

# park life

Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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## St Patrick

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Yesterday was the feast of St Patrick, Patron of Ireland. Following an eventful early life, at the age of 40 he began to walk all over Ireland, gently talking to people about their lives and their needs and how he thought God could help them. He wasn't welcome everywhere - some people were determined that Patrick and his message weren't for them - but he continued his journeys all through his life, never giving up on his simple message.



A very famous prayer is said to have been written by St Patrick. In it he prays:

I arise today  
Through God's strength to pilot me;  
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me.

This prayer reflects our own school vision... 'Excellence, through God who strengthens us'.

Very best wishes,

*Nick Waldron*

## Film Night

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A reminder that our Film night takes place this Friday. The film night is for Buckingham Park School children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 only.

Doors open at 5.15pm and the film will start at 5.30pm. Please drop off your children at the main school entrance where they will be registered. You can collect your child from the main entrance at 7.15pm.

The entry charge is 50p and we also have a 'meal deal' (a drink, popcorn and a sweet treat) for £1.50. So if your child is coming along and having the 'meal deal' they'll need £2 which will be taken at the door.

We'll be watching 'Hop', the animated, comedy film about the Easter Bunny. 'Hop' is rated U and is suitable for children of all ages.

## Easter Service at St James' Church

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Our Worship Time on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March will take place at 1.45pm at St. James' Church, Bierton, and we invite all our parents to join us.

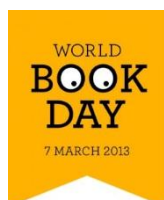
Nursery parents are very welcome to join us with their children for this service.

Please keep your eye out for a separate letter for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sent home today.

## Thank you, thank you, thank you...

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Thank you for supporting our **Red Nose Day** on Friday. It was lovely to see so many children dressed up for the day. We raised £180 which we will be sending to Comic Relief. Those who saw the Red Nose Day programme on Friday will know that this money will support some amazing life-changing and life-saving projects in the UK and Africa.



Thank you for your support for **World Book Day**. We were so grateful for those parents, family members and friends who came in and shared books with children, for those who visited the Usbourne book stall, and those who have sent in photos for 'Extreme Reading'. The Usbourne Book orders are being processed and will be with you as soon as possible.

Thank you to all those families who have responded to our appeal for **shoe boxes**. We have as many as we need for the time being so please don't send any more at the moment!



## School Visits

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All our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have a school visit this term. School visits are such an exciting and helpful way of bringing the curriculum to life.

Children in Year 1 visited Waddesdon this term, and our Reception classes will be there this Thursday. Yellow class are visiting Rectory Farm next week and, of course, we're all off to St James' Church.



Thank you to all those parents who have made a contribution to the cost of class visits through ParentPay. These visits rely on your contributions to go ahead. If you have not yet made your contribution, we'd be most grateful if you would do that as soon as possible. If you need any support with ParentPay, please just ask at the school office.

## After School Clubs

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This Wednesday will be the last week for our after-school clubs. We'll let you know about next term's clubs in due course. The Hercules Sports Club will continue this week and next. Next week's club will start at 1.30pm, immediately after our early finish for the end of term.