

# park life

Buckingham Park Church of England School Newsletter

## Let your light shine!

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This Saturday is a special day in the Church's calendar. Candlemas is celebrated on February 2nd, or on the nearest Sunday.

On this day, Christians remember the occasion (the fortieth day after Jesus was born) when Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to 'present him' before God (Luke 2.22-40). On that day, an elderly couple, Simeon and Anna, saw Jesus and Simeon said that Jesus would be 'God-revealing light'. Jesus, as an adult, also refers to himself as the 'Light of the World'.



We light a candle at the beginning of each of our Worship Times together to remind us that it is a special time, but also to remind us of Jesus, the Light of the World. We encourage the children to show 'God's Light' to others in the way that they help, support and speak to each other.

Best wishes,

*Nick Waldron*

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## Parent Teacher Consultations

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Our next opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher is coming up. For children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 we will be meeting with parents on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February (evening), and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February (late afternoon). For Nursery parents, your appointments will be made separately.

Keep your eye out for an appointment letter which will be sent home soon.

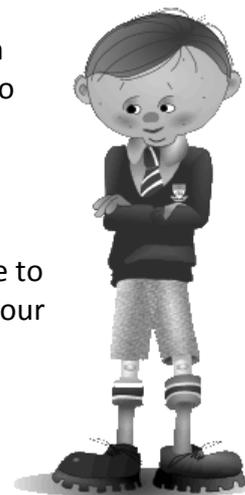
## Look Smart...Be Smart

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I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some aspects of our School Uniform policy. We think that it is really important that we apply our rules very rigidly in this area so that it is fair to everyone, and so that we are always a smart school. Our full policy is available on our school website. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Next Monday, we will be undertaking a uniform inspection and, to help you, we will write to you if there is any aspect of your child's uniform and appearance which is not in line with our policy.

Thank you for your support with our uniform policy and for ensuring that everything is named!



### Shoes

The only acceptable footwear is traditional, black school style shoes. Children should not wear boots of any kind, or shoes that are 'slip-on', that have platform soles, high heels or open toes. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.

In poor weather, children may wear boots to school, but should change into school shoes once in school.

### Trousers and Skirts

Children should wear a traditional, grey school skirt or trousers or shorts. We do not allow children to wear 'fashion cut' trousers (such as bootleg, or skinny fit). Skirts should be knee length.

### Earrings

Jewellery is unsuitable for school wear as it is easily lost or damaged and can cause injury to wearers and others. Earrings, of any kind, should not be worn. No exception will be made for recently pierced ears.

### Hair

Long hair should always be tied back neatly with a simple bobble, scrunchy or alice band in school colours (jade green or navy blue). Hair should be worn in a style appropriate for the varied activities of the school day and colours should be avoided.

### Socks and Tights

Our uniform policy states that children should wear traditional grey socks or tights. Girls may wear white socks if they are wearing a skirt.

# School Attendance – It's Crucial!

**INTERESTING FACT:** Did you know that if a child misses as little as nine days in each school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education?

