

park life

Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome Back

We do hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. It was lovely to have a little bit of sunshine wasn't it?

One of the key messages of Easter is 'new life'. This term we'll be thinking all about new life in our science, as well as in our worship times. We have lots of exciting ways of thinking about new life, including some very 'egg-citing' guests!

Of course we don't have the opportunity to start a new life in school this term – but a new term is a fresh opportunity to be the very best that we can be.

Today I
begin a
new life.

Welcome Back Mrs Whytewood

**WELCOME
BACK!!!**

We are delighted to tell you that Mrs Whytewood returns to school this week. Mrs Whytewood has been on maternity leave for almost a year following the birth of her son, George.

Mrs Whytewood is our Early Years Phase Leader. This means that she leads the learning and staff team in Reception and Nursery. Mrs Whytewood will be teaching both classes in Reception and will also be spending time in Nursery each week.

Parent Governor Elections

With the nation in the grip of election fever, it is time for us to have our very own secret ballot to elect two parent governors. We are pleased that four candidates have put their names forward to support the school and details of the election process will be sent home later this week.

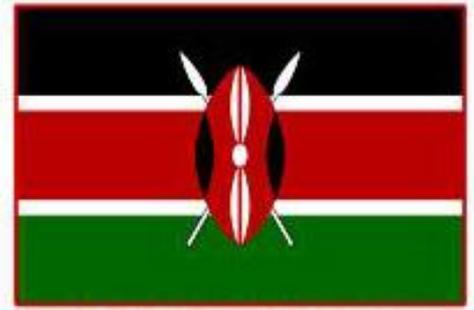


Please read the information carefully and return your voting slips within one week. Every registered parent is entitled to vote. Please use your vote!

Thank you from Kenya

We have received a message of thanks from Nyandiwa School for the funds we sent after Christmas. There are pictures on our website showing photos of renovated floors and the pupils standing on the new ramp to one of the classrooms. All the materials have been supplied by 'Amani UK' using funds raised by our families. The floors had previously been breaking up and dusty, creating a very poor learning environment for the children.

Thank you for your generosity.



The Return of Egg-Cam!



We have some 'egg-citing' incubators in our entrance foyer this week. We will be keeping a very watchful eye and looking after them really well in hope that we will witness 'new life' at Buckingham Park this week.

You can keep an eye on the action in the evenings by entering our 'Egg-Cam' online room which can be accessed through our website.

We want to thank the PTA for generously providing the funds to run this egg-cellent project in school. We would not have been able to do this without their kind assistance.

PTA Meetings – You're All Invited

Next week the PTA are having two meetings to plan our forthcoming Summer Fete and to discuss the amazing fund raising efforts so far. We will be able to share some exciting news soon about how some more of the money will be spent for the children in school. Please support the PTA by attending one of the following meetings which are both on Wednesday 22nd April: 1.30pm in school or 7.30pm at the Aeglelsburgh pub on Watermead.

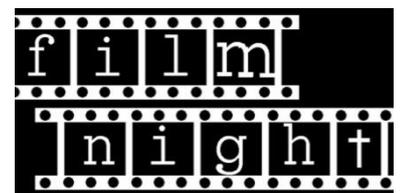


In Brief...



Well done to our Year 3 and Year 4 children for leading our **Easter celebrations** with a presentation to the rest of the school and also to their parents. They did an amazing job and very thoughtfully shared the meaning of Easter with us all.

Our next **film night** is on Friday 24th April. The doors open at 5.15pm and children should be collected at 7.00pm. Reception children will be watching 'Lost and Found' and 'Mr Men: The Great Alphabet Hunt'. Children in Year 1 upwards will be watching 'Paddington'.



Clubs information for the Summer Term will be sent home soon.

School Uniform

We are so pleased to see all our children dressed so smartly for school each day. This week, each teacher will check that every child is dressed in full school uniform and has the correct items in school. We'll send you a letter if there is anything to change.



In particular, we will be checking that each child:

- Is wearing traditional, black school shoes (we do not permit boots, trainers, 'slip-ons', platform soles, high heels or open toes)
- Is not wearing earrings, other jewellery or nail varnish (we do not permit any jewellery to be worn)
- has a water bottle for use during the school day
- Has a complete PE Kit

We'll also be checking that every item of uniform, PE Kit and equipment is **clearly named**

Now that it is the summer, children are welcome to wear traditional grey school shorts or a **navy and white, gingham**, one piece summer dress.

A reminder of our uniform expectations are below. Our full policy is available from our website.

Uniform items

- Traditional, grey school skirt, trousers or shorts
- Navy blue polo shirt with school logo*
- Jade Green sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo*
- Grey socks or tights
- Black school style shoes (strictly no trainers)
- Baseball cap or sun hat (available with school logo) :: *Essential in the Summer Term!* ::
- In the summer term, girls may wear a one piece navy and white gingham dress

P.E. and Games

- White T-shirt with school logo*
- Navy blue shorts
- Traditional black plimsolls
- Navy blue track suit (optional, but recommended for winter PE lessons)
- Drawstring bag for PE kit (available with school logo)

Other items

- Jade Green or Navy Blue Book bag (available with school logo)
- A clear, non-spill water bottle
- Navy Blue zipped reversible fleece coat with school logo* or a dark coloured school coat
- A navy or dark blue, plain headscarf (hijab) in the short fitted children's style (with no pins) may be worn.

Jewellery is unsuitable for school wear as it is easily lost or damaged and can cause injury to wearers and others. Earrings, of any kind, should not be worn. No exception will be made for recently pierced ears.

Long hair should always be tied back neatly with a simple bobble, scrunchy or alice band in school colours (jade green or navy blue). Hair should be worn in a style appropriate for the varied activities of the school day and colours should be avoided.

School uniform items marked * are available from Bucks Schoolwear Plus in Aylesbury, or from Tesco Online.