

# park life

## Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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### Pentecost

Last week, Reverend Mark shared the story of Jesus' Ascension with the children in Worship Time. This week, we will be thinking about the Christian festival of Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday is next Sunday - and it is the reason for our bank holiday and half term!



Pentecost celebrates the moment when the friends of Jesus discover that they can communicate to all sorts of people they never thought that they would be speaking to. They go out and speak to the great crowd of pilgrims assembling from every nation in Jerusalem. They build bridges with strangers. You can read the story in the Bible (Acts, chapter 2).

Pentecost is the time when we remember that Jesus gave his Holy Spirit to be a helper, guide and counsellor. Pentecost is a reminder that when the Christian church thinks about the Holy Spirit it is always thinking about the way God makes connections with people.

Perhaps this Pentecost we can think about how we make connections and how we communicate with all sorts of people - those from different backgrounds, those who do not share our point of view, those who need our help and support, and so on.

### Walk to School – This Week!

Every year Walk to School Week brings together nearly one million school children, teachers and parents. This year's Walk to School Week is all about the healthy benefits of walking.

- Walking keeps young minds alert and ready for school
- Spending some quality time together on the walk to school develops happy relationships
- Daily exercise keeps you fit and healthy and reduces the risk of medical conditions in later life
- Walking means less pollution and cleaner air
- The habit of a daily walk can encourage other healthy habits such as having a nutritious breakfast



If you don't usually walk to school, perhaps you could make the effort to do so this week.

## Supervision of children before school

Our school day starts at 8.40am. To help working parents, and those with children in other schools, we open our doors at 8.30am and we are happy to supervise the children from that time.

If you arrive at school before 8.30am, please remember that children must be supervised by an adult. Older children coming into school by themselves should not arrive before 8.30am.

Please remember that the outdoor play equipment, field and toys should not be used before or after school, and we do not permit bikes or scooters to be ridden on the school grounds.



## School Library – Choosing the right book



We are really pleased that the children are continuing to enjoy taking books home from our school library.

We try to allow a 'free choice' of books from the library but we will also guide children towards books which are suitable for their age and ability.

In our school library there are books suitable for 3 year olds, and others which are more suited for 11 and 12 year olds. This means that not all books will be suitable for all children.

We ask that you help us to monitor the books that your child brings home. If, for any reason, your child brings home a book which you consider to be unsuitable, please speak to your child's class teacher and we'll swap it over straight away.

Thank you for your support.

## Half Term

Next week is half term. School will close at the usual time of 3.15pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and will re-open on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. We hope that all our families have a restful and enjoyable break.

**HALF TERM**



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# Summer Fete

Saturday 4th July 2015  
12pm—3pm | See you there!