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Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Newsletter

A Sense of Community

When we first started thinking about the sort of school we wanted to be, one word kept coming back to the top of the agenda – Community.

Community is really important to us all – understanding that we are part of something bigger, something special, something that brings us together.



At the heart of our school values is the sense of being a community - a learning community, a Christian community, a local community.

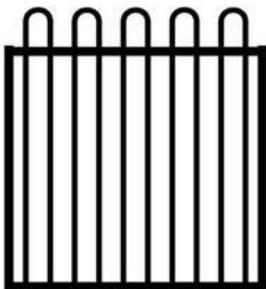
In Africa, there is the philosophy of 'Ubuntu'. This is all about community. Ubuntu is all about being a person – but realising that we can't be fully human all by ourselves. We are made to be with others, to be a family.

We hope that you are enjoying being part of our school community – our Buckingham Park School family.

Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

New Fence for Outdoor Learning Area



We have now added a fence to our outdoor area. This is designed to give a clear boundary between our outdoor learning area and the playground. It means that we can set up our outdoor learning area more permanently, and separate it into areas of learning that will maximise the opportunity for children's to learn.

At the end of the day, we will now bring the children out into the outdoor learning area. We want parents to wait outside that area so that we can hand the children over to you safely and see that children are going home safely with their parents.

We hope that this will speed up the process for collecting children at the end of the day, without compromising the safety and well-being of all our families.

Mobile Library



The Buckinghamshire mobile libraries visit over 180 places in towns and villages across the county. They provide a highly-valued and personal service throughout the week to those people who do not find it easy to get to a branch library. All the mobile libraries carry a wide range of stock which is changed regularly, and lifts are available for disabled access.

Miss Whytewood, our Literacy subject leader, has liaised with the library service and asked them to stop at Buckingham Park each week. I am delighted to say that the library service has agreed to stop in Jubilee Square at Buckingham Park every other Friday at 10.30am – starting on November 30th. This is great news. Anyone with a current Buckinghamshire library card can use the mobile library or you can join free of charge – just complete the attached form and take it along with you.

We will be letting you know in due course how we intend to make good use of this service as a school. In the meantime, I think that this will be an issue of 'use it or lose it' so I encourage all of you to get along and use the service each week.

School Uniform – Maintaining the Highest Standard

I would like to thank you all for helping Buckingham Park to be one of the smartest schools on the planet! We are delighted that our children are smartly presented in school uniform each day. This helps us all to feel smart...and to be smart!

A few reminders for you:

- Shoes should be standard, plain, black school shoes – no sandals, heels, boots or trainers please.
- No jewellery should be worn at all – no earrings please.
- No make-up or nail varnish please
- PE Kit should be in school every day
- A warm, waterproof coat (and hats, scarves and gloves) are needed every day – we like to be outside!
- Everything needs to be named please!



News Round-Up



Our Green class visited the **Chiltern Open Air Museum** on Friday. They had a great day and they were a pleasure to be with. Well done to them. Keep an eye out for the photos on the school website.

This Friday is our **Go Pyjamas Day**. We're inviting everyone to wear their pyjamas and nighties to school in return for a donation to BBC Children in Need. Remember that we will still be learning in school so proper shoes or trainers are essential (even if you want to bring your slippers to change into) and warm outerwear for playtimes.

Following our initial **Parent Teacher Association Meeting**, we now want to share some ideas with you. Please come along next Monday, 26th November at 3.15pm in the school hall to hear more. We need lots of parents to attend this very brief meeting so that we can get going on some event ideas.

