

Park Life

Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Happy October!



They say that time flies when you are enjoying yourself. In that case, we must be enjoying ourselves at Buckingham Park because September has raced by and we are now heading into October. This month brings Harvest celebrations, a theatre production in our school hall, parents evenings and half term – all of which are featured in this edition of 'Park Life'.

Thank you to all our parents who attended the 'All about reading' workshop on Wednesday last week. We hope that you found it informative and interesting. Your feedback would be most welcome. We hope to organise further parent workshops as we proceed through the school year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

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On Tuesday 9th October the children will be treated to a musical theatre version of 'Beauty and the Beast' in the school hall.

M&M Theatrical Productions' adaptation of Beauty and the Beast is a children's pantomime favourite. The story begins many, many years ago, when a young prince named Aaron was rude to an old woman who came to his castle looking to shelter for the night. The old woman decided to teach the young prince a lesson by turning him into a hideous beast and told him the only way to break the spell was for a young woman to fall in love with him.

We want to make this a special day for the whole school so we are inviting all the children to dress up as a character from a traditional tale – perhaps a prince or princess, an ugly sister, a knight in shining armour or one of the three pigs! The choice is yours. Please ensure that your child's footwear is suitable for the demands of the school day, and please no jewellery or weapons!

You may also want to read a version of Beauty and the Beast with your child so that he or she is familiar with the story. We think that this will help them to enjoy the performance on the day. We have placed some links to the story on our website in our new 'Children' section.



A celebration of harvest



Harvest is the time, at the end of the growing season, when farmers gather together the crops. As part of the celebration, farmers would traditionally express their thankfulness to God. Giving a proportion of the crops to poor families is one way that farmers expressed their gratitude.

We are speaking to the children about harvest. We want them to be grateful for all that they have, and to be aware of those who need some extra support and help. One of our school values is 'Thankfulness' so this is an excellent opportunity to instil this value in our school.

We are planning a special Worship Time for Harvest on Wednesday 17th October, starting at 9am, in the school hall. It will take the form of a short and simple service including songs, prayers and readings (including the song, 'Big Red Combine Harvester – hence the picture!). Children are invited to bring along a gift for the Vale of Aylesbury Vineyard Church Storehouse. Vineyard Storehouse provides free furniture, household goods, baby equipment, soft furnishings and clothing for people in the Vale of Aylesbury geographical area who struggle financially. One-off food parcels are for those in dire financial difficulties, who are referred by local agencies.

In particular, we are hoping that children will be able to bring items from the following list. It would be great to have a large collection to deliver to the Storehouse.

Tea	Pasta sauces	Long-life milk
Coffee	Tinned vegetables	Cereals
Sugar	Baked Beans	Jam (not homemade)
Pasta	Tinned Fruit	

We are happy to receive items from the above list on Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th or Wednesday 17th October. We will display our collection at our Worship Time on the 17th.

News in Brief...

Payment for School Meals

Thank you for your patience as we establish our online payment system. The work to complete our school network connection will take place this week and we will send you details of how to set up an account. In the meantime, we would very much appreciate a cash payment for this week's meals. Thanks.



Parents Evening

We are hoping that every parent will be able to attend one of our parent evenings in the final week before the half term holiday. The sessions are on Monday 22nd October, 5pm – 8pm and Wednesday 24th October 3.30pm – 6pm. This week we will send you a letter giving you the opportunity to book a 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher. The 10 minute consultation will be an opportunity for you to hear how your child has settled into Buckingham Park School.

Lunchtime Volunteers

This week we will be appointing additional lunchtime supervisors to start work soon. We will still appreciate volunteer helpers at lunchtimes because it really is a case of many hands making light work – and a better lunchtime for the children. If you can help out this week, please let us know. We will really appreciate your help.

