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Diary Dates

22 Apr - KS2 onsite swimming lessons commence
30 Apr - Academy Photography, class photos & leavers' photos (Y6)
20 May - Y6 London Trip
06 Jun - Bag2School clothes donation
06 Jun - Sports Day
08 Jun - Bunbury Village Day
19 Jun - Y6 Conway residential (for THS pupils only)
27 Jun - Reserve Sports Day
03 Jul - Y4/Y5 Residential
08 Jul - School Fest Week
16 Jul - STAR Day (2pm-5pm)

Dear Parents and carers

Welcome back to the final term of the school year. I hope everyone has had a fantastic Easter holiday with family and friends.

Firstly, I'd like to thank you for all your kind words and messages following my surgery at the start of the week, they are all very much appreciated. Whilst I do still have access to my email this is not monitored on a daily basis. Whilst I recover please therefore can any urgent emails or those requiring face to face appointments be sent to the Deputy Principal, Miss Hickson or the Local governing chair, Mrs Greenbury. I look forward to being back at school shortly.

With the start of the new term we have new study themes in each of our classes. I know as always these will have been met with enthusiasm and enjoyment across the classes. For more information on what your child/children are learning this term please visit your child's class page on our website.

<https://www.bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk/classes>

For further information on our curriculum in school please visit our curriculum website pages.

<https://www.bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk/page/curriculum-organisation/144613>

This week we have also seen the installation of our temporary heated pool ready for our KS2 swimming lessons over the next 2 weeks. I know the children thoroughly enjoy having the pool onsite and the opportunities having such a temporary facility on site brings for the children of Bunbury. Hopefully all KS2 children have now received notification of their lesson times.

In accordance with the wishes of the Institute of Swimming and Cheshire East Borough Council we would be grateful if you could read and comply with the following:

- For reasons of safety we would prefer the girls to wear one piece costumes and boys to wear swimming trunks rather than baggy shorts.
- Goggles are not necessary within a short swimming lesson and therefore they will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances as we want to encourage children to swim without them and so be better prepared if faced with a real life emergency.
- We would like all children to wear a swim cap for safety and hygiene reasons.

Please could you make sure that for each day of swimming the children have a towel and a pair of flip/flops or sliders. They can also bring a dressing gown or robe to get from the changing space to the pool should



they wish to.

At Bunbury we pride ourselves in a broad and balanced curriculum for all our learners. Through the school year pupils receive regular and consistent teaching in the reading, writing and maths curriculum as well as RE and foundation subjects such as music, geography, history etc. Through the past couple of years we have been working hard through our school development plan to raise not only the profile, consistency and quality of science teaching but the scientific opportunities we provide for our children. One of our successful initiatives in this area is our focused science week in school. This not only provides the pupils with a dedicated week on science in addition to their weekly lessons but also opportunities for them to hear and see how science features in many careers which they may well be considering.

**This year we will be holding our science week once again -
Tuesday 4th June - Friday 7th June.**

The theme this year for **British Science Week is 'Time!'**

Throughout the week, we would like to invite parents/carers into school to inspire the children with talks/demonstrations about their jobs or science-related hobbies and how they relate to time. This could be how the profession has changed over time, how time is relevant to your role, how practice has changed over time etc. Volunteers can come from a range of STEM careers - engineers, designers, medical professionals, pilots, architects, scientists, technicians etc. Some roles may not be typically linked to science but still very much involve it - chefs, tech start-ups, gardeners, sportspeople etc.

If you could spare some time to share your passion with the children during science week please do get in touch with Mrs Smith via school admin.



School Uniform

We appreciate that the cost of school uniform can be a huge financial pressure on parents at the start of the school year and during the remaining terms. Recently we have purchased some new uniform from a previous supplier which we are able to sell at a reduced price to parents. We do not have a full range of sizes and items but there are various sizes of skirts, jumpers, blazers and polo shirts.

Should you be interested in purchasing any of the uniform please contact Natalie on 07592609116.

As we are now in the summer term, should children now wish to wear the summer uniform they are allowed to do so.

Please see our uniform page on the school website for further information.

<https://www.bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk/page/uniform/2420>

Attendance

Attendance at school is important both academically and for social/emotional reasons. The Government have launched a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance. The campaign aims to primarily reach those parents and carers whose children are taking preventable odd days of absence - or "avoidable absence" - rather than children who face greater barriers to attendance, such as those with long term medical needs or special educational needs and disabilities.

The NHS and the Chief Medical Officer say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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.

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 **1.86%** above the national figure currently at **94.8%** and above other North West schools.

Having good attendance also means being on time and not being late to school. Children who arrive late can feel embarrassed, left out and miss out on important introductions to lessons. Punctuality is an essential life skill that needs to be taught from the very beginning.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent weeks	Equivalent lessons missed
95%	9	18	1.4	45
90%	19	38	3.4	95
85%	29	58	5.4	145
80%	36	72	7.1	180
75%	48	96	9.3	240

From next week we will also be focusing on persistent lateness to school and reminder letters will be sent to parents where there is persistent lateness.

