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Buckingham Park Church of England School Newsletter

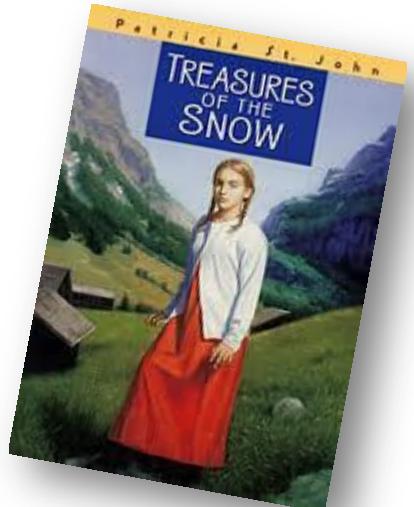
Treasures of the Snow

'Treasures of the Snow' is the title of a classic children's story by Patricia St. John.

The title phrase comes from a verse in the bible, "Have you entered into the treasures of the snow?....." (Job 38:22).

The word 'treasure' is used to mean something that is stored away – as gold and silver would have been in Job's day. It carries with it the idea of God storing up snow, and dispensing it at his choosing. It seems that this is the time of his choosing!

We want to thank you for your support over the last few days. The weather causes considerable difficulty for schools and families and we have to take some rough decisions. We appreciate your co-operation and support.



The snow reminds us that creation is something of great value. Snowflakes have their own shape; their own identity - no two snowflakes are exactly the same. They each are unique. We are all like the snow in this respect. Of the billions of people upon the earth now, and those who walked here previously, and those who will be born into the world, there is not - nor ever has there ever been – someone just like you!

One of our aims is that we would be a school where each child is significant; noticed, valued, respected and cherished. Each child valued for the unique being they are. We want each child to know that, although we have similarities, we each have distinct characteristics that separate us from everyone else. Each child is a thing of value - special and unique.

Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

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School Attendance – It's Crucial!

At the beginning of last term I wrote about the importance of school attendance. As we start a new term, I want to remind you of the importance of children being in school each and every day.



Research tells us that children who have high attendance levels at school perform better than those who don't. This might be obvious, but it is certainly worth thinking about. Establishing great attendance in Nursery and Reception classes sets children up to be great learners throughout their time at school.

We would expect all our children to have a school attendance rate of at least 95% and we aim for children to have a rate of 97%. If attendance falls below 95%, we consider this to be poor attendance and we will monitor this – we may contact you to discuss your child's attendance. For any child with attendance which falls below 90%, we will discuss this issue with you, and also with the Education Welfare Officer because this represents a very poor attendance level.

I will be writing to each parent soon with details of your child's attendance record for the Autumn Term.

Mobile Library Service Update



The Buckinghamshire Mobile Library will continue to visit Buckingham Park on alternate Fridays. We are very fortunate to benefit from this super County-wide service.

The service will be reviewed each term – so we need to encourage all our friends and neighbours to make good use of the Library so that we continue to get a visit!

The library will stop directly outside the school from 10.10am until 11.00am on the following Fridays:

Friday 25 th January	Friday 8 th February	Friday 22 nd February	Friday 8 th March	Friday 22 nd March
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If your child has a library card – please send it in on these days and we will take your child to visit the library.

Turning your 'junk' into school resources

We are always on the lookout for things that we can use at school. In particular, we'd be interested in any of the following:



- 'Junk' modelling resources such as plastic bottles, egg cartons, cardboard tubes, yoghurt pots – all items must be washed and dried
- Boxed jigsaw puzzles (with all the pieces)
- Board games (eg. Connect 4, Jenga, Dominoes, Draughts etc) for use at 'wet play' times
- Paper and card (not cardboard) – we'd be especially pleased to hear from any business (such as a printer) that has surplus paper or offcuts that we could use

Please speak to your child's class teacher or key worker if you have any of these items.

