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## Diary Dates

**29 Nov - Xmas Theatre Trip (whole school)**  
**01 Dec - Xmas Jumper Day**  
**08 Dec - Xmas Fair**  
**12 Dec - KS1 Nativity, 1.30pm at school (for parent/carers/young siblings)**  
**13 Dec - KS1 Nativity, 1.30pm at school (for parent/carers only)**  
**14 Dec - KS1 Nativity, 1.30pm at school (for parent/carers only)**  
**19 Dec - KS2 Carol Concert, 6pm at St. Boniface Church**  
**21 Dec - Xmas Parties, during school**  
**22 Dec - INSET Day**  
**25 Dec - 05 Jan - XMAS HOLIDAYS**  
**30 Jan - Y5 Bikeability**  
**31 Jan - Y5 Bikeability**

## **FRIENDS of BUNBURY ALDERSEY (formerly PTA)**

Event	Date
Cake Sale (BLUE TEAM)	27.10.23
Pumpkin Party Disco	08.11.23
Quiz Night at Dysart	29.11.23
X Mas Fair	08.12.23
Cake Sale (YELLOW TEAM)	20.12.23

Dear Parents and carers

Another week has passed in school and we have all settled into our new study themes linked to our texts. It is fantastic to see and hear our children being inspired to write by the different texts used around the classes.

This week we have supported the anti-bullying campaign for 2023 and this year the theme has been 'Make a Noise' about bullying.. Anti-Bullying Week 2023 is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and marked a lots of schools up and down the country.



Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. The theme of Make A Noise About Bullying came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as 'just banter'. So, let's Make a Noise about bullying and ensure that it doesn't have to be this way. Whether we are young or a little bit older ..... we can all try and behave in a way that is

respectful and kind to everyone.

Of course, we won't like everyone and we don't always agree, but we can choose respect and unity.

To start the week we wore Odd Socks to school. Adults and children in the school wore odd socks for the day to celebrate what makes us all unique. This has then been followed by





assemblies and activities in class during our PSHE time. Whilst it is an important week to promote we were keen to work with the children to ensure that the messages we worked on are carried on through every week in school.

Today we supported Children in Need by

wearing anything "Pudsey" to school. A huge thank you to all who made a donation a total of £150 was raised for this very worthy cause.



As you will have seen from my letter earlier this week we received our Gold Assessment for Rights Respecting Schools just before October half term. We were delighted to be assessed as attaining the Gold level and receive such a good report. Bunbury has been a UN Rights Respecting School for a number of years after achieving the bronze and silver awards in 2017 and 2018. Since then we have worked incredibly hard to ensure that the principles behind being a Rights Respecting school are embedded and run through the culture and work we do within school.

Being a Rights Respecting school has enabled our children to be able to articulate:

- That they know and understand the UN convention on the rights of the child and can describe how it impacts on their lives and on the lives of children everywhere
- That they are safe and protected and know what to do if they need support
- That as a school we prioritise their social and emotional wellbeing
- That they are included and valued as individuals
- That they are involved in making decision about their education
- That their views are taken seriously
- That they have taken action to uphold their rights and the rights of other locally and globally

It was clearly evident that children's rights are embedded across the school and underpin every facet of school life at Bunbury.

Of course, such an accreditation would not be possible without the whole staff team working together to ensure our approach is consistent, valued and upheld by all. As always I am extremely grateful and humbled by the work the staff do in supporting me with my vision as without them such awards would not be possible. I would also like to thank Miss Hickson for her work as Rights Respecting Work who has not only collated all our evidence and documentation but also encouraged the staff team to keep striving for that gold.

Thank you all also for your kind comments which have been sent to me via email, at the school gate or on our Facebook page. Your support as always is very much appreciated.





## Attendance

Attendance at school is important both academically and for social/emotional reasons. Whilst we understand that pupils will be absent from time to time due to illness; absence from school for other reasons should only be for exceptional circumstances. As a school we look at each request for leave from school on a case by case basis and absences in term time will only be permitted under exceptional circumstances. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, holidays taken in term time will be unauthorised and maybe subject to a fine.

Where attendance falls below 90% for any pupil, we will contact you to discuss this and put in any additional support if needed. From this week we will be working with an attendance family support worker, Elisha Wollaston, across the trust to support families where absence may be persistent or below our threshold. This is a supportive role and is focused on putting in support as and where needed.

Each academic year has 190 school days, this leaves 175 non-school days for family time, holidays, visits and non-urgent appointments. If a pupil is absent for just 1 day each term that equals 6 days or 39 hours a year of lost learning.

Attendance at school enables us all to build a strong team and to strengthen our learning powers. Our overall attendance for whole school is currently 96.66% which is 1.59% above the national figure and above other North West schools.

**EVERY**day  
counts  
attendance matters



### Safe, **KIND** and respectful

I was delighted this week to be given a beautiful Christmas wreath for our school front door. Charlie (year 3) and Alice (reception) made this fantastic wreath and very kindly gave it to school to display over the festive period. A huge thank you to both pupils for such a **KIND** gesture.



## Parking

Despite my previous letter about parking considerably, safely and legally around the school entrance and exit there continues to be some persistent unsafe examples.

**Please can I remind and ask parents, carers and grandparents to park safely, considerably and legally when picking up or dropping off at school. Double parking or parking opposite the school creates a real hazard to the safety of our children and we ask politely that this is not continued.**



As a school we promote kind, safe and respectful behaviour and we hope that this is reflected within our wider school community.

**Thank you for your ongoing support in making the journey to and from school as safe as it can be.**



### PE News

A huge well done to our Year 6 Hockey team yesterday who represented the school in a tournament at Deeside Ramblers. They played well as a team and were fantastic ambassadors for school sport at Bunbury. Well done year 6 for your achievements and great sportsmanship.