The school day begins at **8.45am** with gates opening at **8.30am** and closing promptly at the start of the school day.

Our attendance officer will be joining us periodically to support the school with our "Late Gate" campaign

Parking

Please can all parent/carers be mindful of residents when parking in the mornings and afternoon. The photo adjacent has been forward to school due the access to a residents property being blocked.

Can I also remind you that School Lane will have a road closure in place from Tuesday next week (9:30am-2:30pm). Although this should not affect drop-off and pick-up, you will find that staff vehicles will not be parked on the roadside which will help to alleviate any congestion during the days of closure. Pedestrian and resident access will remain in place at all times.



Reporting School Absences

Please remember that all absences from school must be reported for **each day of absence**. Therefore, if your child is absent due to a medical appointment or is too unwell for school, please email admin@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk or call the school office to report this stating the reason for absence and any symptoms they have should they be unwell - this is so we are aware of any rapidly growing virus' in school or any illnesses that would need reporting the Public Health England.

SchoolMoney Accounts

We will be changing our payment system from 1st June 2024, could you please login to schoolmoney to ensure all balances are cleared before this date.

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 : Friendship . 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

- YR** - Georgina for showing perseverance when sequencing the life cycle of a frog
- Y1** - all of Year 1 for showing patience with the ipads about Mary Anning
- Y2** - Lucy for always demonstrating all of our Christian Values
- Y3** - Edie for spreading positivity, joy and friendship wherever she goes
- Y4** - Frankie for always displaying all of our Christian Values!
- Y5** - Heidi for always being positive, making others happy and sharing her hoop with friends!
- Y6** - Ella for helping a classmate in Maths



Headteachers Award

- YR** - Flynn for amazing us with his independent writing
- Y1** - Alfie for unwavering enthusiasm in everything he does!
- Y2** - Arthur for his enthusiasm about our new topic
- Y3** - Lachlan for his consistent excellent behaviour all week and setting a wonderful example to the class
- Y4** - Annabelle for her beautiful reading aloud in our guided reading lessons!
- Y5** - Ella C for her great effort in Maths this week and not giving up when it got challenging
- Y6** - Archer for his brilliant effort and attitude since coming back to school



Times Tables Awards

- Y2** - Ava, Isabella, Arthur, Ivy
- Y4** - Tobias, Theo, Ruby
- Y6** - Ted

My Maths Awards *(for those who consistently completed their weekly tasks last half term)*

- Y1** - Thoedore, Amelia, Alfie, Alice N, Isla, Lily, Rae, Samson, Lewis, Gracie
- Y2** - Arthur, Aelwen, Albert, William, Isabella, Sam, Rose, Dotty
- Y3** - Mya, Ollie, Jack Morg, Jack Morr, Harvey, George, Willow, Ruby, Edie, Willow, JP, Lachlan
- Y4** - Mia, Ezra, Theo, Evelyn, Ada, Molly, Alice
- Y6** - Zach, Isabella, Arlo, Freddie, Isla, Jack, Archer, William



PE Award

This week's PE award goes to **Anya in Year 5** for always giving 100% effort into PE every week

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday. Please remember gates will shut promptly at 8.45am

Nic Badger

Having recently hosted a successful Taster Session, 25th South-West Cheshire Bunbury and District Scout Group, will be holding its first official meeting, since re-forming on **Monday 22 April at 6pm** at the Scout Hut at Bunbury Jubilee Playing Fields, Hurst Close, Bunbury.

The evening will be a joint session for Beavers (aged 6 – 8 years), Cubs (8 to 10 ½ years) and Scouts (10 ½ to 14 years). Beavers and Cubs will finish at 7pm and Scouts will finish at 7.30pm

It is not necessary for uniforms to be worn and it is not necessary for parents / guardians to attend.

The group is looking forward to seeing the young people who have already signed up at the Taster session for a fun night of games, skills and challenges.

However, it is not too late to sign up, and if your son or daughter would like to attend the first meeting on 22 April, then please send a text or WhatsApp message to Group Scout Leader, Andrew Fairclough on

07976 363 056



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Tuesday
16 April

19:00 - 21:00

£24



**Introduction to OCD
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder**
Looking at the complexity of this
serious condition.

Thursday
18 April

19:00 - 21:00

£24



**Understanding Addictive
Behaviour**
Screens, gaming, social media. What
is happening to the brain and body
and how can we control it.

Monday
22 April

19:00 - 21:00

£24



**Improving Family
Communication**
How to reduce the shouting and
start the talking.

Thursday
25 April

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereo types and
explaining how this condition
impacts on the child and giving
ideas on how we can support them.

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