

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

The Lantern



Friday 12th January

Dear Everyone

In school, we are most definitely looking forward to spring—lighter evenings and milder days.

God Bless

Gary

Head Teacher's Award

To earn a Head Teacher's Award, you must have received three green cards in one academic year. Green Cards are awarded for particular effort and achievement across the curriculum. The Head Teacher's Award comprises a certificate, a pencil and rubber. The children are very keen to earn the award and this is great to see. In future, the awards will be presented in Monday assemblies—a chance for the whole school community to celebrate what is a great individual achievement.

Dates for The Diary

Thursday 18th January 6.00pm

Y2 Maths Parents' Workshop

Thursday 25th January 6.00pm

Y2 Reading Parents' Workshop

Friday 26th January 2.45 pm

3L Class Assembly

Friday 2nd February 2.45 pm

Class 2BP Class Assembly

Thursday 8th February

Y1 Phonics Parents' Workshop

Friday 9th February

STAFF INSET School Closed

Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February

Half-term

Monday 19th February

Children return to school

Important Dates for the Diary

We will be inviting you in to meet with your child's teachers in the last week of this term, **Monday 26th or Wednesday 28th March, 4.00-7.00**. Appointments will be made by parents online and we will remind you nearer the time of the procedure. The children will be taking their assessments in the week beginning **12th March**.

Y6 Easter School and Saturday School

Saturday School will run from Saturday 24th February for four weeks. Easter School will run from Monday 9th through to Thursday 12th April. There are now only ten or so teaching weeks before the children take their all-important end of primary school assessments. Every day counts!

Curriculum Overviews

The teachers are currently finalising the teaching plans for this term. They will be looking to ensure that the curriculum that is offered is broad and balanced. A summary will come home to you in late January and will be published on our website.

Please do not park over our neighbours' drives.

We and they would be so grateful.

New Prefects and a new Head Girl and Head Boy

This week in assembly saw four new prefects appointed:

Cyprian

Theo

Abigail

and Isabel.

In addition, we learned that the Head Boy for this term is Teshan Hayden and the Head Girl is Bianca Bakula.

Thought for The Week

What Do We Really Know About the Three Wise Men?

Firstly, we don't know that there were three of them. This is often said but it is inferred from the fact that three gifts were given. Nowhere in the Gospels does it say how many they were. They may not have been wise men or kings. There may have been something more of the magician about them—certainly someone who were experts in astrology and the interpretation of dreams. We don't know where they came from. The Bible does not tell us they came from the East so interpreters have tried to join up the dotted lines by looking at other pieces of scripture.

They did come to worship Jesus and were the first Gentiles to do so.

Whatever the facts, the Three Kings or Wise Men have made quite an impression on us. They give us the notion that important people were coming to worship Jesus and these people were not exclusively Jewish—this was a King for everyone and that includes you and me.

Admissions Reception 2018

Admissions close Monday 15th January. Please ensure you apply via e admissions (via your home borough) and bring relevant paperwork to School Office [School Office Admissions Open 9.15-12.00 and 1.30-3.30].

Toys in School

Can we remind you that toys are not to be brought into school. We had an incident last week when a snow globe fell to the floor and smashed. Toys get lost or broken, so they and school are not a good mix. Thank you for your support.

Look before You Move!

We are trying to encourage the children to look around before moving back in their chairs. Recently, we had a passing adult fall when a child moved back suddenly in their chair. It is not an easy thing for a child to remember but you don't get better at it by not trying to do it.

Vacancies

We currently have three vacancies for additional midday assistants. The posts are advertised on our website.

Head Teacher's Award

Nivain Jayawardana, Laurelle Blair, Daniel Feshanets, Micaella Pinguel and Nandika Stakelyte

Lantern Certificates—very well done!

Jakub Bojanowski; Marnie Trikamji; Abraham Adeola; Obinna Anyanwu; Darcy Boateng; Ethan Eriksson-Hassan; Favour Felix; Emmanuel Paul-Imoh; Remon Richards; Natalie Salcedo; Rebecca Sholoye; Marc Madera; Comfort Odejimi; Lucas Altham; Owen Borra; Riona D'Souza; Suleman Elkouiriat; Kamila Gawron; Gia George; Diya Gill; Cordell Ibidapo; Cordell Ibidapo; Riya Jacob; Riya Jacob; Airidas Leskinas; Mya Lubin; Mia Mair; Stanley Marshall-Tucker; Maggie Maxwell; Liam McCarthy; Yvonne Nabirye; Edosa Ogbeide-Ihama; Nwanneka Okonji; David Okoye; Angelo Olmedo; Tommy O'Sullivan; Micaella Pinguel; Janelle Salcedo; Akarsh Shyju; Samaya Alexander; Emma Donnelly; Kacper Klisowski; Ashan Louis-Phillip; Beatrice Saliendra