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Father's Day

Many families will have celebrated Father's Day on Sunday. For other families, this can be a difficult time. We do want all our children to understand the 'amazingness' of their parents and families – whether this is Mum, Dad, Grandparents or other carers. We all have very different types of families and we want to be thankful for all those who care for us.



As a church school, we also celebrate that God is our heavenly father who loves us, cares for us and also helps us to do our best, and to be our best.

Very best wishes,

Nick Waldron

Elephant's Tea Party



During the week beginning Monday 24th June (next week) each class will be joining the 'Elephant's Tea Party'.

1 in 29 children is bereaved of a parent or sibling – that's one child in every average class in the UK. And 92% will experience a significant bereavement before the age of 16. We want to equip our children with the required life skills to cope, should someone they know die. We'll be doing this annually, but in a way which is appropriate to their age – through stories and fun activities. The week will include a tea party fundraising event for all to enjoy.

The Elephant's Tea Party builds on an apt metaphor for bereavement: 'there's an elephant in the room' and the theme: 'an elephant never forgets'. Many people are often at a loss when someone dies, unsure as to what to say or do. As a result, children and young people can often feel isolated in their grief. The Elephant's Tea Party can help us to make a big difference to the emotional wellbeing of all our pupils, and to equip them for bereavement, now or in later life.

The Elephant's Tea Party will take place next Wednesday afternoon. We will be collecting money to support the work of Child Bereavement UK, a national charity based in Buckinghamshire. The charity supports families and educates professionals.

To support the work of the charity we ask that every child contributes a minimum donation of 50p towards the event.

Summer Fete Update

Thanks to those nursery parents who have already started to support our preparations for a Summer Fete on Saturday 13th July, 12 – 3pm.

Here are some ways in which you can help:

A blue rectangular box with the words "SUMMER FETE" in large, bold, yellow capital letters.

'Bring a Bottle' Mufti Day – Friday 28th June

On Friday 28th June we are inviting children across the entire school to wear their own choice of clothing in return for a bottle that we can use as a prize for our bottle tombola. Although not all our Nursery children wear uniform, we'd still very much appreciate a prize! We would welcome any bottle which would make a good prize – wine, lemonade, bubble bath, shower gel, olive oil, beer...

Bake a Cake: Fill a Plate! Plates sent home on Friday 5th July to be returned on Friday 12th July

On Friday 5th July we'll be sending home a disposable plate and we'd like you to fill it with cake(s) and return it to school on Friday 12th July for our cake stall.

Volunteer to help on the day

We'll need lots of help on the day – in the morning setting up, during the event, and clearing away afterwards. We'll be sending a letter home this week with a reply slip for you to tell us when you'd like to help.

Selling Grand Draw Tickets

We'll be sending a letter home this week with a bunch of Grand Draw tickets to sell. Please sell all of them if you can. If you need more, just ask. There will be a prize for the family which sells the most!

Sports Day – We need help and supporters!



Our Sports Day for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be held on Wednesday 26th June. The event will start at 9.30am and run through to lunchtime.

The children will participate in a range of athletic activities including track races, throwing and jumping.

Each child will need to have his or her full PE Kit in school that day, and a water bottle and sun hat or cap. If it is a sunny day, we would recommend applying lots of sun-cream before coming in to school also. In order to ensure that everyone has the correct items, please make sure that all items are named, and in school on Monday and Tuesday of next week also.

All parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to come along and support all the children. We also need lots of help to ensure that the morning runs smoothly. If you are able to help out, please let us know through the school office.

Community Litter Pick

To help with the litter around Buckingham Park there will be a community litter pick this Saturday, 22nd June. Equipment will be supplied along with bacon baps, courtesy of Jan at the community centre!

Many hands make light work so it would be great to get as much help as possible. We'll meet at the community centre at 10am and spend a couple of hours making our community look better.

Please contact Anders Christensen if you would like more information (07834 995690, anders_christensen@rocketmail.com).



Moving Up – Induction, Staff and Classes

On Tuesday 2nd July, we will be welcoming all our new Reception children to the school for an induction visit.

Additionally, all our children will spend that day with their new teacher. This will give all our children the opportunity to meet the staff who will be working with them next year, to get to know the routines and expectations, and to ask any questions that they might have.



The staffing arrangements for September are as follows:

Early Years Foundation Phase Team

Phase Leader	Miss Whytewood
Teacher – Nursery	Mrs Beer / Miss Gates (Job Share)
Teacher – Reception, Class A (RA)	Miss Whytewood
Teacher – Reception, Class B (RB)	Mrs Houghton
Teaching Assistants	Miss Cooper (Reception) Miss Brown (Reception) Mrs Dysart (Nursery) Mrs Hyland (Nursery)

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Phase Team

Phase Leader	Miss Hair
Teacher – Year 1, Class A (1A)	Miss Parker-Fraser
Teacher – Year 1, Class B (1B)	Miss Allen
Teacher – Year 2 (2A)	Miss Hair
Teacher – Year 3 (3A)	Miss Waterhouse
Teaching Assistants	Ms Peace Mrs Forsyth Miss Moulton

Each teacher has a proportion of the working week away from her class base in order to plan and prepare lessons, assess children and undertake school leadership tasks. During these times, the Reception classes will be taught by Miss Cooper, the Year 1 classes by Mrs Brewer, Year 2 by Miss Gates, and Year 3 by Mr Waldron.

Red Class will become Class 1A and will be taught by Miss Parker-Fraser. Blue Class will become Class 1B and will be taught by Miss Allen.



We are delighted to welcome Miss Lucy Waterhouse and Mrs Katherine Houghton to our staff team. Miss Waterhouse and Mrs Houghton are both currently teaching in other Buckinghamshire schools and start with us in September. They will also be with us on Tuesday July 2nd to work with their new class groups. I am sure that you will join us in welcoming them to the Buckingham Park family.

Film Night – This Friday!



The children of film club have reviewed a number of film options for our film night and have chosen to watch Chicken Run.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are welcome to come along to film night (no booking necessary).

Doors open at 5.15pm and the children will need to be picked up at 7pm please.

There is an entrance charge of £2 which covers a drink, popcorn/fruit and a treat.

Things we need...

We have a huge range of lovely new resources as a school but they are jolly expensive. Please could you have a look and see if you have any of the following items which you could donate to the school for use in class:

Old sunglasses
Sunhats
Small sections of hose pipe (1metre or so)
Flower pots
Old seed packets
Any artificial flowers
Gardening magazines or books
Old picnic baskets
Empty bottles of sunscreen, suncream

Children's comics or magazines
Board games
Colouring books
Complete jigsaw puzzles
Spare card, paper, wrapping paper, crepe paper etc
Sequins, buttons, glitter etc



If you have any of these items please bring them in to your child's class teacher or to the school office.

Congratulations...



I am pleased to tell you that Mrs Jackson has successfully completed the Advanced Diploma of School Business Management (ADSBM). The ADSBM develops the knowledge and skills of experienced school business managers (SBMs), enabling them to work more strategically and enhance their contribution in complex settings.

This is a significant qualification and we are really pleased for Mrs Jackson who has completed the course whilst supporting the establishment of a brand new school – a major undertaking!



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