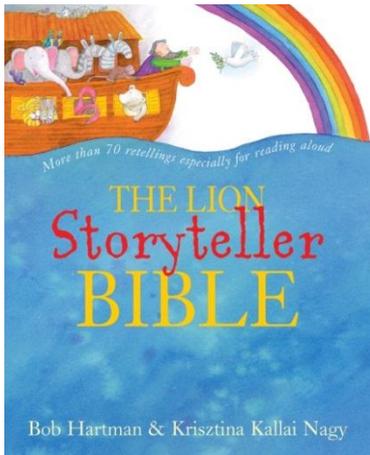


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Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Open the Book



This year, as part of our school Worship Times, we will be 'Opening the Book'. We'll be taking a look at some of the great Bible stories, from beginning to end, and thinking about what the stories can tell us about our life at Buckingham Park. The Bible is, in fact, a collection of books – letters, songs, poems, history, stories – it's all in there.

As part of our RE, we'll be looking at the Bible and the sacred texts from other faith groups – especially the Torah (Judaism) and the Koran (Islam). We'll explore a range of religious stories and sacred writings and talk about their meanings. We'll also identify the importance, for some people, of religious stories and recognise the difference these make to their lives.

This week, Revd. Mark showed us some of the bibles from his collection including a family bible which dated back to 1872. He shared with us the creation story and we reflected on all the wonderful things we have to be thankful for.

Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

Film Night

Our first film night of the school year takes place this Friday. This is for children in Years 1, 2 and 3. We'll be watching 'Wreck it Ralph' which has a PG Certificate. Our doors will open at 5.15pm and children should be collected at 7pm. There is a charge of £2 to cover refreshments.



Did you know that if a child misses as little as nine days in each school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education?

Joining the Library – It's fabulous and free!



You're never too young (or too old) to join the library. Every Buckinghamshire library has books, DVDs, CDs and much more for all ages.

We are very fortunate at Buckingham Park because not only can our children and families visit the library in Aylesbury, but we also have the mobile library visiting us each fortnight.

The mobile library visits Buckingham Park on alternate Fridays from 10.10am – 11.00am. **The next two visits are October 4th and October 18th.**

If your child has a library card already, just bring it in to school on those days and we will take him or her to the mobile library for you. You'll still need to return the books to a branch library, or you can bring them back on the date of the next mobile library visit.

If your child is not yet a member of the library, then you can help them **join for free** at the following link: <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/joining-the-library>

If you do not have access to the online form, then ask in school and we will provide you with a form.

In Brief...

A photographer from the Bucks Herald will be in school on Wednesday 2nd October to take a photo of our Reception children for the 'First Class' feature in the newspaper. The photos are available to buy through Bucks Herald. Please let us know if you do not want your child to be included in the photograph.



Please remember that, with the exception of guide dogs, we do not permit dogs anywhere on our school site, including the playground areas.

Please do not park your car on Culpepper Close when you drop off or collect your children. Culpepper Close is the narrow road that runs round the back of the school to the staff car park. Parking on Culpepper Close prevents our neighbours from using their parking spaces. Also, please remember that we do not permit parents to use the staff car park.



We have a number of pupils who have been diagnosed with a severe allergic reaction to nuts. As far as is possible, we want to make Buckingham Park a 'Nut Free Zone' and therefore parents should try not to put any food containing nuts into your child's lunch-box. Your co-operation in this matter is very much appreciated.

We have noticed that, in the morning, there can sometimes be a large number of parents and children gathering ready to come in to school at 8.30am. We're delighted that you are so keen to get to school on time! We would ask, however, that you take it steadily when coming in through the doors so that no small children are caught up in a stampede! It would be helpful to the staff if you stood back a little from the doors (as we do in the afternoon) so that children who are coming into school by themselves can come in safely. Thank you.



We need your number!



In last week's newsletter we told you that we are starting a trial of a new communication system that allows us to text, email or telephone parents. This means that we can pass a message to groups of parents quickly and easily.

To allow us to make best use of this facility, it is important that you keep us updated of changes to any of your contact numbers and email addresses.

We are sending home this week a copy of the contact information that we already hold for you. We would be very grateful if you could kindly check, correct and form to help us to set up the system with the correct contact details of your choice. Please return the form to the school office.

If you have any questions about the system, please ask us. In due course, we will be asking for your feedback on the system once we have started using it.

Unwelcome Visitors

Headlice is a problem that affects all of us. This troublesome pest is a widespread infection, especially among school age children. A common misconception is that they are a symptom of poor hair hygiene - rest assured this is not true. Lice are equally likely to be found on clean or dirty hair!

Head lice cannot jump, hop or fly. Children can get head lice from sustained head to head contact when playing together, whispering, hugging or when they are in close contact with an infected adult. The truth is that anyone can get head lice - not just children.

The perception by some adults may be that there is an 'outbreak' with many children infected - this is rarely the case. At any one time, most schools will have a few children with active living head lice. This can be between 2 - 5%. It is rarely higher than this.

The only way to eradicate the problem is if every single one of us is vigilant. Please check your children's hair this week with a fine toothed inspection comb. The recommended method is to 'wet-comb' conditioned hair. If you are concerned, please contact your local pharmacist who will be able to offer advice.

Please continue to check your children's hair regularly (at least weekly) and ensure that all long hair is tied back. You may also wish to brush your child's hair each afternoon when he or she returns from school - this will prevent any louse which has wandered onto your child's head during the day from laying eggs and becoming a more significant problem.

If you would like some further advice or information on this issue, please ask us.

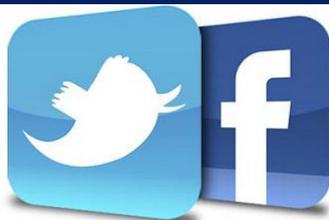


Teddy Bears' Picnic



On Wednesday, we have the Buckinghamshire Family Learning team in school to work with parents and children from our Reception classes on a 'Teddy Bears' Picnic' themed family learning event.

We know that some parents will not be able to attend the event on Wednesday and we do not want your child to miss out so we are asking all our Reception children to bring in a Teddy Bear on Wednesday. Those not attending the family learning event will be able to do some Teddy Bear learning in class.



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All About Reading

Our first Parent Information Evening is all about Reading. Come and hear all about how we will be helping your child to become a great reader and how you can help at home!

Thursday 26th September, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Learn all about phonemes, graphemes, blending and segmenting, sound buttons, reading levels, phonics games, reading schemes, real books and tricky words... in a fun, relaxed environment!



This information evening is targeted at parents of children in Reception and is a repeat of last year's evening. That said, parents of children in other year groups are very welcome to attend.



Booking Form for the 'All About Reading' Parents' Workshop

Child's Name: _____

Class: Nursery RA RB 1A 1B 2A 3A

Number of places: One Two

Please return to your child's classteacher or the school office by Monday 18th September

Last chance to book... please return slip tomorrow!