

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 29th September 2017, the Parents' Association will be hosting the annual Charity Coffee Morning/Afternoon in the school hall. This year, the proceeds raised will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.



On this day, we would like the children to dress in green clothes (even faces and hair!) and contribute £1.00. Classes will then be joining the coffee morning/afternoon in the Hall and we welcome all families and friends to come and join them in the hall for a drink and a cake. See the letter that was sent home for full details of times for each class.

Donations of cakes (nut free please) would be gratefully received and can be sent into school on Friday morning.

Forest School Information Meeting

Miss Luttrell will be holding a Forest School meeting for parents/carers across the school on Wednesday 27th September at 3.30pm. This will be an opportunity to learn more about Forest School, which will be rolled out to all classes throughout the coming year.

Homework meetings

We shall be holding Homework Meetings for all parents/carers on **Monday 2nd October at 3.30pm and repeated at 5pm**. The meeting will cover Mathletics, Spellodrome and Accelerated Reading.

Shop for Schools returns

You can help Sunny Bank Primary whilst you shop at the Millgate Shopping Centre in Bury. From 1st October - 31st December, for every £1 spent in the shopping centre our school could earn one point.

The more points we receive the more chance our school has of winning. All the points collected for participating schools will be added up and the school with the most points per pupil will win £750.

To redeem points for schools, shoppers are asked to simply visit Customer Services on Minden Parade and show us their receipts for any items they have purchased in Mill Gate Shopping Centre.

Christmas Panto News

We are pleased to announce that our school will go to see Sleeping Beauty at Middleton Arena in December. Further details will be sent home soon.



Do you have a child due to start Reception Class in September 2018?

We will be holding an Open Day on Thursday 2nd November 2017 for children due to start Reception in September 2018 and their parents/carers. There are 2 sessions: 11am-12pm and 1.45-2.45pm. Please come along to tour the school and spend time in Reception class with your child.

Help Sunny Bank Win at Tesco

If you're shopping at Tesco, please can you help us by collecting a charity token at the checkouts and posting it in the Sunny Bank Wide Horizons project at the door. Thank you for your support.

Healthy Schools Reminder

Please can we remind parents/carers that as a Healthy School, chocolate bars are not allowed in lunch boxes. We would also encourage you to ask your child to put uneaten items back into their lunch box so you can see which items they are not eating.

Please be mindful that Sunny Bank is also a nut free school.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 27 th September 3.30pm	Forest School Information Meeting for all parents/carers
Friday 29 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning/Afternoon
Monday 2 nd October 3.30pm & 5.00pm	Homework Meeting for all parents/carers
Friday 6 th October 9.00am	Year 6 Class Assembly
Thursday 2 nd November 11am & 1.45pm	New Reception Admission Open Day



Questionnaire for parents and carers

2017

		Strongly agree/ Agree
1	My child enjoys school	100%
2	My child is challenged in their learning	100%
3	My child is making progress at this school	100%
4	The school informs me about my child's progress	90%
5	The school helps me to support my child's learning	95%
6	The school provides technologies to support learning.	100%
7	The school keeps my child safe	95%
8	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	95%
9	The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future	100%
10	The school meets my child's particular needs	100%
11	The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	95%
12	The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	90%
13	The school is led and managed effectively	100%

What the results tell us.....

'I really enjoy the parent assemblies and the Open Events when each class has a theme.'

'My child is happy at this school and made me proud with his progress'

Your questionnaires included many positive comments like these. We are pleased and proud you feel this way.

I have tried to give comment when the strongly agree or agree section has been anything less than 100%. I have also tried to address some of the general comments that were made.

Re: Question 4

Sunny Bank holds two formal Parents' Evenings in the Autumn and Spring term. We also offer an opportunity for a further meeting after the Summer term reports are issued.

We send home a full written report at the end of the academic year. Class teachers are available to discuss children's progress at a mutually convenient time at the request of parents or carers.

