

A DAY TO REMEMBER

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This sketch was originally written at the time of the Rpyal Weddin (but could be adapted). It illustrates Galatian 3 vv 15 – 25 which talks about the law being a ‘good schoolmaster’ to guide us towards the higher calling of living under grace.

CAST

James A teacher in a primary school

Head Head of the school.

James Good morning, headmaster.

Head Good morning. James. What did you want to see me about?

James Well, headmaster, you know you asked me to look into what we could do as a school to celebrate the Royal Wedding?

Head Oh yes, indeed. It’s going to be a great occasion for the nation, and I want our children hear at St Matthew’s Primary to have a day they will remember for the rest of their lives.

James I absolutely agree, headmaster.

Head So what blue sky thinking have you come up with, James? What ideas do you want to run up the flagpole?

James Well, it’s a very traditional British day, what with the Royal Family and all, so I thought we should get the children to engage in some very traditional British pastimes.

Head What, lying on the sofa watching telly?

James No, something more active.

Head You mean watching football on the telly?

James No, **playing** football.

Head Playing football? Are you sure? Have you considered the risks involved?

James I don’t think there will be any problems as long as it is well refereed.

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- Head No. I mean the risks from the goalposts.
- James The goalposts?
- Head Yes, they are very dangerous objects. People can bump into them. They could cause serious injury.
- James Er... I suppose we could play without goalposts.
- Head And football's not much fun for the girls. Rather sexist and divisive. It's quite against the Sex Discrimination Act.
- James I did consider that, headmaster. I thought the girls would enjoy a skipping race.
- Head A skipping race! Are you mad? The Health and Safety rules wouldn't allow it. Girls could fall over causing themselves harm. The rope could get tangled around someone's neck. It doesn't bear thinking about. The risks are huge.
- James Another possible idea was to hold a pancake race. I know it's not Shrove Tuesday, but it is a very traditional British activity. We could get the boys and girls to compete together.
- Head Compete?
- James Yes, compete?
- Head But we can't allow that. You know the regulations against competitive sports. They may be good for the winner, but think of all those children who have to bear the burden of being losers for the rest of their lives. It's completely against the Mental Health Act.
- James So, I suppose conkers is out of the question? We could do it just for fun. No winners.
- Head You are not seriously thinking of arming our children with an offensive weapon are you? Haven't you read the Firearms Act?
- James It's only a conker on a string.
- Head And what happens when the conker shatters?

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James Someone wins? Is that bad?

Head Someone gets bits of conker in their eye. That's what happens.

James They could wear goggles.

Head And how is that going to help those with nut allergies? The chance of anaphylactic shock is still going to be there.

James I hadn't thought of that.

Head No, James, you don't seem to have thought at all. It is important that we conduct proper Risk Assessments on all our proposed activities. These rules and regulations are in place for our Health and Safety. They are there so that everyone can lead a full enjoyable life with complete confidence; so enhancing our senses of wellbeing and fulfilment.

James Surely they do exactly the opposite.

Head Don't be ridiculous, James. Remember you are a professional.

James Sorry headmaster.

Head So what other ideas of traditional British pastimes have you had to make the occasion an unforgettable experience?

James Maybe on the day of the Royal Wedding the children could lie on the sofa and watch it on the telly.

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