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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 |
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| 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

It has been another busy week in school and we are quickly approaching the festive season of activities in school. This week you will have received a letter outlining the key events and dates as we prepare to celebrate Christmas in school.

We very much look forward to seeing you at the listed events as we celebrate this very special time of year.

Next week we will be taking the whole school to see The Nutcracker at New Vic Theatre Stoke on Trent. This is always a fantastic experience - thoroughly enjoyed by staff and pupils alike. It is also a great opportunity for all ages to see some live theatre. This year the trip will take place during school hours and we look forward to being able to share our experiences with you on our return.



This week we have welcomed Sarah and Jimmy - Tennessee Waltz into school to work with our Year 6 children once again. Sarah and Jimmy will be working on composing our own Christmas song which the children

will be performing on a number of occasions during the festive period. A huge thank you once again to them for supporting the school with such a fantastic musical opportunity for the children to be part of.



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.

Safe, Kind and respectful

I am aware that most of our children have access to the internet and many of our year 6 children do have mobile phones. With the use and ownership of such equipment comes the responsibility of using it appropriately, safely, kindly and with respect to others.

Unfortunately, this is not always the case. Whilst it is not school's responsibility as to what the children are posting on social media or accessing after school hours it often does return to the classroom causing upset and distress. We do work with the children about what is 'appropriate' in terms of content and use with particular reference to messaging

As a school, we would like to ask for your support in ensuring that your child is accessing or

posting anything inappropriate or potentially upsetting towards another child by regularly checking their phone/tablet. The impact social media messages can have on a child can be devastating and by working together as parents and school we can ensure that the children are using them appropriately and respectfully at all times.

I would also like to draw your attention to the following sites which can be useful starting points when talking to your child about responsible use of social media as well as the age limits for such APPs.

https://www.vodafone.co.uk/cs/groups/ public/documents/webcontent/ vfcon096227.pdf



https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Internet-Matters-Guide-Official-UK-Social-Media-Guidance.pdf

https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1489/share-aware-parents-quide.pdf

School Meals Increase

We have received notification that our catering which is supplied by an outside provider will be increasing the cost of school meals from January 2024. Therefore the cost of School Meal prices for KS2 children at Bunbury will be increasing to £2.75 on 1/1/24.

Parking

Despite many previous letters about parking considerately, 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, considerately 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. PCSO Sharon Jones will over the next few weeks be supporting the school with our safer parking campaign and be monitoring round the roads adjacent to school to gently remind all about safe, considerate and legal parking.

As you will also be aware our school parking committee are working with me to drive safer parking for all around school. A number of parents are already on the committee however if you feel this is something you would like to support please feel free to join us and contact me on principalbunbury@rcsat.cheshire.sch.uk.

Our next meeting is on **Friday 8th December at 9.15am** - we will also be joined by members of Bunbury Parish Council.

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

Friends of Bunbury School

Further to my letter earlier this week regarding Christmas arrangements in school I have further details around the Christmas jumper/ own clothes day on Friday 1st December.

As this is first day of advent we will be having a 'Christmas jumper with own clothes day' in school. We will be asking for donations for the School Christmas fair that day in exchange for wearing own/festive clothes. The



donations will be used as prizes etc at the Friends of Bunbury Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December. This will take place at the end of the school day in the school hall. All are welcome to attend.

We are asking for the following donations please:

Reception/ Year 1 and Year 2 - chocolate/ sweets/ biscuits

Year 3/Year 4/Year 5 and Year 6 - wine/beer/bubble bath/ soft drinks - anything in a bottle.

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

the trussell trust
Stop UK Hunger

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 - Mabel for being a great caring friend

- Year 1 Alfie for showing kindness to his friends
- Year 2 Raphaella for showing respect for our school by cleaning up
- Year 3 Willow for always putting others first, always considering others feelings and showing compassion for everyone and everything
- Year 4 Ruby for always showing compassion and being helpful to others
- Year 5 Martha for showing maturity and understanding this week
- Year 6 Jacob K for showing compassion to others at breaktimes and during lessons

Headteachers Award

Reception - Cooper for being brave and kind

- Year 1 Ffion for working hard in maths
- Year 2 Alyssia for all of hard work this week
- Year 3 JP for making a great start to the new half term
- Year 4 Ben for his incredible work in maths this week. Well done!
- Year 5 Flynn for some fantastic descriptive writing this week
- Year 6 George for his fantastic explanation in science

Times table awards

Year 4

Bronze - Evelyn, Annabelle, Daisy, Sienna and Primrose

Gold - Tobias

Champion - Chloe

Champion - all tables with inverse 99q in 4 mins - Ezra and Ruby

Champion - all tables with inverse 99q in 3 mins - Frankie and Freya

Year 6

Gold - Archer

Silver - Alexa, Tenzing

Champion - George

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

Nic Badger



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20% OFF

SCHOOLWEARI

Be quick! This amazing sale ends on 30th November. Instore offer only. Call us to place an order on 01477500504

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Santa's on HIS WAY TO BUNBURY

Santa will be waiting for you at these special places – everyone is welcome!

Wednesday 6th December

5.00pm* Bunbury Primary School 5 30pm* Darkie Meadow 6.00pm* The Nags Head 6 30pm* Parish Church/Dysart Arms

* All times are approximate

Santa will be supported by the Rotary Club of Tarporley and the Tarporley 41 Club.

Donations to support charities & community projects are invited but certainly aren't obligatory – it's your big smiles that make Santa really happy! If you would like to donate: we can accept cash or cards, or please use the QR code to donate via JustGiving.





Rotary Club of Tarporley – Charity Registration No. 1032689 (England)

St Boniface

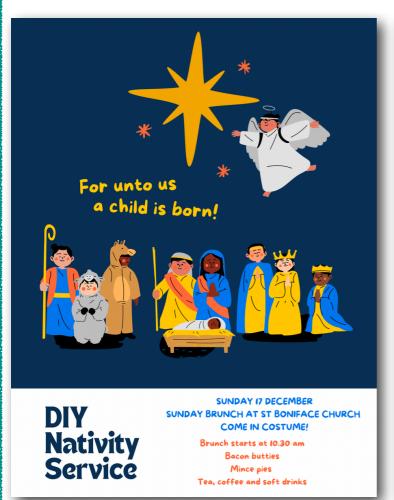
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

S U N D A Y 3 R D D E C E M B E R 4 P M

A candlelit service for all the family

In support of the Children's Society













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