

park life

Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Let there be light...

Tomorrow is Diwali, the festival of light - a time of celebration for Hindus and Sikhs. Diwali can also be a time of reflection for us all – as a Christian School, as individuals who are Christians, as followers of another faith, or as a person of no religious faith.

A Hindu saying is “Lead me from darkness into light”. Darkness refers to ignorance, which hides our understanding of reality and truth. Light refers to knowledge, which can clear the path to understanding. In the Christian tradition, Jesus is the light of the world, bringing understanding, guidance, comfort and truth.



As part of the Diwali celebrations, sweets are exchanged to strengthen bonds with neighbours, friends and relatives. It brings the community together, and shows the care for one another. It also instils in people the sense of joy associated with giving.

These traditions very much reflect our own school values – within the context of being a Christian community, we aim to be a learning community and to be a local community.

Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

Payments for School Meals using ParentPay[®]



Payments using ParentPay starts this week. Please make sure that you have set up your account online and added some funds to your account. We pay to use this service by paying for each transaction – so please add as much as you afford to your account each time in order to reduce the number of transactions.

As notified at the beginning of term, our price for a school lunch is now £2.20. The introductory price of £2 was due to end at half term but we extended it for a week to coincide with the launch of the online payments.

If you still need to pay us for any meals up to and including Friday 9th November, please pay for these in cash at the school office. Thank you.

If you have any difficulty setting up your account, please let us know.



Keeping in touch



In addition to 'Park Life' we hope to keep in touch with you in a variety of different ways.

We are on Twitter (@buckinghampark) and Facebook (facebook.com/BuckinghamPark). These are particularly useful for highlighting information in a 'little and often' way. Our website is an ever-growing source of information about the school. We copy all our letters to the site, as well as all our policies, procedures and news.

Introducing...

Our new lunchtime supervisors have been starting their new roles over the last few weeks and we now have a full complement of lunchtime staff to help the children to have safe, happy and healthy lunchtimes.

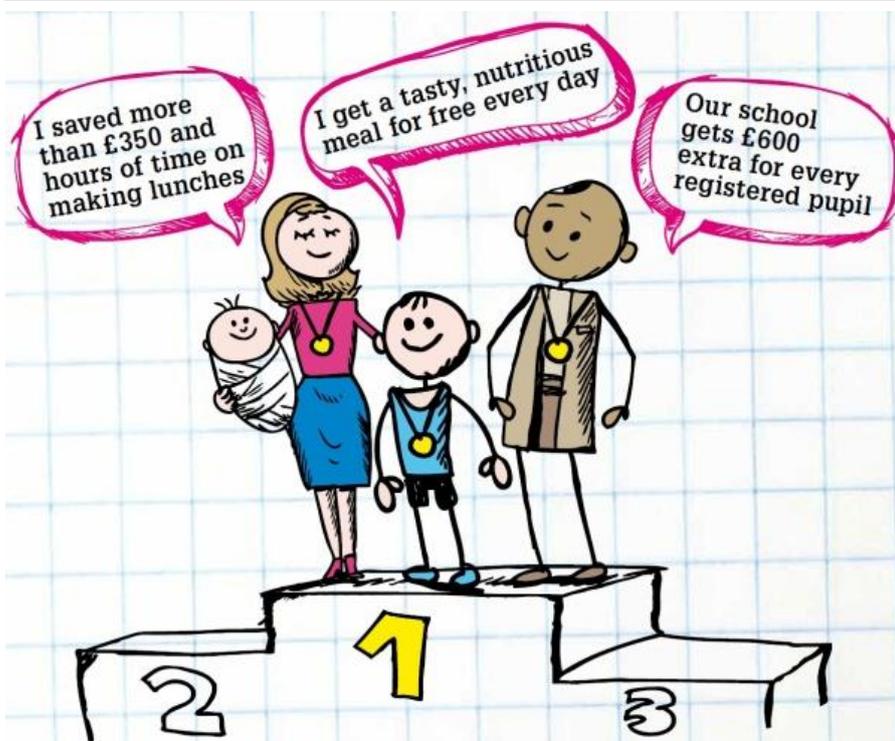


Joining Mrs Puddefoot are Ms James, Ms Radocjic, Mrs Ahmed and Mrs Smith. In addition, Mrs Jackson or I are always available at lunchtimes to support the staff.

In addition, we welcome Mrs Looker who is currently working in Red Class as a Teaching Assistant, and Mr Jackson who is working in each class on a teaching experience placement.

I am sure that you will join me in welcoming all our new staff to the team.

Claim a Free School Meal...and Everyone Wins!



You save money and time!

Your child gets a tasty, nutritious meal!

Our school gets £600 for every pupil!

Your child may be entitled to receive free school meals if you are entitled to receive one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

Applying is really easy - and totally confidential. Just collect a form from the school office, or download the form from the school website (it's on the 'School Meals' page).

If you have any questions, just pop in and ask us!

