

# Nursery News

Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Nursery Newsletter

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## Thanksgiving

This week, across America, families were celebrating Thanksgiving. 'Thanksgiving Day' in the United States is an important national holiday, celebrated in family groups, and held on the fourth Thursday each November.

On 'Thanksgiving Day', Americans remember the 120 Pilgrims who set sail from Plymouth in the summer of 1620 in their ship, the 'Mayflower'. They called their place of landing New Plymouth, and the area became known as New England in the USA. Half of the small colony's number died during their first winter. Then they received help from the Native Americans. Joining together, both groups celebrated a day of thanksgiving for the harvest in the autumn of 1621.

We encourage our children to be thankful. It is important that we all, children and adults, remember to pause to remember and give thanks for what has been good in our lives: for people who have given us love and care, friendship and support, for our health and talents, for the opportunities that come to us, and for our school community.

In this busy season, we will be helping our children to be thankful for all they have and enjoy.



## Mufti Day for our Christmas Tombola – This Friday

We're having a Mufti Day this Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Children can wear their own choice of clothing in return for bringing in a Tombola Prize which can be used at our Christmas Fayre. We would be most grateful if you would send in the following items:

Nursery, Year 1 and Year 3  
Reception, Year 2 and Year 4

A bottle for our Bottle Tombola  
Chocolate for our Chocolate Tombola



## You can help us in all these ways...



### Sell Raffle Tickets and Win a Fantastic Festive Prize

Thanks to everyone who has been helping us to sell Raffle Tickets. As an incentive and reward, we're giving every family who sells 5 books (25 tickets) an entry into a special draw for a fantastic festive prize. If you sell another set of 5 books, you'll get another entry in the draw. So, sell 100 books and your family will have 20 entries in the draw!

### Tubs4Tablets with Flora and Tesco

Collecting Tubs4Tablets tokens from Flora tubs bought in Tesco. We need to collect as many tokens as possible, these can be found on promotional 500g tubs of Flora Original, Light and Buttery and Stork (subject to availability).

Hand us your tokens... 50 tokens will get our school one brand new Samsung Galaxy Tab 7.0" Wi-Fi 8GB tablet so help us to claim as many as we can.



### Recycle your Stamps

We can recycle your used stamps to raise money for the school. Please tear or cut the stamps (don't damage the stamp, but also don't leave more than a 1cm border) and send them in to school. Please ask all your family and friends to help out too, especially as Christmas is approaching.

### Second Hand Uniform

The PTA will be opening a Second Hand Uniform shop soon so we are looking for donations of used uniform which is still in good condition. This will help other families, but also the school. So it is a win-win!



### Rags to Riches

We are planning a collection for textiles which can be recycled. As advance warning, there is a list of items we can collect. We will raise money by passing our collection over to 'Rags2Riches 4 Schools'.

Please don't send items in yet – we'll provide you with a bag when we're ready to collect.

We can collect: Baby clothes, children clothes, adult clothes, shoes (in pairs & tied), belts, hats, scarves, gloves, bags, purses, wallets, tights, ties, cuddly toys, jewellery, glasses, umbrellas, key rings, bedding & household linen, bath & hand towels.

### EasyFundraising

This Christmas (and for the rest of the year!) you can raise money for the school every time you shop online.

**easyfundraising**  
.org.uk

You simply have to sign up at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/buckinghamparkcepspta> (it only takes 2 minutes to fill in the registration form and you're good to go).

Every time you shop with our partner retailers, they'll make a donation to your chosen good cause and it won't cost you a penny more!

## Christmas Cards – A Suggestion



A Christmas Post Box will open next Monday with a last delivery on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. All cards intended for pupils or staff at the school or Nursery should be distributed in this way.

This year, we are suggesting that children write a card to their class, rather than individual cards. We will reserve some time each day to open the cards, read them out, and then hang them up in the classroom for everyone to see. This will save some pressure on busy families, yet still keeping the spirit of card giving at Christmas. Please address your card, "To everyone in ..." (for example, 'to everyone in Nursery'). We'll also have a display of cards in the staff room for any cards addressed, 'To all the staff'.

## Christmas Performances

This year, we will be holding the following Christmas Nativity Performances.

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 2.00pm	Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)
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Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am	EYFS (Reception and Nursery AM)
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 2.30pm	EYFS (Reception and Nursery PM)



Please note that the EYFS is a change of date from our published list of dates. This is due to our Christmas Lunch being on 17<sup>th</sup> December – this is a date which we are not able to change and is beyond our control. Please accept our apologies if this is inconvenient for you.

Our Key Stage 2 children won't be involved in our Christmas Performances – they will be taking the lead in our Easter performance.

Entrance to each performance is strictly by ticket only and is initially limited to two tickets per family as we have limited space in our hall. We will send a letter home later this week with an order form.

We are really sorry that we will be unable to accommodate younger brothers and sisters or babies - I know this is difficult but our space is incredibly limited and some of our children have tiny voices (compared to the somewhat louder voices of a crying baby or unsettled infant!)

## School Admissions - Reminder

The Online Admission Portal is now open so please remember to apply for a school place if your child will be 4 years old by August 31<sup>st</sup> 2015. The online application can be found at [www.bucksc.gov.uk](http://www.bucksc.gov.uk)



# Off to Buckingham Park!



See you  
there!

Christmas Fayre | Saturday 6th December 2014 | 12pm—3pm

## Buckingham Park CE Primary School Christmas Lunch Menu

Wednesday 17th December 2014

★  
Traditional Roast Turkey

or

★  
Winter Vegetable Wellington

Sides

Pigs in Blankets, Stuffing Balls, Roast Potatoes,  
Baby Sprouts, Baby Carrots, Green Beans & Gravy

Yule Chocolate Log

The Exchange Church invites you to a

## Christmas Party

at Buckingham Park Primary School



Join us to celebrate  
Jesus' Birthday  
with party games, crafts,  
carols and cake

**Sunday 21 December**  
**10:30am**

[www.exchange.uk.net](http://www.exchange.uk.net)

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