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Peace and Forgiveness

Nelson Mandela had every reason to be bitter and to seek revenge over those that treated him differently simply because of the colour of his skin. Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years for standing up to an unjust and unfair system.



Two of our School Values are, 'We forgive others' and 'We are peacemakers'. This is not always easy. It can be a real challenge to forgive those who hurt us, and to strive for peace when we feel angry or when we are treated unfairly.

I am sure it wasn't easy for Nelson Mandela either. But he chose to forgive those who had persecuted him, to work together for peace. Mandela stepped out of jail without bitterness, without hatred or rage. He later wrote,

"As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison."

Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

Christmas Fayre

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre on Saturday. To all those who helped to get everything ready, sold raffle tickets, helped on the day, and came along with family and friends – we are most grateful. We do hope that you all enjoyed your day too.

We would especially like to thank the members of the PTA committee, led by Kelly and Sharon, who have made it all possible. Most people will be completely unaware of the incredible commitment that they have made over the past term to formally launch our PTA and to organise two super events. I am sure that you will join me in thanking them for their hard work and generosity.

We would also like to thank Homebase in Aylesbury for the kind donation of the Christmas Tree which is in the school hall.



Don't be a Litter Bug!

We teach our children about caring for the world around them, and about taking care of the school. One of our School Values is 'We take care of everything, and everyone'.

Recently, we have been doing a lot of litter picking in and around the school. Although we are very happy to do our bit, we would prefer it if we didn't need to! Please encourage your children to use the litter bins in the school grounds and in Jubilee Square, and also set a good example to the children by doing this. Thank you.



Brief (but important) news



Our Party Afternoon will be held on Thursday 19th December. Children will partake in a range of party games and activities through the afternoon. Children may wear their own choice of clothes on that day (trainers are ideal footwear and no jewellery please!)

We close for the Christmas holiday at 1.30pm on Friday 20th December. Term restarts on Tuesday 7th January 2014.

We may show an entertainment video to the children as part of our end of year festivities. The film will be a U or PG certificate appropriate to the age of the class.

Our special Christmas Magic Show is on Thursday 19th December from 5.15pm to 6.15pm with an amazing, magical performance by Colonel Custard. The show will be suitable for all children from Nursery through to Year 3, but is only for children from Buckingham Park School. Entrance will be £3 per child and will include the magic show and a treat.

Celebrating Christmas with St James' Church

Reverend Mark and the church at St James', Bierton, extend a warm welcome to all Buckingham Park families at any of their special Christmas services.

Sunday 15th December

11am Family Service with Nativity
(children are can dress as their favourite nativity character and participate in the Nativity!)

Sunday 22nd December

6pm Nine lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve

5.30pm Christingle Service
11.30pm Midnight Sung Eucharist

Christmas Day

8am Said Eucharist



Next week we will be presenting certificates to children whose attendance for the term is 96% or better. We want to thank them and their families for rising to the '96 Challenge'. There will be another chance next term for children to aim for attendance which is at least 96%