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Diary Dates

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
8th Jan - Return to School
12 Jan - Online Safety Workshop for parents, 9am
30 Jan - Y5 Bikeability
31 Jan - Y5 Bikeability

FRIENDS of BUNBURY ALDERSEY

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

(formerly PTA)

Dear Parents and carers



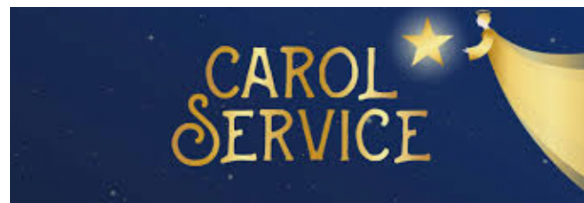
What a fantastic Christmas filled week we have had in school.

Earlier in the week our KS1 children performed "Hey Ewe" in our school hall. All the children were involved whether acting, singing or dancing and it was such a wonderful performance to see. I am sure like me you were incredibly proud of all the children within the play. As always such events would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our staff team. The KS1 team have worked incredibly hard to put the performance together and I know you share my gratitude for all that they do for the children of Bunbury school.

A huge thank you also to you as parents for respecting our request for only 2 adults per child per performance it certainly ensured the hall was not overcrowded and that all could view the children performing.



Next week we will be treated to our KS2 Carol Service at St Boniface Church on Tuesday 19th December at 6pm. We are expecting all KS2 children to be present at the service that evening and ask that they attend in full school uniform. Please can children arrive at the church from **5.30pm** where they will be greeted by their class teacher.



The children will sit together as a class during the service and you are all welcome to attend. The Carol Service is usually a very popular Christmas event so we advise coming with your children should you wish to be seated. We do have standing room at the back of the church.

We look forward to welcoming you all to the service. Following feedback through our Parent council we have this year added two communal carols which we will all stand to sing at the start and end of the service. In a change to those listed on the newsletter last week these will now be **Once in Royal David's City** and **Away in a Manger**.

Today we have had Christmas Jumper day, Christmas lunch and Messy Christmas in school it has certainly felt very Christmassy! There has been lots of laughter and enjoyment from all our school team as we learn through crafts the Christmas story. A huge thank you to Mrs Hunt for organising the day and all the resources and to Linda and Anthony in the kitchen for cooking 200 Christmas dinners!



Takeaway Homework and Homework books

Just a gentle reminder that homework books are due in from **Monday 18th December**. Takeaway homework projects are due in on **Wednesday 20th December** and shared within school between the different classes. There is also an opportunity to share the learning from **3.30pm - 4pm**. Parents/ carers are invited in should they wish to look at the different homework projects around the classrooms. Please can I ask that any parents who wish to do this sign in through the front desk after **3.30pm** we will not be admitting people through the playground doors.



With Christmas around the corner I am aware that some children may be receiving devices or phones. Whilst I cannot dictate at what age children receive such pieces of technology I would like to politely ask that any devices used by children have the highest level of filtering and security, are not used in bedrooms, bathrooms or personal spaces away from adults and are checked regularly for anything which may be or contain inappropriate content.

As a school we take internet safety extremely seriously and want to support and help educate parents with such a fast moving industry. Earlier this year we welcomed PC Andrew Cornell into school to lead a parent workshop on Keeping children safe online. We will be running this workshop again in the new year and I would encourage as many parents as possible to attend. Further information will be shared regarding date and time shortly.

The following website provides useful parent guides to a variety of APPS/ Programmes and websites.

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides>

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. I have received an increase in the number of holiday absence requests for holidays. 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. **We are now 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.



SchoolMoney Payments & School Lunches

Please can you make sure that any outstanding payments are settled prior to breaking up for Christmas. If you are experiencing problems with logging into SchoolMoney, please contact the school office.

A reminder that when we return to school in January, the new school lunch price will be charged.

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

There are no awards this week due to 'Messy Christmas' event

I wish you all a lovely restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday for our final 4 days in school this year.

Nic Badger

Pastoral Support

WHAT TO ASK KIDS INSTEAD OF "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"

Instead of:

How was your day?



Try this:

What's one thing that made you laugh today?

You can learn a lot about your child's sense of humor, friends, and get them smiling by asking them to recount things that made them laugh.

Instead of:

Did you eat your lunch?



Try this:

Who did you sit by at lunch today?

Allowing your child to discuss friends they may have a hard time getting along with, opens opportunities to discuss how others make them feel.

Instead of:

Did you have a good day?



Try this:

What did you do that made someone smile today?

Show your kids that school isn't just about academics. Kindness matters.

Instead of:

What did you learn at school?



Try this:

Did you enjoy art or science more today? Why?

When questions are broad, it's easy for a child to feel unsure of how to answer. Being specific facilitates a detailed response and opens the door for further discussion.

Instead of:

What did you do today?



Try this:

I love hearing about your day.

Sometimes questions are overwhelming. Just letting your child know that you're interested, gives them permission to share when they are ready.

Instead of:

How was your day?



Try this:

What was easier today than yesterday?

Encouraging your kids to notice that their practice is making a difference helps instill a positive self-image and a growth mindset.



For unto us
a child is born!



DIY Nativity Service

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER
SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST BONIFACE CHURCH
COME IN COSTUME!

Brunch starts at 10.30 am
Bacon butties
Mince pies
Tea, coffee and soft drinks

SCHOOL PROMOTION OFFER – WINTER WONDERLAND STOKE ON TRENT

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St Boniface

Carol Service

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER
6.30PM

JOIN THE POP-UP CHRISTMAS CHOIR!
REHEARSALS TAKE PLACE ON THE
FIRST THREE SATURDAYS IN
DECEMBER FROM 10.00AM TO
12.00PM AT ST BONIFACE.
COME AND JOIN US!

CONDUCTOR: MARCUS WILLIAMS



TARPORLEY VICTORIA JFC

NEW TEAM

Under 10's

Tarporley Victoria JFC are looking to add one or two players to our new team.

This would be perfect for children new to football or someone who hasn't played in a team before.

We train on Tuesday 6pm-7pm with FA qualified coaches and play Saturday mornings in the Chester & District League.

Contact us: tvjfc.clubsecretary@gmail.com

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