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Love Life, Live Lent...

Modern life can be busy and pressurized. This is especially so for families, who may find it difficult to make time to spend with each other.

Lent can be a time when we reset our priorities and think about family, friends and those who need our support or help. For Christians, it can also be a time to focus on God, and Jesus' life, death and resurrection.



Tomorrow is Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent. 'Shrove' comes from 'shrive', meaning to confess. People were encouraged to say sorry to God before the start of Lent. Traditionally, it was also a day to prepare for the Lenten fast by using up all the rich food in the house – particularly butter and eggs – which has led to the tradition of having pancakes on this day.

As a school we want to help families celebrate Lent and Easter together – by learning about the Lent and Easter story and doing fun things together but also taking time out for prayer or stillness and to re-connect with God's creation.

Each week during Lent, we'll give you some suggestions for actions and activities that can be done together, and can also make a difference through simple acts of kindness and generosity.

We'd be delighted to hear from families who've joined in – send us a message by email, or a tweet, or send us a picture for our website.

Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

This week's actions:

Say something nice about someone behind their back

Clean up your room and take anything you don't need to the charity shop

Share pancakes with your family

Share a smile!

Say sorry to someone

Forgive someone

Are you getting our emails?

We are now sending our newsletters and other letters directly to parents through our email system. If you have not received an email from us, then we may not have your email address on our database. We want to reduce the amount of paper we use by moving across to an email only system soon, so if you have an email address and you have not received our emails – please email the school office address to let us know (office@buckinghampark.bucks.sch.uk).



Going the Extra Mile for Sport Relief 2014



Sport Relief brings the entire nation together to get active, raise cash and change lives. It's back from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd March. The money raised is spent by Sport Relief to help change lives across the UK and the world's poorest countries.

We will be planning some sporty activities on Friday 21st March and we invite all our children to wear their sports gear on that day. It would be fabulous if everyone could donate at least £1 to the charity on the day.

News in Brief

Pancake Breakfast – Tuesday

If you have booked for your child to have a pancake breakfast with us tomorrow, please come along to the side hall door at the time you have booked. We will register your child there so that you can go, and we will take your child to class after he or she has had breakfast.



Head Lice

Head lice infestations are quite common amongst young children. Please check your child's hair regularly with a fine-toothed comb. If you find a live louse, please speak to your local pharmacist for information about the correct treatment and lotion to use.

World Book Day

In celebration of World Book Day, your child will bring home a book voucher on Thursday. This voucher can be used in a wide range of bookstores and supermarkets. The voucher can be exchanged for a special edition book for World Book Day, or can be used as part payment for another book.

PTA News

The PTA does a wonderful job for our school – organising great community events, supporting the work of the school and raising funds. The next committee meeting is at 7.30pm this Thursday, 6th March at school. All are very welcome to attend.



Remember that getting to school on time every day is really important for your child and the rest of the class. 5 minutes late each day means three whole days lost each year!