives parents a period of 15 days of monitoring. If at the end of this period if there has not been an improvement or an improvement has been

made but not sustained, a Penalty Notice will be issued.

Families who take their children out of school for holiday within term time, or for other unauthorised absences exceeding 10 sessions (5 days). A Penalty Notice will be issued.

<u>Penalty Notice:</u> Each parent/carer would have to pay £60.00 per child. If this is not paid within 21 days, the payment increases to £120.00 per child per parent. Payments will not be accepted after 28 days. If parents do not pay, the Local Authority will prosecute in the Magistrates' Court. If convicted the parent will have a criminal record and may receive a fine of up to £1000. The department for Education have a range of information available regarding attendance.



Sporting News

Yesterday a team of children from Year 5 and Year 6 represented the school in a Hockey tournament at Deeside Ramblers Hockey club. A huge thank you to Mr Friel for supervising the team after school. I am delighted to report that the team were recognised for their fantastic behaviour and superb team spirit. Well done to our year 5 and 6 representatives!





PE Award

This weeks PE award goes to the Y5/Y6 Hockey team for excellent teamwork skills

Mrs Badger's Weekly Awards

We have now been awarding children with different Christian values for a while based on the half termly focus value. We will still be working on a half termly value within school and this term we will be focusing on: Justice. Now that the children have a deeper understanding of our Christian Values we will be asking them to help choose a child from their class each week. This could be in recognition for any value we have been working on in school

Christian Value award

- YR Alice H for always being thankful
- **Y1 -** Ralph for being a trustworthy and responsible in construction
- **Y2 -** JP for showing respect and using his manners
- Y3 Chloe for being a generous and supportive friend
- Y4 Jessica for always being respectful around school
- **Y5** Isabelle for being kind and caring to her friends
- **Y6** Finley for his compassion towards others

Headteacher Award

- YR All of reception for their fantastic behaviour and performance yesterday
- Y1 Ava for always having a positive attitude!
- Y2 All of Year 2 for their brilliant performance in the Easter Service
- Y3 All or readers in the Easter service who read their lines beautifully
- Y4 Ingo for his excellent work in Science this week!
- Y5 Zachery for all the effort he puts into his writing
- Y6 Khiari for his fantastic effort this week!

Mathletics Awards

- YR Bronze Arabella, Arlo & Lillian
- Y2 Bronze Bertie, JP, Aaron & Saskia
- Y3 Bronze Theo, Isla & Tom
- Y4 Bronze Seb
- Y5 Bronze Isabelle, Corey & Alex
 - Silver Corey
- Y6 Bronze Emily H & Esme

Times Tables

Y3 Bronze Mia

Silver Sienna

Gold Primrose & Isla

Champ Freya, Theo & Tobias



Y4 Bronze Cassian

Silver Anya & Oliver

Ella W Gold

Champ 99q with inverse 4 mins - Stanley

99q with inverse 3 mins - Issey

99q with inverse 3 mins - Edward

13x table 80q - Rory

13,14 x table with inverse 60q - Seb

15x table 99q - George

Y5 Bronze Grace

Gold Gemma & Archer

Champ 13x Jack, 14x Elise, 19x Freddie & 20x Emre

Y6 Champ Euan & Evelyn

Thank you as always for your support during the Spring term, it is as always very much appreciated. Have a fantastic Easter break with family and friends and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 17th April.

Nic Badger

BAG 2 SCHOOL

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In partnership with your school or organisation





Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality secondhand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay! Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Thursday 27th April 2023 by 9am



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We rely on people like you playing their part to give young people the opportunities they need.

But volunteering's not just about giving something back. It's also about doing something that's good for you.

Volunteering gives you career-boosting skills, improves your wellbeing, and helps you make connections with friends, family and your local community.

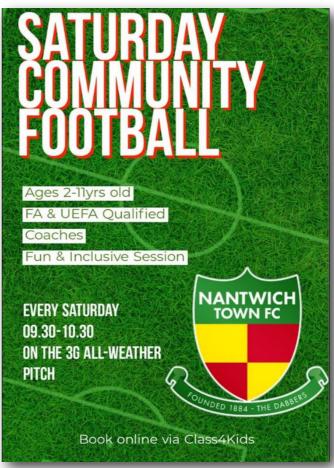
So what are you waiting for? Get in touch to find out about how volunteering can help you. scouts.org.uk/volunteer



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3-6 APRIL 11-14 APRIL 9am-12noon Ages 5-11yrs £18 per day





