

## Parent Council Meeting Minutes – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### BUNBURY ALDERSEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Name	Tick if present
Mrs Badger	✓
Mrs Waring	✓
Julia Arkell (Y4) Chair	✓
Emma Knight (Y6) Secretary	✓
Kathleen Carline (Y5)	✓
Melissa Dawson (Y2)	✓
Kati Rocket Earl (Y3)	✓
Julie Sweet (Y6)	✓
Angela Gordon (Y1)	✓

Minute Taker: K Waring	
<p><b>Apologies:</b> Laura Smith</p>	
<p><b>Agenda:</b> 1. Parent Council Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Head Update</li> <li>3. Maintenance</li> <li>4. Homework Y4</li> <li>5. Safeguarding</li> <li>6. Uniform</li> <li>7. Assemblies/services</li> <li>8. Swimming</li> <li>9. Forest School</li> <li>10. Homework Y2 &amp; Y5</li> <li>11. Afterschool clubs</li> <li>12. Parking</li> <li>13. Positives</li> </ol>	
Discussion	Action
<p>1. Still need a representative for Reception class</p>	<p><b>NB to add to newsletter/or approach directly</b></p>
<p>2. Continuing with school development plan which is reported termly to the governing committee. Nothing ground breaking at the moment, we are in a good place. Unions have indicated that there may be more strike action – keeping school open for the children is a priority as they are still learning whilst here. Summer term, School fest will soon be upon us. End of year review to see where we can improvements/make anything better. JA added re Neurodiversity week, very positive, children came home talking about it. NB – we are always looking to make improvements in line with our ethos of ‘let your light shine’</p>	

<p>3. Y4 KS2 toilets, broken and sticking locks. NB - they are high-use area, in terms of maintenance we are mindful and do everything we can. Children always report issues and parts need ordering taking time etc. JA asked if the locks could checked as maybe easy for adults but not children</p>	<p><b>RH to check</b></p>
<p>4. Answered within point 10</p>	
<p>5. Issue raised with a white van near school and parents informed via text. Y4 parents would like to be made aware that children had been informed. NB – Never planned to inform the children but some parents had told children who then spoke of this to others creating some anxieties, class teacher than addressed this with the whole class</p>	
<p>6. Y2 asked for some notice with uniform for September, to know how many PE days/Forest School/uniform days there will be to help with ordering/planning ahead as some items are expensive. NB – starting to work on the plan for September so will be able to advise by the end of school year in July.</p>	
<p>7. Y4 asked if they sing every week and if songs can be shared with parents? NB – yes, singing assembly is every Wednesday, songs are more modern and upbeat and taught ahead of services, currently learning songs for the Easter service. Songs can be added to the website. JA Can parents join in singing at the service? NB – we can add the words the programme</p>	<p><b>NB add songs to website &amp; add song words to the Easter service programme</b></p>
<p>8. Y6 asked how much swimming will they if also preparing for SATs? NB – swimming will only be for 30 minutes and does not take prep time for SATs, they can't work on SATs revision all day and need a breather. There is 14 per swim session leaving the rest in class where small group work will be a focus. Y1/Y2 will there be an afterschool club for these years again? NB due to larger class sizes in KS2, years 4,5 &amp; 6 will receive the lessons. Y3 have been offered afterschool club, if places do not fill we will offer to Y2.</p>	
<p>9. Y4 will the class get chance to do forest school again? NB – after Easter, throughout the summer term, Mrs Moxley will be doing some outdoor learning with class on a Friday, similar to forest school.</p>	
<p>10. Y4 have confusion over the timings of spelling sheets. Uploaded Tuesday, removed Sunday. NB – to check with Miss Snelson. EK – thank you, we appreciate the work done (even on weekends). Y5 re-think takeaway homework for KS2? Can it be more challenging for some children? NB – stands by takeaway homework as it is important for all as children have different learning styles. It can be structured, Geography task etc making them more written, research base so that pupils have to apply their English and maths skills. Homework approach will never please everyone but there is a good balance of more academic tasks and creative tasks for all learners. Y2 what tests are they having? Can we have a weekly prep sheet to help? NB – Y2 build on basic skills, maths fluency, spending 1 morning a week doing times tables against the clock (which they may think is a test) but is to help with speed. Do have a spelling test on high-frequency words. The weekly spellings are on the half term homework sheet. Y2 can we have lined paper for homework books NB – books are bulk ordered for the year and need to be used first. Lined ones are on order for September.</p>	
<p>11. Y2 More science club spaces please! NB – the number is dictated to us by the provider and we do try to rotate the years for fairness. We will be keeping the club for the next academic year so hope that all will have the</p>	

<p>opportunity. KW – moving forward all clubs will be booked termly, trialled this with Street Dance and was well received so clubs after Easter will be booked for the whole summer term (both half terms).</p>	
<p>12. Y4 concerned risk of accidents. Update on carpark. Possibility of cricket club as overflow. NB – There has been an uptick in residents addressing parents directly. Every headteacher has the same the issues. It is worse when the weather is bad, in rain, wind etc. Carpark is still on the agenda, the parish council and MP Edward Timpson are in favour. Finance is an issue (50k). Approaching local housing companies form to gain funds through section 106 money. Cricket have always said no in the past. Y4 potential solutions – bigger staggering of pick-ups? Staff parking at the side of school? Parking attendant? NB – staggering pick-ups further will create problems for those with children in both KS1 and KS2, waiting in the rain. We are looking at school times as we may need to increase (30 minutes a week) due to government guidelines. Staff parking at the side of school was an issue raised with ofsted in 2015 so not possible and an attendant would come as a cost. MD – suggested a walking bus. NB – says this would work, it would need a parent to take responsibility. NB suggested a parent working group so that Principal/ parents could work in conjunction to help improve parking.</p>	
<p>13. Y4 Praise for Miss Snelson and TA's  Y4 Thanks for supporting solution re Hockey tournament  Y6 SPAG and maths homework sheets very helpful  Y6 really enjoyed the Stockport trip</p>	
<p><b>A/O/B</b> Y6 will the London trip take place this year? NB - Unfortunately not, due to availability and uncertainty with train strikes we were unable to book earlier this year. The school calendar for Y6 is always busy during the summer term and can be costly. We hope to resume next year.</p>	
<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b>  New date will be communicated for next meeting based on Mrs Badgers availability.</p>	