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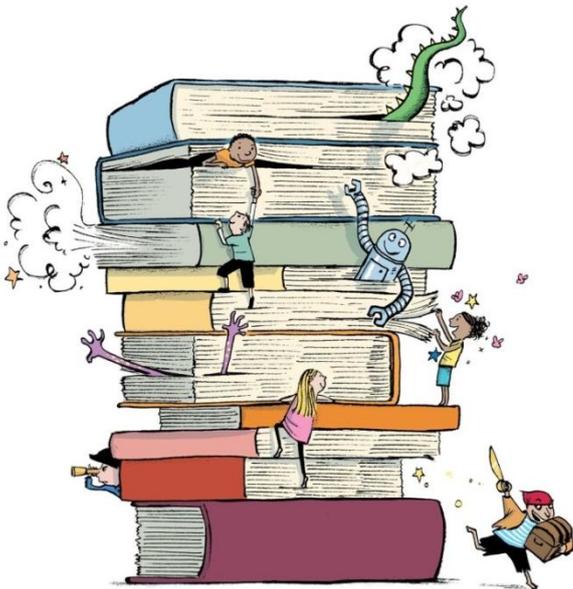
Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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## All about books

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We love reading at Buckingham Park School. Next week, starting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, we are holding our very own 'Book Week'.



Book Week is a time to celebrate books and reading. In class, the children will be undertaking some book related activities and we'll also be having special visitors and surprises along the way.

We'd also like some help so if you are able to help out during the week, speak to your child's class teacher. We'd be very glad to hear of any parents, grandparents or friends who would like to share their favourite story or book with a group of children.

We'd really appreciate as many children joining our sponsored read as possible. This will help us buy books, and get free books for our school, as well as supporting a school in South Africa (see next page for details).

In this issue of 'Park Life' you'll find all sorts of information about Book Week so please read it through carefully!

## The Big Surprise...

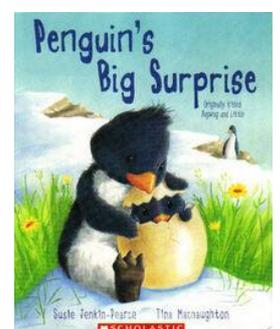
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Everyone loves surprises. A Big Surprise is such a good title for a story that there are lots of books which feature a big surprise.

And we have our own **BIG SURPRISE** for next week. The staff have been planning it for some time and we are nearly ready to share our surprise with the children.

Classroom Room 3 has been sealed off for a few weeks and no-one knows what lies behind the door. What could it be? Are there any clues? Who knows?

We don't need to wait much longer...the countdown has begun...we'll all find out what lurks behind the door during Book Week!



# Ready, Steady, Read!

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As part of our Book Week we will be running a school sponsored read between Friday, 7th February and Thursday, 13th February.

The project is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne representative (and a Buckingham Park School mum), Nina Petty, and all the money raised will be spent on brand new books for our school.

We have had a very generous offer from the Wendover and District Rotary club to make a financial contribution to our sponsored read by agreeing to purchase more books for our school. As a result of this collaboration, Usborne will donate up to 60% of the value of the total books purchased, in the form of free books which will be sent to a new library in a primary school in Johannesburg South Africa.

So our Sponsored read is a real WIN, WIN, WIN... The children will be enjoying reading and we'll also be helping to bring new books into our school and a school in South Africa!

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read anything with words (for example comics, recipes, magazines) for as long or as little as they are able to. Each child will have two reading logs for the week (one for home and one for school) where the total amount of time spent reading each day will be recorded.

Should you wish to support our sponsored read, please find enclosed a sponsorship form for your child. We will send home a reading log to use at home later this week. The children will also have a reading log to use in school.

After the sponsored read, please send all the sponsorship money that your child has raised to the school on Friday, 14th February. Cheques should be made payable to 'Nina Petty'.

Remember that your child can add to his or her reading time by reading to themselves, reading to others, or being read to by someone else. Sharing books as a family are a great way to clock up those minutes!

Please support our sponsored read so that your child has more books to read, share and enjoy.

