

# Nursery News

Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Nursery Newsletter

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## A great start...

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It has been wonderful to see all our Nursery children starting this week. We welcome those who are new to our nursery, and we welcome back those who have returned.

We want your child to be really happy in our nursery. We want them to enjoy their play, make some great friends, and to have fun whilst learning lots.

We very much value the partnership we have with parents. We know that your children are most successful when we work closely together. You can speak to your child's key worker, or any member of staff about anything at all – please do take that opportunity.

Very best wishes,

*Nick Waldron*

## A Book is a Gift – Celebrating Birthdays

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We love celebrating birthdays at Buckingham Park. Birthdays are such fun – marking another year that is past, and a reminder that we are 'growing up'!

For a number of reasons, we would prefer not to have sweets or cakes being brought in to school, and we want to relieve parents of that particular pressure when you have lots of other birthday things to think of!

We are very happy for children to wear their birthday badge, and we will – of course – sing a hearty 'happy birthday' on that special occasion. If you would like to mark your child's birthday in another way, we suggest that you consider donating a book to the school library. We will stick a special book plate in the front of the book to recognise your donation and your special day!

**"A book is a gift you can open again and again."**

Garrison Keillor

## School Places for September 2014

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If you are interested in applying for a Reception class place at the school for September 2014 (for those children who will be aged 4 by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014), we invite you to attend one of our admission meetings. At these meetings parents can hear about the school, learn all about the admission process, tour the school and ask questions. The admission meetings are held on:

Thurs 3rd Oct 2013, 9.30am

Thurs 21st Nov 2013, 9.30am

Thurs 9th Jan 2014, 9.30am

Please remember that you will need to complete an application even if your child attends our Nursery. Applications must be submitted to the Local Authority (Bucks CC) by January 14<sup>th</sup> 2014.

# We need you! School Travel Plan Working Group

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As a school we are committed to a high quality, all-round education for all our children. Part of the children's learning is about healthy lifestyles and personal safety.



A key element of our approach is the School Travel Plan. Our plan details the measures and initiatives we can adopt to reduce car journeys, increase other methods of getting to school and improve safety for the journey to school. These can include walking, cycling and public transport initiatives as well as engineering and education programmes.

If a plan is to be successful it must be supported by the whole school community; parents, teachers, students, governors and the local community.

A travel plan can have many benefits for our children, including:

- Improved road and personal safety skills and increases travel awareness.
- Improved health and fitness through increased levels of walking and cycling.
- Improved behaviour both in the school grounds as well as on the journey to and from school.
- Increased knowledge and awareness of the local environment and community.
- An opportunity for children to contribute directly towards shaping their local environment.
- A range of travel options for the school journey.

Our Travel Plan Working Group, led by Mrs Jackson, will look at the plan and promote the activities and aims throughout the school and local community. The group will comprise staff members, parents and representatives of the local community.

If you would be interested in joining the working party, or if you would like further information, please speak to Mrs Jackson in the school office. It would be great to have one or two Nursery parents as part of the team.

## Improving our Communication

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We will soon be trialling a new facility in school which will allow us to contact you more quickly and efficiently. The system gives us the ability to send text messages (SMS) to your mobile phones and make automated telephone calls to you. We will also be using it to send you emails. This new facility will enable us to get a message to one or more parent(s) or the whole school very quickly.

We may use the system for notifying you of school closures, following up absence, sending reminders, letting you know about upcoming events, for sending newsletters and much more.

Depending on the reason for contacting you, we will either send an email, a text message to your mobile phone or an automated voice message to your landline number, mobile phone or work numbers (if appropriate). We may also choose to send some messages in duplicate (i.e. via text & email).

We'll be sending home more information about our trial of this new system soon.

**REMINDER: Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meeting this  
Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm. ALL WELCOME!**