### Pastoral Support

Foodbank Help - <https://www.trusselltrust.org/>

If you need help from a foodbank please speak to me in confidence.

Next week I am at:

**Bunbury** - Monday , Thursday and Friday

**St Oswald's** - Tuesday and Wednesday mornings

**Warmingham** - Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons



Ms Katherine Charlesworth

## 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 : Compassion. 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

Reception - Isla for showing perseverance with their art work

Year 1 - Amelia for showing perseverance when creating a home for a hibernating animal on autumn day





Year 2 - Ivy for always showing compassion for her friends and teachers

Year 3 - Jessie for always showing kindness to others and being a good advocate for anti - bullying week

Year 4 - Alice for showing compassion to Miss Snelson this week

Year 5 - Ella W for being kind and showing compassion during PE

Year 6 - Jacob WM for being very generous with his knowledge

### Headteachers Award

Reception - for his hard work in phonics

Year 1 - Lewis for working hard on his writing and reading

Year 2 - Lili R for her brilliant descriptive writing this week

Year 3 - Aaron for his hard work, great attitude and perseverance

Year 4 - Tobias for his brilliant work learning about the digestive system

Year 5 - Ellie and Stanley for fantastic effort in Spellings with Mrs Curwen this week

Year 6 - Seb and Harriet for their fantastic effort and maths work this week



### Times table awards

#### Year 4

**Silver** - Florrie

**Champion** - Ruby and Ezra

**Champion** - all tables with inverse 99q 4 mins - Charlie, Freya and Theo

#### Year 6

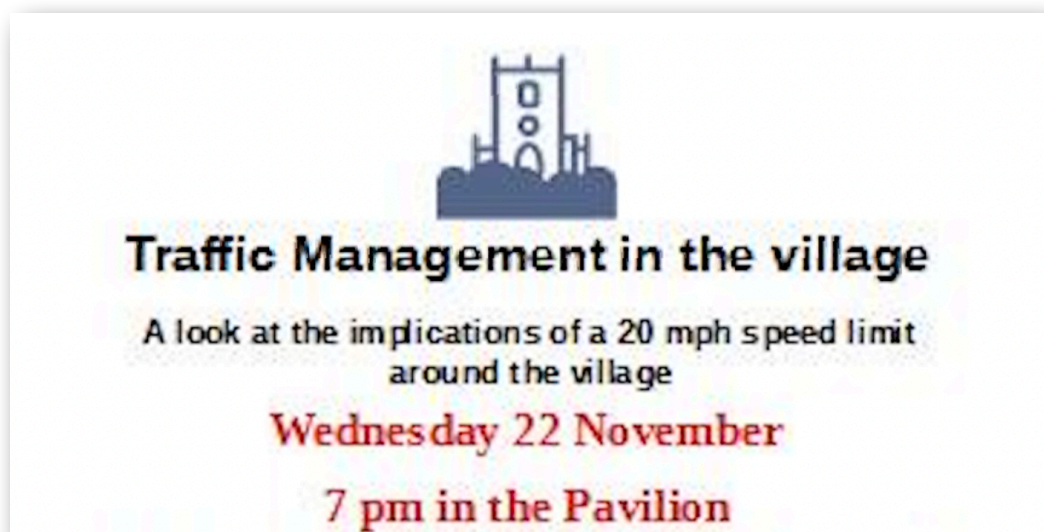
Champion - Henry and Isabelle

### PE award

Year 4 Hockey team

I wish you all a lovely restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday.

Nic Badger





## 25TH SOUTH-WEST CHESHIRE BUNBURY & DISTRICT

### **Can you help save Bunbury Scout Group?**

On Sunday 12 November the Remembrance Service took place at St Boniface Church. It is time for reflection and remembering the sacrifice that so many brave women and men have made for our freedom.

It has been custom for many years that the Uniformed Groups in our village march proudly with the British Legion to show their respect and dedication to the act of Remembrance. The groups also take part in clearing the War Graves in the cemetery and place poppies on each.

This year, very sadly, there was no representation from our own Scout Group, the 25th South-West Cheshire.

The sections of Bunbury Scout Group - Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, have been run each week by volunteer leaders, people who give up a couple of hours each week to deliver exciting and interesting activities to our children. These sessions are structured, engaging and good fun and allow the children to gain many life skills, enjoy teambuilding, exercise and engage with the natural world.

I have been part of Bunbury Scout Group for over 20 years. I have enjoyed many wonderful times with adults and children within our Group, as have many other parents who have volunteered over that time. As well as volunteers running the sessions, we also have dedicated people behind the scenes who work on Administrative and Financial aspects of running the Group.

In January this year, we began to realise that the need to find and recruit new Leaders moving into September was going to be a priority. We put out requests and advertised around the Village. No interest was forthcoming, and so sadly with the stepping down of a number of Leaders over the summer, we could not run Beavers, Cubs or Scouts in September.

This November has brought about, to my mind, what a loss to the Village and our Community not having a Scout Group is. It would be nice to think that if anyone might be interested in helping to run a Section, that the next Remembrance Sunday at St Boniface will see us once again able to play our part in acknowledging and never forgetting those who suffered and died for our country.

**Andrew Fairclough, Group Scout Leader, 25th South-West Cheshire**

To find out more or volunteer your services, contact me at 07976 363 056



## DT SOCCER CAMP – FESTIVE SPECIAL



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December (Years 2 - 7)



9.30am – 3.00pm



Bunbury playing fields/pavilion



£25 per day

Places are limited so if you would like to book then please get in touch at: [dtsoccercamp@gmail.com](mailto:dtsoccercamp@gmail.com)