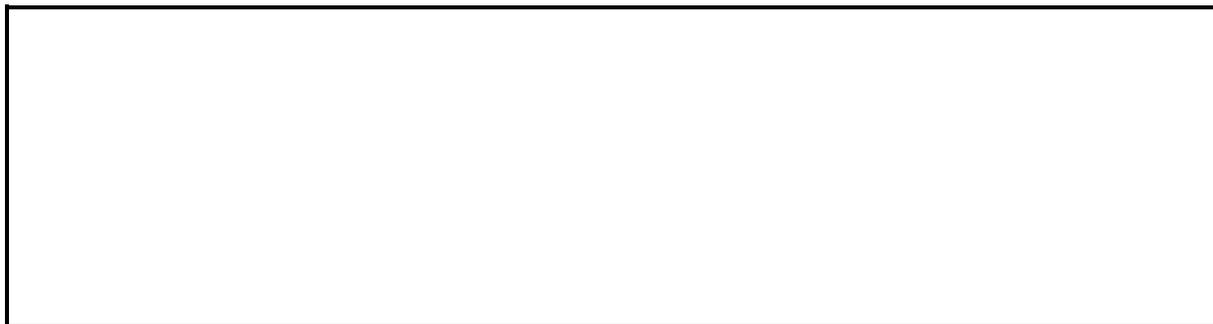
# Design a Bookmark Competition

**Does your child love to draw? Does your child love to read?**

Then enter our 'Design a Bookmark' competition.

Bookmarks will be judged on originality, design and reproducibility.

Using the template to the below, design a bookmark that will catch the eye of the judges.



Draw your design in this rectangle  Your design can be landscape or portrait (the rectangle can be 'tall and thin' or 'short and fat'!)

YOUR FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR AGE: \_\_\_\_\_



Cut out this entry form and hand to your class teacher by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

## Can you help us in Book Week?

We would really like it if you came and helped us in school during book week. We could use an extra pair of hands on most days but we are also setting aside two special days.

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February is Ladies Day!

If you are a Mum, a Gran, a Nan, and Aunty or a grown up sister we'd love you to come into school for the first part of Tuesday morning (between 8.30am and 10.30am). We'll be doing our reading and literacy activities at that time and we would love you to join in – supporting children in class, hearing readers, sharing books with the children and much more!



### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February is for Men Behaving Dadly Day!

If you are a Dad, a Grandad, an Uncle or a grown up brother, we really want to see you in school on Thursday morning (between 8.30am and 10.30am). We'll want you to be sharing your favourite stories with the children, taking part in literacy activities, hearing children read and much more!

## Extreme Reading

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Where is the most extreme place your child has ever read a book? Whether it is up a tree, on top of a mountain or stood on their head, we want your photos! Your challenge is to take a picture of your child reading somewhere extreme, obscure or entertaining and send it in to school by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Please email your photo to [office@buckinghampark.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@buckinghampark.bucks.sch.uk) and put 'Extreme Reading Photo' as the subject line.

A display will also be made from the photos and we will also put them on the school website for everyone to see. If you send us a photo of your child we will assume that you are happy for us to share it!



Obviously, we encourage you to keep safe (I wouldn't recommend reading in the jaws of a crocodile!) but we are really looking forward to seeing who in school has such a passion for reading that they have to do it anywhere and everywhere!



Regular attendance helps children to develop confidence and to make and keep lasting friendships.

**REMEMBER EVERYDAY COUNTS.**

## Health and Illness

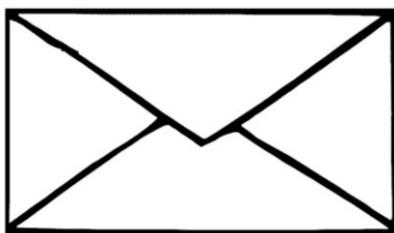
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We have had a number of illnesses that have affected staff and pupils recently. A tummy bug, causing sickness and diarrhoea, has affected all year groups. The Health Protection Agency guidelines, and our school policy, are for children to be kept at home for 48 hours following the most recent episode of sickness or diarrhoea.



## Letters Home

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Please look out for the following letters which are coming home this week:

**Year 3**

A letter about our class visit to Royal Gunpowder Mills next week.

**Years 1 and 2**

A letter about our special 'Roman Day' later this term.