

park life

Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Hello Sun...

I hope that all our children and families were able to enjoy a fun, sunny May Day holiday.

In our worship times last week, we talked about the signs of spring and we reminded ourselves of all that we had to be thankful for.

We do hope that the sun will continue to shine throughout this term!

Very best wishes,

Nick Waldron



Families Count – Mathematics Evening for Parents – This Thursday



There is still the opportunity to book a place at our Mathematics Evening.

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. Please return the slip tomorrow if you would like to come along.



Count me in! Mathematics Evening for Parents

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

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

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! Here are some ways that you can help straight away...



Sponsor a main prize in our Grand Draw

Do you have links to a business or organisation who could sponsor a main page for our draw? We are especially interested in a 'gadget' prize (an iPad, iPod touch, games console or similar), but we'd also be very interested in holidays, gift vouchers or other special prize for this central fund-raiser for the Fete.

Grand Draw, raffle, game and tombola prizes

We are hoping that many, many local businesses, organisations and individuals will be generous enough to offer us a prize. We would be very happy to receive gifts, vouchers, tickets, experiences or anything else that we could offer as a prize in our raffle and tombola, or to offer as a game prize.

Fete Programme Sponsorship and Advertising

Our fete programme will be distributed to every family in the school and also to every visitor to the fete. We are seeking a main programme sponsor who will pay the printing costs for the programme as well as advertisers who can pay for a half page or quarter page advert.

Purchase a stall for our market place

If you operate a business selling crafts or similar, you are welcome to purchase a table in our 'market place'. In return, we'll ask you for a £15 fee and a raffle prize. If you are able to bring your own table, we'll reduce the price to £10. Stall holders are welcome to bring their own gazebo.

Stage a performance or demonstration

We would be really pleased to hear from dance schools, martial arts clubs, Zumba teachers, orchestras, choirs or similar groups interested in performing at the fete.

If you think that you might be able to help in any of these ways, please let us know. We have a list of companies and organisation that have already been approached so please check first so that we don't harass people!

As we get closer to our Summer Fete, we'll be asking for lots more help so please put the date in your diary. We'll be looking for cake bakers, prize givers, stall holders, raffle ticket sellers and much, much more!

If you have any ideas or links that might be useful to us as we prepare the event, please let us know – we would be delighted to hear from you!



Sun Hats and PE Kits



During the summer term we will take as many opportunities as possible to get outside as part of our learning journey. Please could you ensure that your child has their full PE Kit in school every day. This means that we can be flexible in our timetabling in order to make the most of the good weather.

Additionally, please make sure that your child has a named cap or sun hat in school every day. On very sunny days, we will insist that children wear a cap or a hat when outside. Caps with the school logo are available from Bucks Schoolwear Aylesbury.

Scooter Training

Our Scooter Training sessions take place tomorrow morning. If you have returned a slip booking a place for your child please remember the following:

1. Log into ParentPay and select the scooter training option to pay £3
2. If your child has a scooter, bring it along tomorrow but make sure that it is very clearly named
3. Training will be outdoors so remember rainwear, as well as sun hat (let's be prepared!)



The Final Frontier and the High Seas!



We have a very exciting day planned for Tuesday 21st May. We have booked the 'Science Dome' for the day.

The 'Science Dome' is an inflatable dome packed with digital technology designed to explore the curriculum in an interactive and exciting way. The Science Dome visits schools presenting a different learning experience to children. The domes are the most advanced digital domes in the country capable of showing 360 degree pictures and films.

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will visit the dome during the day. Our Reception classes will participate in an 'Earth and Beyond' show as part of their learning about Space. Our Year 1 and 2 children will learn all about 'Pirates and the Sea'.

The Science Dome is an expensive resource but we think that it will be well worth it. We'll be sending a letter home soon to ask for a parental contribution towards the cost of the day.

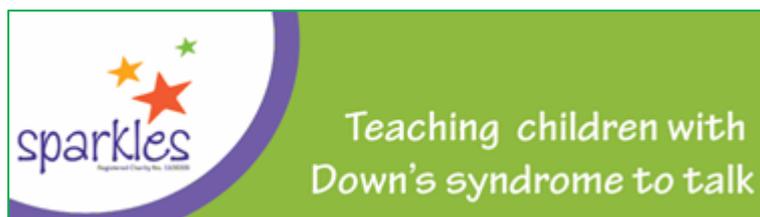
Music Concert

On Wednesday 22nd May we are hosting a music concert for our children. Teachers from the Aylesbury Music Centre will be performing for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children in the school hall.

This is an excellent opportunity to hear live music, and to learn about some of the instruments of the orchestra. We hope that it will also inspire some of our children to want to learn a musical instrument for themselves.



Running for Sparkles



Gayle Willington, one of our Parent Governors, is running the 'Cardiff Ultra' on 19th May. The 'Cardiff Ultra' is a 50 mile 'ultra-marathon' between Brecon and Cardiff. Gayle, and her husband Rhys, are raising money for Sparkles.

Sparkles is an amazing parent-run charity providing specialist speech therapy for children who have Down's Syndrome. This small charity currently supports 18 young children in Aylesbury and High Wycombe. For more information about Sparkles, take a look at the charity's website: www.sparkles.co.uk

The good news is that you don't have to run 50 miles to help out! You can contribute towards their fundraising target by visiting their fundraising webpage: www.justgiving.com/Gayle-Willington

Nursery Open Sessions

Our school nursery is very quickly, and deservedly, gaining an excellent reputation for providing a caring and high-quality pre-school learning environment for 3 and 4 year olds.

Our nursery has all these positive features:

- Led by qualified teachers
- Supported by well qualified Nursery Nurses and Teaching Assistants
- Housed in a purpose built Nursery Unit - A school within a school!
- Access to all the school facilities - large ICT suite, school hall, outdoor areas
- Part of our Church School with a Christian ethos, welcoming families of any faith and of none
- Fully funded places, five 3-hour sessions for 3 and 4 year olds



We have places available for September. Please do encourage any prospective parents to come and visit us on one of our open sessions:

Wed 22nd May, 1.00 – 3.00pm

Tues 11th June, 9.00 – 11.00am

Thurs 20th June, 9.00 – 11.00am

Simply contact us in the school office to book a visit during one of these times. You do not need to stay for the whole session, just book a time to suit you and then come and see us in action!

Nursery Communication



We really appreciate it when Nursery parents let us know if their child is unwell and absent from school. Please continue to do that. Simply telephone the main school office number (01296 415687) and leave a message with the office staff and we'll pass it on to the Nursery teachers. You can also send an email to office@buckinghampark.bucks.sch.uk

We won't put calls through to the Nursery during the teaching sessions because the staff are busy working with the children, but a member of staff can call you back if you need to speak with them.