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Dear Parent/Carer,

School Fest 2023

You will be pleased to hear that we will be holding 'School Fest' again this year for all pupils. This will involve a whole week of exciting outdoor challenges, incorporating physical games and expressive arts activities, to be held on school premises with some additional off-site challenges. School Fest will be held the week beginning **3rd July 2023**. Children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 will undertake several daytime activities over the week, and years 3-6 will enjoy multiple daytime challenges and one overnight camp per year group. Activities will have a strong emphasis on building skills, problem solving and encouraging collaboration but ultimately, will be an opportunity to create memorable learning experiences and to have fun with their friends.

School Fest is of huge benefit to our children's mental health, group activities will develop the children's self-belief, resilience, co-operation, problem solving skills and will improve well-being. As a staff we are aware that education is more than the acquisition of knowledge and by improving young people's skills, values, relationships, and personal development, we can significantly enhance learning and achievement.

Co-ordinating and organising the activities for School Fest have already begun, by popular demand the 7.5m Climbing wall, yoga, silent disco and AmaSing Drumming class are booked to return and you'll all be pleased to hear that Mr Friel will be holding his Nerf War sessions. Additionally, we have secured Big Bubble Man, who will be holding an educational science show and bubble workshops throughout the school. We will be learning new forest skills with the outdoor learning teachers from Petty Pool and a new caving company will be joining us this year, which also has an indoor ball pool. Key Stage 2 children will be heading to Winsford Flash again, to participate in water skills and kayaking, which was a huge success last year. A huge thank you to the PTA who have kindly funded School Fest 2023 t-shirts for staff and children, which brings a sense of togetherness for the whole school during our School Fest celebrations.

The scouts have again been extremely generous and have offered to loan their tents for the children's sleeping arrangements, children will be required to provide their own sleeping bag, pillow and sleep mat. Breakfast will be served in the prefab, and we will provide homemade pizzas, pasta and jacket potatoes for the children's evening meals. All food allergies and intolerances will all be catered for.

We have multiple committed staff who have volunteered to support the School Fest provision but as you can imagine, this event will require some significant organisation and planning, if you or someone you know would kindly donate some workshop time for a group of children or have any skills that you feel will benefit staff in the organisation of School Fest, such as assisting with the erecting of tents, please email the school office, admin@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk. We are particularly looking for anyone who has skills with art, drama, music, dance, storytelling as well as outdoor activities. All activities will be supported and accompanied by our teaching staff, at no point would you be left in charge of a group of children.

There will be a charge for this event, this will cover the cost of activities from outside providers, food, resources and hiring of equipment. The cost will be:

£25 per child for children in Reception and Year 1 and 2

£45 per child for children in Year 3,4,5 and 6



By charging for this event, we can afford to book the external companies who will bring valuable opportunities, equipment, and experiences for the children. However, with fundraising and/or sponsorship, we can offer additional activities and experiences such as drama or science workshops. If you or anyone you know could provide sponsorship for any of the School Fest activities, it would be greatly appreciated. Costs for activities range in price from £100 - £1000, so any amount would be gratefully received, either a general donation or sponsorship of a whole activity. Making a positive social impact is important to many businesses and this is a great opportunity to support our children's development and contribute to the community. Please contact the school office, admin@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk if you can support us.

Please consent and make payment via [SchoolMoney](#) by **Monday 19th June**. Payment can either be made in full or by instalments of your own choosing, simply over-ride the amount shown with the amount you wish to pay at that time. We request that payment is made in full by the above date. Should you require financial assistance with the cost of the event, please speak in confidence with your class teacher or Mrs Badger.

There will be further consent required closer to the time and this will be communicated in due course.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Emma Armitage

School Fest Coordinator/ Reception Class Teacher