

# park life

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## An Olympic Effort!

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The runners were poised at the starting line, the crowd was roaring, the atmosphere was electric, the weather was perfect . . . The athletes had all been in strict training and the time had come...

This year's sports day, our first as a school, was full of excitement, and featured great sporting attitudes mixed with sporting excellence. Well done to all our children for competing so well, and to all our parents and friends who showed their support.

Sometimes education seems like a sporting event. There are new targets to aim for, new rules, new trophies to claim. But education is not just about being the best: it has wider purposes which need to be valued for their own sake - the development of individual potential and the pursuit of knowledge and truth. Education is about becoming spiritually, physically and mentally fit, developing healthy attitudes to others and to ourselves.

Paul, a follower of Jesus who wrote many letters which form part of the bible, knew all about big sporting events and used sport as an example. He tells us that we do not run aimlessly, but with a purpose, keeping our eye on the prize: listening for God's word, which fits us for life and prepares us for the future.

Very best wishes,

*Nick Waldron*



## Grand Draw Tickets

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Thanks to all those parents who have already sold their tickets. Remember to fill in the counterfoils and return them to school as soon as possible with the money you have collected.

If you don't feel able to sell all the tickets, please return them to school so that we can redistribute the tickets to others who are able to sell more.

## Thank You

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Thank you to all those parents who were able to bring a prize for our Bottle Tombola last Friday. We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of our 'Elephant's Tea Party' initiative which we think is really important.

*Thank You!*

## Moving on Up - Tomorrow



Tomorrow, the children will have the opportunity to spend most of the day with their new teacher. This will give the children the opportunity to get to know the staff who will be working with them next year, and the chance for staff to get to know the children.

Children should come into school at the normal time and will be registered in their current classes. Later in the morning, they will move to their new teacher for the remainder of the day. We will also be welcoming our new Reception children for a morning and afternoon session.

Children currently in Reception or Year 1 will be doing an activity which requires a clean, empty jam jar (or similar). If any family has any spare jam jars, please could you bring those in also.

## We need your help

We are now in the position of needing lots of support for our Summer Fete on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

We will need help to set up in the morning (9am – 12pm), to run stalls and games throughout the afternoon (12pm – 3pm) and to clear away at the end (3pm – 6pm).

Please indicate on the slip below when you are able to help and return it to school this week.

In order to make the fete a success we really need at least one adult from each family to support us at some point during the day.

We are very grateful for your support. Thank you



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## SUMMER FETE HELP :: REPLY SLIP

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I can help at the following time(s):

9am – 12pm [  ]      12pm – 3pm [  ]      3pm – 6pm [  ] (please tick one or more boxes)

Please use this space to tell us any further information (any specific times you can help, or other family members who can help us:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SIGN  
& RETURN**