

park life

Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Our first half term is nearly complete

It seems such a short time ago that we first met, full of anticipation and excitement for our new school opening. We are now approaching the end of our first half term as a school family and community.

We hope that your child is enjoying school and making excellent progress. We hope, too, that you feel part of the school community and are pleased with the school's provision.



We want to thank you all for your contribution towards our Harvest celebrations. We have a really good collection of non-perishable food for the Vineyard Storehouse and we were pleased to see so many of you at our Harvest Worship Time.

We look forward to seeing you this week at our parents' evenings and we hope that you have a safe and restful half term holiday.

Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

Scooters and Cycles



We are delighted to see so many children taking a really healthy option for school travel. Riding a scooter or cycle to school can be great fun!

Please could all children park their scooters and cycles in our bike shelter in the morning, rather than bringing them onto the playground. We are concerned that with so many scooters scooting around that someone may have an accident. This will be especially relevant as the school grows, and it is wise to get into the habit now.

In the future, we will be organising some cycling and scooting training and events for children of all ages to enjoy.

Thank you for your support.

Unwelcome Guests



Headlice is a problem that affects all of us. This troublesome pest is a widespread and sometimes unpleasant infection, especially among school-age children. A common misconception is that they are a symptom of poor hair hygiene - rest assured this is not true. Lice are equally likely to be found on clean or dirty hair!

Contrary to popular belief, head lice cannot jump, hop or fly. Children can get head lice from sustained head to head contact when playing together, whispering, hugging or when they are in close contact with an infected adult. The truth is that anyone can get head lice - not just children.

The perception by some adults may be that there is an 'outbreak' with many children infected - this is rarely the case. At any one time, most schools will have a few children with active living head lice. This can be between 2 - 5%. It is rarely higher than this.

The only way to eradicate the problem is if every single one of us is vigilant. **Please check your children's hair this week** with a fine toothed inspection comb. The recommended method is to 'wet-comb' conditioned hair. If you are concerned, please contact your local pharmacist who will be able to offer advice.

Please continue to check your children's hair regularly (at least weekly) and ensure that all long hair is tied back. You may also wish to brush your child's hair each afternoon when he or she returns from school – this will prevent any louse which has wandered onto your child's head during the day from laying eggs and becoming a more significant problem.

If you would like some further advice or information on this issue, please ask us.

News in Brief...

Parents Evening

Meetings with teachers will take place in your child's classroom. Please wait in the main corridor and your child's teacher will collect you from there. Access to the school will be through the main school entrance only.

Lunchtime Volunteers

We really appreciate volunteer helpers at lunchtimes because it 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 are really grateful for your support in this way.

Earrings

A reminder that we expect all earrings to be left at home after half term, in keeping with our school uniform policy.

Infection Control

The Health Prevention Agency recommends that children be kept away from school, nursery or childminders for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. If your child is unwell with a sickness or diarrhoea bug, please keep to this rule. If you need advice on any other infection or illness, please do contact us and we can give you the HPA advice.

