

THE FROZEN SCHOOL

Intent of the story:

- *Kindness and love have power to defrost frozen hearts.*
- *One single loving and cheerful person can change a cold home or school into a warm haven of love and joy.*
- *Laughter and joy is contagious.*
- *Be an agent of joy and cheerfulness*

THE STORY

Once upon a time, there was school that was frozen.. Everything was cold as ice. The buildings, the books, the glasses, the maps, the games; worse still, even the children were frozen stiff and rigid like blocs of ice, nobody moved, nobody talked. No noise, no children's voices, no laughter, no flutter.

The teachers too, and the Principal even more, were icy lumps of ice. There was no expression in their faces, no sympathy and no smiles. Everything and everyone was so serious, formal and cold! Personal concern, love, and interest for one another, were unknown. The school ran automatically robot like.

On a sunny day, a new child joined the school. She was a smiling, cute, loving warm and charming kid. In that school she felt so chill, so lonely. She looked for a friend, but she couldn't find any. At lunch break, she discovered that one of her classmates had forgotten to bring her lunch packet. Full of kindness and concern, she approached her school mate and with a winsome smile whispered: "Come, let us share our meal together" Then, with a mischievous winking of her eye, put her hand around her, tickled her and gave her half her packet.

All of sudden, something unusual happened there. The sun seemed to shine brighter and warmer on the school compound, that little frozen girl felt that something was melting within her. She turned to her benefactor, smiled at her and lovingly said: "Thank you, my friend" and then there was laughter.

The Principal sternly warned the children. "Silence; "Don't laugh" But unperturbed, our little new comer with a mischievous twitter ran to the Principal and said: "Come on! You can't mean that. At home Mum and Dad taught me to smile, to laugh and to love", and with that she stamped a kiss on the bewildered Principal's cheek.

Something never seen before happened to Principal.. Frozen tears of love melted away in the Principal's eyes.... Warm streams of tears rolled down her cheeks. She held the new comer in the School in her arms, hugged her, kissed her and laughed.

As if by miracle, all the children's faces defrosted and the teachers' hearts melted. There was an uproarious laughter all over the school. The children came alive, everything warmed up, flowers grew in the school compound, trees put on leaves, and birds began chirping.

From then on, there was friendship, there was joy, there was love, there was life, and of course, there was true learning! A new school was born.

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