

St. Boniface said of St. Bede that 'he shone forth like a lantern.'



# The Lantern

Friday 1st December

Dear Everyone

I hope you are well.

There is an awful lot happening for Christmas in school! Please see below.

God Bless

Gary

## International Mass

Last Sunday, the school was represented at Mass at St Bede's Church by a number of our children, who read bidding prayers in their home language. I am told the children read beautifully and were a credit to the school and their parents. I have received more than one email this week to tell me what a lovely service it was, made all the more special I am told by our pupils' involvement.

I enjoyed reading my Lithuanian prayer. I felt apprehensive at first but I was very proud.

Matas 6R

I felt very nervous at first but I really enjoyed sharing my language of Polish with all the people in Church.

Bianca B 6S

## Dates for The Diary

**Saturday 2nd December 9.00-11.00 am**

Y2 Tutoring

**Sunday 3rd December 12.00-4.00**

Christmas Bazaar—Church Hall

**4,5 and 6th December**

Secret Santa Gifts on sale

Thursday 7th December PM

Flu Immunisation Catch-up

**Saturday 9th December 9.00-11.00am**

Y2 Tutoring

**December 12th 2.45 pm**

Reception Christmas Nativity

**December 13th 2.15pm**

Christmas Music Concert

**December 14th 2.15 pm**

Y2 Carol Concert in Church

**December 15th 11.00am and 2.30pm**

Nursery Christmas Nativity

**December 15th**

Christmas Jumper Day 50p Donation for the charity SENSE

**PANTO in school**

**LAST WEEK NO CLUBS OR TUTORING**

**Monday 18th December 10.45 am**

Christmas Carol Concert in Church

Parents Most Welcome

**Tuesday 19th December PM**

Christmas Parties

**Wednesday 20th December**

School Dinners Christmas Meal

1.30 School Finishes

## Assessment Week

It has been a long term and the children and teachers, supported by parents, have put a lot of effort into lessons and homework. Next week, we will see what progress has been made when we have a week of tests. Please ensure your child gets a good night's rest each day and a satisfying breakfast—they need to be firing on all cylinders. There will be assessments throughout the week across the school. The results will be shared with you next term—although older pupils may well learn their results from their teachers this side of Christmas.

## Tutoring Snacks

Please remember that the food children bring for tutoring should be a snack. One small item will be sufficient. We have some children bringing too much, It is not supposed to be a tea, just a snack. Thank you.

## Thought for The Week

### The Power of Reading

An interesting article was published last week by UCL Institute of Education quoting researchers at the Centre for Longitudinal Studies . They found that teenagers who read in their spare time know 26% more words than those who never read. They also found that teenagers from book loving homes knew 42% more words than their peers who had grown up with few books. The more words a child knows, the better they understand the world around them.

It really does underscore the line that ***those who read succeed.***

### Prayer

We had a lovely prayer in assembly this week, I share it with you below, following on as it did from the Feast of Christ The King, last Sunday:

**Lord you are gentle  
and do not ask us to do more than we are able. (Alleluia!)  
Give us the love  
to see Jesus, your son, in the hungry and the thirsty,  
in strangers and the poor  
and those who are sick.  
May we work and pray  
for the people  
with the most troubles.**

We have people in our school community who are burdened with many troubles. We commend them to your prayers in saying the above.

### Head Teacher's Awards

Angelina Hewins Ava-Leigh Thomas  
Norah Aina Grace Anjeh  
Jaden Chukwuma Elizabeth Joseph  
Conrad Szewczyk Charlotte Christou  
Emelija Gudiaviciute Olivia Conneely  
Cairo Richards Enehita Atoe  
Diya Gill Rebecca Sholoye  
Riona D'Souza Ethan Eriksson-Hassan  
David Paul-Imoh  
Well done!

### Lanterns

Oliver Levis; Ruel Onomivbori; Logan Phillips-Marshall; Michaela Somuyiwa; Obinna Anyanwu; Piotr Chwedczuk; George Eadon; Ethan Eriksson-Hassan; Brooke Henry; Faye Northwood-Daly; Olayinka Oloruntele; Natalie Salcedo; Oluwatobi Sanusi; Thulile Bhule-Moyo; Eddie Fajemibola; Grace Jacobs; Joel Joseph; Jasiu Milos; Sochima Okoye; Lotachi Opara; Diya Gill; Conrad Ambursley; Jaden Chukwuma; Teshan Hayden; Aaliyah Holder; Eden Koonan; Kyle Lemming; Andrishyan Andrew-Gibson; Tia Elliston-Melville; Emilija Gudiaviciute; Georgia Duncombe

### Annual Christmas Music Concert

We mistakenly gave the impression that this would not be going ahead this year. This was a misunderstanding with the school diary. My fault—apologies. In no way was Mrs Robinson to blame; she was as ever very keen for the children to play and perform. The concert will take place on Wednesday 13th December at 2.15 pm. Parents of children in the choir or instrumentalists are most welcome to join us.

### Flu Immunisation

The nurses will return to finish the job on the afternoon of the 7th December.