

# park life

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## Whatever the Weather...

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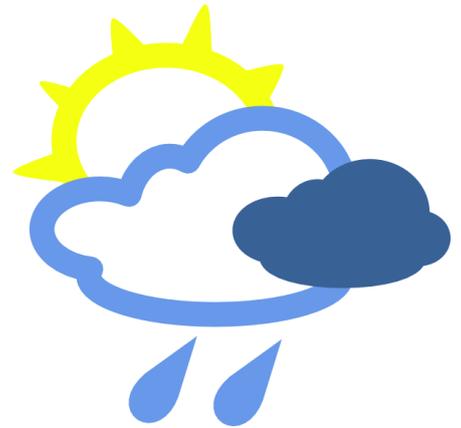
We have had some very wet weather recently. Watching the television images of torrential rain, storm damage and coastal battering has been quite something. This is in huge contrast to the very hot weather that has caused breaks in play at the Australian Open Tennis!

The weather is a traditional talking point for those of us living in the UK. The interplay between the sun and rain in the natural world mirrors life – beautiful days interspersed with a storm or two.

The Bible reminds us that God is the same yesterday, today and forever. Whatever the weather!

Best wishes,

*Nick Waldron*



## Neighbourhood Police Team

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We work very closely with our Neighbourhood Policing team which supports the school in a number of ways. The team is led by senior police officers and includes police community support officers (PCSOs) and police officers.

The team works with local people and partners to identify, tackle and prevent local, low-level crime, anti-social behaviour, and any on-going concerns. The team provides us with a visible police service and aims to make our neighbourhood safer by building relationships with local people.

You may see the police officers and PCSOs in and around school when you collect or drop off your children. This isn't anything to worry about – we are pleased that they are taking an interest in Buckingham Park and we are keen that they are here often. Feel free to chat to them!

The team has asked us to give you a couple of reminders. Firstly, please drive slowly and park safely if you are using Jubilee Square as there are lots of pedestrians including many young children around. Secondly, please do not leave small children unattended in your car, even for a short time, under any circumstance.

# News in Brief

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## Family Learning Literacy Course

This course starts tomorrow, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 9am – 11am, and lasts for 6 weeks. If you are booked in for the course, please come to the school office to sign in.

We have had some enquiries about a similar course for parents of Reception aged children. We'll be speaking to the Family Learning team with a view to offering a course later in the year.



## After School and Lunchtime Clubs

Thanks for returning your slips to book after school clubs. Please remember to thank the staff for giving up their time to offer these extras for your children. Please assume that your child has a place at the club unless you hear from us. Where clubs are over-subscribed, we'll try and offer the club in two groups. If your child is keen to continue with Dance Club, please return the booking form to the school office by Wednesday.

## PTA News

The PTA does a wonderful job for our school – organising great community events, supporting the work of the school and raising funds. The next committee meeting is at 7.30pm next Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January at school. All are very welcome to attend.

## Lunches Today

Our Hub kitchen was unable to provide a hot lunch today due to a problem with their ovens. They have, instead, provided a good range of sandwiches and wraps. We apologise for this departure from our published menu which was due to circumstances beyond our control.



Remember that getting to school on time every day is really important for your child and the rest of the class. 5 minutes late each day means three whole days lost each year

## What a Picture – An Opportunity for Families

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On the afternoon of Wednesday 5th February our school photographer, Liz from Tempest, will be in school to take portraits of our new pupils and groups of brothers and sisters.

Liz will also be available from 3pm onwards to take pictures of family groups: these could include younger siblings, Mum, Dad, Grandparents – it's up to you! You'll need to book in to have a family group photo. Please complete the form below and return it to the school office and we'll contact you to book a slot.



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### Family Photo

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me to book a family photo appointment.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_