

# park life

## Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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### Being a Peacemaker

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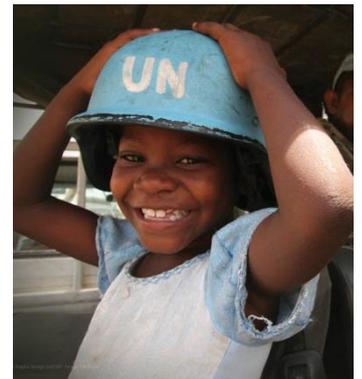
This Thursday is United Nations Day. The United Nations was formed in 1945 following the end of World War II. United Nations Day is a chance to recognize how much this invaluable Organization contributes to peace and common progress. It is a time to reflect on what more we can do to create a better world.

At Buckingham Park, 'We are Peacemakers' is one of our key school values. Jesus taught, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

In the Bible, the word Peace has several different meanings. Peace has to do with a sense of well-being in all aspects of our lives, it is sometimes described as a feeling of harmony or tranquillity, and peace is described as a gift from God.

Peace be with you.

*Nick Waldron*



### Key Stage 1 Art Gallery

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This Friday, our children in Years 1 and 2 will be exhibiting their art work, based on the theme of 'All about me'. The art gallery in the school hall will be open from 3.00pm to 4.00pm and parents are very welcome to come and take a look.

### Harvest

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Well done to our Year 2 children for leading our Harvest Worship Time so well. And thanks to everyone who supported us by donating food items for the Storehouse. Buckingham Park Community Centre is now a distribution centre for the Storehouse so our donations may support very local families in need.



This Friday we will be rewarding every child who has had no more than two days off school this half term with a certificate. They are on track to achieve 96% attendance.

## Mufti Day – This Friday

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This Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, we are inviting children to wear their own choice of clothing in exchange for a donation of a tombola prize for our Christmas Fayre (which is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December). Please could children bring the following items in exchange for wearing their own clothes:



Reception and Y1: A prize for the Chocolate Tombola      Y2 and Y3: A prize for the Bottle Tombola

All items will need to have a 'best before' or 'use by' date which is after 7<sup>th</sup> December.

## Film Night – This Friday

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This Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, is our latest 'Film Night' for children in Years 1, 2 and 3. We will be watching Madagascar 3.

The Film Night entry cost is £2 to include a drink and snack. Doors open at 5.15pm and children should be collected at 7pm.

## Health and Illness

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We have had a number of illnesses that have affected staff and pupils recently. A tummy bug, causing sickness and diarrhoea, has affected all year groups. The Health Protection Agency guidelines, and our school policy, are for children to be kept at home for 48 hours following the most recent episode of sickness or diarrhoea.



Hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) is a viral infection which has affected a number of children, especially in our nursery. It doesn't usually pose a serious threat to a child's health, but it can be an unpleasant condition. Typical symptoms of HFMD include: cold-like symptoms (such as loss of appetite, cough and a moderately high temperature of around 38-39°C), a non-itchy red rash that develops on the hand and the feet (sometimes the rash can develop into painful blisters), and painful mouth ulcers.

HFMD will get better on its own without treatment. However, speak to your GP or call NHS 111 if you're unsure whether your child has hand, foot and mouth disease. You should also contact your GP if your child isn't drinking any fluid or their symptoms last longer than seven days.

You should keep your child away from school or nursery while they are unwell. However, there's no need to wait until the last blister has gone before your child can return to school or nursery, provided they are otherwise well.

HFMD is not the same as foot and mouth disease, which affects cattle, sheep and pigs!

## Buckingham Park in Bloom

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The Buckingham Park in Bloom committee are organising a bulb planting event on the 16th November from 10.00 am until noon and would appreciate as many volunteers as possible to bring along a spade and help out. The group will be meeting at the Community Centre.