

Bunbury Aldersey CofE Primary School Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 1st May 2018

Present: Nicola Badger, Fiona Todd, Jen Duckett, Julie Sweet, Emma Knight, Kathleen Carline, Julia Dancy, Madeline Jones, Lisa Williams, Caroline Nuttall, Vanessa Quirk-Green.

Apologies: Simone Anderson, Helen Bennett, Jennifer Yates, Jo Tillet, Lynne Dickens.

1. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.
2. Head Update
 - Bunbury Aldersey has been selected as a **National Support School**, and Mrs Todd as one of 50 national **Leaders of Education**. This is a great achievement and honour, especially given the journey the school has been on over the last two years. A press release is being prepared.
 - Work will start on the **running track** and playground fence during May half term, proposed finish in time for grand opening at sports day
 - The school-wide theme this term is “**Where would we be without water**” and has a more science based focus than the last two topics.
 - We have been asked to provide a stand for **Cheshire Show** and Nantwich Show. This will involve a display showcasing the work done within School and over the academy trust. A few children from year 6 across the trust may be selected to attend.
3. Outstanding actions from previous meeting
 - New **menus** have been released and sent to parents
 - Teacher response time would be **24h** to parents, not 48h as previously reported.
 - Sweet sales will continue at **PTA events**. If parents would like to offer alternatives they are welcome to come along and volunteer! Purchase is not obligatory but raises valuable funds.
 - There will be no school-wide policy to deter birthday cakes from being sent in. All parents are encouraged to send alternatives for children who are unable to partake.
4. Positive feedback re **Mr Dooley** from many year groups
5. **Parking:** There has been some vocal discontent from residents of The Highlands about parking. Mrs Badger has had a meeting with the Parish Council and together they are looking at funding options for developing a travel plan/personnel to help the situation. There are fewer parking complaints coming from parents. The possibility of a 20mph speed limits being investigated.
6. **Bunbury Badgers** - looking into a permanent phone in the room to improve communication options. The current manager is stepping back from managerial duties and a new manager has been appointed over the two after-school clubs. She will be working on the holiday provision as well as the before and after school clubs. School are keen to make parents aware that during the holidays Bunbury Badgers will open for any children even if a very few, and is available for use by children who do not attend the school. It is staffed by a qualified manager at all times.
7. **After School clubs**
 - Free clubs are offered by staff on a voluntary unpaid basis
 - External providers will set their own limits on numbers/ages who may attend

- Parents are welcome and encouraged to approach school with ideas and offers to run clubs, a meeting with Mrs Badger will be arranged as soon as possible. This is also the case for help in the classroom.
8. **Homework survey** - many more responses were received, thank you! A Homework Procedure document is being produced taking into account the views of parents, staff and children and will be brought into use in September 2018. This will be available to parents in the next few weeks. There will also be a challenge to complete '101 things to do before leaving Bunbury School' to encompass the non-academic development of pupils.
 9. Children will be encouraged to **drink** throughout the day
 10. **Break time supervision** - some children are reporting incidents to parents which staff are not aware of. Staff on break time supervision will be reminded to wear the hi-viz jackets, and an assembly will be used to remind the children of their responsibilities towards each other and that any concerns can be taken to staff
 11. Test messages are coming from many different numbers - the service provider will be approached.
 12. The broken flashing '20mph' sign on school lane will be reported to the council for repair.
 13. Thank you to Miss Cork for the fantastic Space theme
 14. Parents of children in reception wanted to express their thanks to school for the excellent way the recent staff challenges have been dealt with, and the great communication. They also wanted to extend their best wishes to Mrs Crotty and Miss Brown.
 15. Compliments to the new site manager - school is looking great and special mention was made of the flowers that have been planted
 16. Notice of meetings, especially for **residential trips**, needs to be more in advance to allow working parents to make arrangements. Written information could be provided well in advance. Mrs Badger will look into this.
 17. Changes to **data protection legislation** may affect parental access to online feeds especially twitter etc. Forms will be provided in due course and parents are asked to ensure they respond.
 18. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 3rd July 2018.