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Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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On your marks..

Our sports day this week reminds of great sporting events – the runners are all poised at the starting line, the crowd is roaring, the atmosphere is electric . . .

Competitors in the Olympics next year will, if successful, win medals. Their achievements are beyond the reach of most of us, yet we have the opportunity to attain a greater prize, even if we have little or no interest in sport.

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.

In the bible, Paul often refers to athletic events as an example to those he is encouraging. He encourages others to take off the things that are slowing them down, to train hard, and to fix their eyes on the prize. At Buckingham Park, the 'prizes that last' are our school's Christian values. We are in training so that these values will become instilled in all of us as we continue to grow and develop. We think these are worth more than any gold medal!

Sports day for children in Years 1 - 4

Our Sports Day for children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 takes place this Wednesday, starting at 9.30am (weather permitting). The children will all participate in a variety of track and field events.

All children will need to be properly equipped for the day:

1. Full school PE Kit including plimsolls/trainers
2. Named water bottle
3. Sun hat or cap
4. Suncream applied before school

Parents are very welcome to attend and support all the children to do their best. The PTA are kindly providing refreshments for supporters – please bring some loose change for a donation.

Singing in the sun

A group of our Year 3 and Year 4 children visited our neighbours at Buckingham Lodge Care Home as part of National Care Homes Open Day on Friday.

We shared some of the songs we sing in our Worship Times in School. It was a lovely day so we were able to sing and dance in the sunshine!

There is a short video clip of the singing on our school website (in the 'News Blog' area).

In it to win it…

Our PTA volunteers will be selling raffle tickets throughout this week for our Summer Grand Prize Draw. The raffle will be drawn at our Summer Fete on Saturday 4th July.

First Prize: £100 Ocado vouchers
Second Prize: £50 cash
Third Prize: £25 cash

The tickets will be sold at pick up times at the Nursery and Main School collection points.

Fun and Free African Drumming Sessions

Throughout our Summer Fete on Saturday 4th July, we are offering 20 minute African Drumming sessions which will be great fun for all – and free to join!

The first session will start at 12.30pm so make sure your get to the fete early and join in – places will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

Your Summer Fete Needs You!

With less than two weeks until our Summer Fete we are now looking for lots of volunteers to run the stalls and games, and to help with set up and clear up.

If you are able to help, please complete the simple form below, drop it into the office, and we'll get in touch with you.

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Your name: _____

Your child's name: _____ Class: _____

Please tick which time(s) you can help:

10.30 – 12.00 (set up) ☐ 12.00 – 1.30 (running a game or stall) ☐

1.30 – 3.00 (running a game or stall) ☐ 3.00 – 4.30 (clear up) ☐