Parents/ carers will also be invited into school should class teacher have any concerns about a child's progress.

In Year Two and Year Six Pre SAT Parent Meetings are held with the Head Teacher, class teacher, parents and child. Year Two and Year Six parents and carers are also invited to attend KS 1 and KS 2 SATs Information Meetings prior to the assessments taking place.

Re: Question 5

Welcome Meetings are held at the start of each academic year when a large variety of information is shared that will help parents support their children. This Autumn we ran three sessions to offer as much scope for parents/ carers to attend. We have held meetings for Reception parents to help them understand how they can help with phonics and reading. We also held Accelerated Reading Meetings to explain how children would be using the new programme.

In this academic year we have planned Maths/ English/Homework Information Meetings for the Autumn and Spring term. We have also planned meetings or assemblies to introduce/ explain new initiatives within school, such as the Commando Joe assembly and the forthcoming Forest School Meeting.

Again class teachers are available should parents/ carers wish to know how certain concepts are taught.

Class teachers regularly 'Tweet' on their class account to keep you informed of what children have been learning.

Re: Question 7

The gates to the school are locked immediately children are in school. They remain locked throughout the school day and are opened just before parents/ carers arrive to collect children at the end of the day. The school office has been relocated at the front of the school building to ensure a safe and secure area when visitors come to the school. Visitors to our school are required to sign in and out and their entry and exit is supervised by a member of staff. Children who attend before and after club are escorted to and from their classroom in KS 1, Year 5 and year 6.

Re: Question 8

School meals are prepared to national nutritional standards. Since moving our school meal provider, children are offered fresh vegetables, salad and fresh fruit on a daily basis. They may visit the salad bar as many times as they wish. Children in KS 1 are offered a piece of fruit or veg every break time. Our daily tuck will offer fresh fruit for any child who wishes to purchase it. Children have a morning break time each day when they are encouraged to be as active as possible. At lunchtime our mid-days and our newly appointed Junior Joes set up activities that encourage our children to be as active as possible. Each class in school has two timetabled periods of PE/ Sport each week. Our curriculum covers the topic of healthy eating in both Key Stages and all classes learn about healthy eating when preparing food.

Re: Question 11

Sunny Bank has a comprehensive behaviour system. Each class has their own class charter which children agree on at the start of the academic year. Children have agreed statements that constitute our 'Good to be Green' code. Children are rewarded in many ways for good behaviour – dojos, house points and Behaviour prizes. We send post cards home to surprise parents when children have shown some exceptional behaviour or learning. Children are encouraged that mistakes help them learn and they have chances to change. Senior leaders speak to children who have not remained on green and they forfeit the opportunity to be chosen for a Behaviour prize. Should poor behaviour choices persist parents/ carers will be informed and children will incur sanctions. Whole school and class assemblies reinforce our THINK and STOP messages.

Re: Question 12

Sunny Bank send out an annual parents and carers questionnaires to gather views and ask for further suggestions. Parents Forums have been held in previous years but they were poorly attended. These could be reinstated if parents and carers wish. Class teachers, senior leaders and the Head Teacher are available at mutually convenient time at the request of parents or carers to discuss any concerns.

General Comments

Children are encouraged to eat their school meals and may be rewarded with stickers by our mid-day staff.

Learning Journals can be available more frequently should parents/ carers wish. Please speak to your child's class teacher.

We appreciate it can be difficult for working parents/ carers to attend school events. We aim to schedule them as far in advance as we possibly can and we try to vary the start times to accommodate the needs of parents/ carers. We have recently offered parents/ carers the opportunity to select the most convenient time for this year's KS 1 Nativity Performance. Unfortunately we are unable to offer this for every event.

We would like to invite all parents/ carers to our usual class assemblies and you should already have received the dates of these. This year we wish to extend our welcome and offer you the opportunity to spend some time with your child in their class after the assembly. However do be warned you might have to complete the same maths and English activities the children are completing. Are you up for the challenge?

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Mrs T Bevan