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Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Newsletter

All about Reading

Thank you to all the parents who have returned a slip, or told us that they are attending our 'All About Reading' Workshop. The workshop is from 6.30pm to 8.00pm on Wednesday, and is for parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We are planning for the workshop to be informal, informative and fun!

It's not too late to book a place. Simply speak to your child's class teacher or pop in to the office to let us know that you are coming.

See you on Wednesday!

Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

Payments for School Meals

Our IT network installation has taken a little longer than expected and we need this up and running before we move across to the 'ParentPay' system. Therefore, we would be very grateful if parents would pay for next week's school meals by cash once more. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Please pay at the school office, to Mrs Jackson.

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Lunch at School

I want to take this opportunity to let you know how we 'do lunch' here at Buckingham Park. As a parent, I know that it can sometimes be difficult to get information from our children!

Our lunch break is from 12.00 – 1.00pm. The children say a thank you prayer in class, wash their hands and are brought through to the dining hall by their teacher. Children having a packed lunch get their lunch box from the class trolley and choose a place to sit. Children having a hot school meal line up to select their meal before choosing a place to sit. Knives and forks, water and milk are all available at the table.

Children are encouraged to enjoy the meal time with their friends, and our staff and volunteers support them by opening packets, cutting up food, serving puddings and clearing away crockery and cutlery.

If children need to go to the toilet during this part of the lunch break they are free to do so, they just need to ask one of the adults before going.

When finished, children remain in their place until the time when they are allowed to go onto the playground. Children have as much time as they need to eat their lunch. No-one is ever rushed – quite the opposite – we encourage children to eat as much as they can. We gently encourage, never force, because we want children to have a positive experience at lunch. If you are worried that your child is not eating enough, just speak to us and we will help out in any way that we can.

Once outside, the children can play freely with whoever they please. Our staff and volunteers supervise the children, and also help them to play safely and creatively. The classroom play equipment is not accessible at lunchtime but we provide other equipment to play with such as footballs, hoops and skipping ropes. If the children need to go to the toilet, they just need to ask – the toilets are directly accessible from the playground. If it's raining (like today!) we do something in class –draw, read, play a game or watch a DVD.

At the end of lunchtime a member of staff raises their hand and the children stop playing, raise their hand and listen. Once the equipment is packed away, they quietly return to class with their teachers…and silence falls on the playground!

We are so grateful for our lunchtime volunteers - thank you to all those parents who have already volunteered. We have now employed two members of staff on casual contracts who are supporting the lunchtime shift, and we are also currently recruiting further lunchtime staff (see 'vacancies' page of our school website).

All help at lunchtime is very gratefully received. If you are able to lend your help on one or more lunch times (11.50am - 1.15pm) over the next couple of weeks, please email us and let us know which lunchtimes you can support. Thank you.

In Brief…

Please remember that we do not permit dogs or smoking anywhere on our school site, including the playground areas.

Our Worship Time on Wednesday 17th October, starting at 9am, will be a Harvest Celebration. Parents are very welcome to attend. More info to follow.

If you wish to order photographs, please send your order back as soon as possible.