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Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Peace be with you...



We have started, this week, to greet each other in assembly with the words, "Peace be with you". This is a traditional greeting in many faiths and cultures. Muslims use the greeting, "As-salam alaykum" and Jewish people often greet each other with the words, "Shalom aleikhem". All these phrases, though in different languages, mean the same thing.

Peace is one of our school values. The Hebrew term for peace, 'shalom', has a deep meaning, much more than simply the absence of hostility or war. Shalom includes ideas of healing and health, wholeness and well-being. It means harmony, stability and security within a community. It refers to relationships based on truth and righteousness, where people flourish because they are nurtured. That's what we want for our school.

Peace be with you.

Nick Waldron

Red Nose Day 2013

We'll be participating in some fun activities for Red Nose Day 2013 this Friday, 15th March. We'll be supporting Red Nose Day in the following ways:

- Children are able to wear their own clothes on that day – please include as much **red** as possible. In return, please bring in a donation for Comic Relief in the form of loose change (we suggest a donation of at least £1)
- Remember to buy a red nose if you are near Sainsbury's. You can wear one to school on Friday.
- We'll be putting all our coins on the hall floor and making a giant coin design.



Something borrowed...



We have a small stock of uniform items that we use for children who have had a little accident in school, or who have lost an item of clothing. If your child has borrowed an item of clothing from school, please would you wash it and return it as soon as possible – we are very low on supplies and this will save us having to chase you. Also, if you have any spare or used uniform that you no longer need, please could you donate it to the school office for us to use. Thank you.

Easter Service at St James' Church



Our Worship Time on Wednesday 27th March will take place at 1.45pm at St. James' Church, Bierton, and we invite all our parents to join us. The children will sing the worship songs that we have learned in school and will also present the Easter Readings. We are taking a similar approach to our Harvest Worship Time but we will be at St. James'.

The children will travel by coach to St. James', leaving school after lunch and returning after the service in time for the end of the school day.

Film Night

Our first Film Night for children takes place on Friday 22nd March. Film night is the opportunity to come to our school hall 'cinema' and watch a great film.



Doors open at 5.15pm and the film will start at 5.30pm. Children should be collected at 7.15pm.



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. The children will be supervised by school staff throughout the evening.

The entry charge is 50p and we also have a 'meal deal' (a drink, popcorn and a sweet treat for £1.50).

After Easter, we'll be launching a weekly after school film club. The club will be organising regular film nights.

On-going Reminders

ParentPay for School Visits: Thank you to those parents who have tried to pay for a school visit using ParentPay. We are sorry that you were unable to do this at the weekend. We have now liaised with ParentPay and the visits are now set up to receive payments.

Reminder!

Parking on Culpepper Close: Please do not park your car on Culpepper Close when you drop off or collect your children.

Shoebboxes: If you have any spare shoe boxes at home please could you send it in to school.

Recycling your junk: We are always on the lookout for 'Junk' modelling resources such as plastic bottles, egg cartons, cardboard tubes, yoghurt pots, coloured paper – all items should be washed and dried, then handed in to your child's classteacher.

School Nursery: We are now taking applications for children to start in our nursery in April (after the Easter holiday) and in September. We take children from the term after their third birthday so for an April start we will take any children are three or four by March 31st. Please contact the school office if you want to come to one of our Open Mornings and see the Nursery in action!