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Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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We will Remember...

Tomorrow is Remembrance Day. At 11am Buckingham Park School, along with thousands of other schools, will stop and pause for a moment to reflect on the sacrifice of many brave men and women in order to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. It is also a chance to think and pray for all those still affected by war.



We have Poppies available in school – your donations to the Royal British Legion Charity will be most gratefully received.

PTA – We need your help!



This Thursday, the PTA committee will be meeting and we welcome all parents to come along and show your support. We'll be talking about the Christmas Fayre and there will be lots to think about so the more, the merrier!

We're having two meetings to include as many parents as possible. Both are this Thursday, 13th November. The first is at 1.30pm at the Community Centre, and the second is at 7.30pm at school.

Birthday Books

We have had some lovely donations of books for our library recently from children celebrating a birthday. Thank you. We don't give out sweets, gifts or cakes in school for birthdays but we do like to celebrate by singing happy birthday and by finding out all about how you are celebrating at home.

Some children like to bring in the gift of a book for our school library - we place a special label inside the book with the child's name so that whoever borrows the book knows that it was a special gift from a special person!

A book is a gift you can open again and again.
—Garrison Keillor

BBC Children in Need – Be a Hero!



This Friday, 14th November, is BBC Children in Need day. The theme this year is 'Be a hero' so we are inviting all our children to dress as a hero (or to wear their own choice of clothing) in return for a donation of £1 or more to the charity.

Please make sure that clothing is suitable for the rigour of a school day!

Diary Dates for 2015-16

Our term and holiday dates for the next academic year are below. Please refer to these before booking any holiday as we are unable to authorise holiday absence during term time.

Term	Open on morning of	Close at end of afternoon of
Autumn	Monday 7 September 2015	Friday 23 October 2015
	Monday 2 November 2015	Friday 18 December 2015
Spring	Tuesday 5 January 2016	Friday 12 February 2016
	Monday 22 February 2016	Thursday 24 March 2016
Summer	Tuesday 12 April 2016	Friday 27 May 2016
	Monday 6 June 2016	Thursday 21 July 2016

Please note that there is an induction period in September for all children in Reception class and these dates will be published separately (no Reception child will start school before 6th September). There is also an induction period at the start of each term for new children in Nursery and this affects the term dates for all Nursery children (no Nursery child will start school before the published dates above).

Raising Funds for School with your Online Shopping

This year we've found a great way to raise money for free, simply by shopping online through a website called easyfundraising (www.easyfundraising.org.uk).



Whenever you buy anything online (e.g. Christmas presents, groceries, clothes, books, train tickets, hotel rooms, etc.) you can raise a free donation for the school. There are over 2,700 retailers registered with the site, including Amazon, John Lewis, eBay and Tesco who will donate a percentage of what you spend to the school to say thank you for shopping with them.

Here's how it works:

1. Sign up – go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/buckinghamparkcepspta> and click on the button to sign up (there's also a link on our website).
2. Shop – from the easyfundraising website, search for the retailer you'd like to shop with and click through to the retailer to make your purchase. This tells the retailer you came from easyfundraising. The price is exactly the same as if you'd visited the retailer directly.
3. Get a donation – after you've made your purchase, the retailer will give you a cash reward that easyfundraising turn into a donation for the school.

No cost, no catch!

Please be assured that using the easyfundraising website will not cost you a penny. There are no catches or hidden charges and we'll benefit from any donations you make once registered.

Thank you for your support.