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Are you a number or a name?

This day, April 29th, in 1933 saw the first football match in which players wore numbered shirts. Everton wore numbers 1 (the goalie) to 11, and Manchester City wore the numbers 12 to 22 (their goalie).

As we know, the shirts of most professionals now bear their name as well as their number.

Calling people by their names is considered to be a sign of respect and of wanting to relate to them. That's why we place great importance on getting to know the children's names as soon as possible in school.

The bible tells us that our names are important to God. When Jesus met with Zaccheus, the tax collector who was hated by many, he called his name. Those who witnessed this event (including Zaccheus, I suspect) were amazed that Jesus knew his name and used it – I'm pretty sure that Zaccheus was called many other names by those whom he had 'ripped off'! One verse in the bible reads, "Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name."

Names are also great for reuniting clothing with the rightful owner. We sent home a 'sticker reminder' last week. Please ensure that all clothing and items of equipment are named. Thank you.

Very best wishes,

Nick Waldron



Planning for our Summer Fete



Our first every School Summer Fete will take place on Saturday 13th July, 12 – 3pm.

We'll need lots of help from you because organising an event like this needs many, many volunteers and supporters. We're determined that it will be a great event and we hope that you'll get right behind it!

Our first planning meeting takes place this Friday, 3rd July. Please do try and get along to this if you can. We need your great ideas and many hands make light work!



News in Brief

Alexander's Fund

Thank you to all those who supported our 'Wear-a-hat Mufti Day' in support of Alexander's Fund. We raised over £300 and we now know that the full target amount has been raised. Any money that is raised beyond the target will go into the charitable account of Kids n Cancer UK.



Scooter Training

Thank you to all those parents who have returned a slip to indicate that their child will be able to participate in scooter training. The training will take place next week, on 8th May, and we'll be writing to all those parents who have returned slips with further details.

Keeping up to date with school news

There are a number of ways in which you can keep up to date with all the latest news from school. Our website, www.buckinghampark.bucks.sch.uk has copies of all our newsletters and lots of other information besides. In addition, you can 'like' us on Facebook (facebook.com/buckinghampark) or 'follow' us on Twitter (@buckinghampark).

Bank Holiday Monday

Remember that next Monday, 6th May, is a bank holiday and school will be closed.

Families Count – Mathematics Evening for Parents

Thursday 9th May, 7pm – 8.30pm

Are you interested in how your child is taught mathematics?

Would you like to help your child with mathematics at home?

Are you confused about 'modern methods'?

We are planning a fun, informal evening where we'll help you with all these things and much more...from starting out with number and counting, to calculations and problem solving.



You'll come away with a good understanding of our approach to mathematics, as well as lots of ideas for use at home. We'll spend the first part of the evening all together, before giving you the opportunity to see some of the mathematical activities in the classrooms.

The evening is suitable for all parents from Nursery to Year 2. If you intend to come along, please use the slip below to let us know so that we can ensure that we have the correct number of resources available.



Count me in! Mathematics Evening for Parents

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Please reserve _____ places at the mathematics evening. *(please insert number of places required)*