

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

# The Lantern



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Friday 13th October

Dear Everyone

I hope you are well.

We are hurtling towards half-term. Let's hope we get some fine weather—the forecast is good!

God Bless

Gary

## After School Tutoring

Around 100 invitations to after school tutoring have been sent out in the past week. I am grateful to the teachers for their commitment. ***If your child has been invited to tutoring and you have declined the invitation, they are less likely to meet end of year expectations. We need to be clear on that. Children who don't come to tutoring don't make as good-progress.*** I am pleased to say there is always a 95% take up on tutoring offered. We are grateful for your support—as are your children—or at least, they will be when they come to take their assessments!

## Y2 Saturday School

There were 27 acceptances and 8 refusals to Saturday School—a take up rate of 77%. We were pleased with that as this is the first time we have run Saturday School for infant children. We realise it is a big commitment for staff and children to give up some of their weekend. Again, we are grateful for the support shown.

## Roll Up Roll Up!

It is nearly time for the annual Y6 visit to The Moscow State Circus, this year in Fulham. The children always enjoy this trip. Again I am grateful to the staff who have a late evening to make this trip possible.

## Medical Appointments

These should be made outside of school time wherever possible. I understand that with hospital appointments there is often no wriggle room but dentist and doctors non-emergency appointments should not be made in school time. Thank you for your support.

**School Meals: New menu after half-term, will commence Week 1**

## Dates for The Diary

**Thursday 19th October 2.30 pm**

Y6 Trip to The Moscow State Circus

Estimated arrival back at school 8.30pm

**Friday 20th October**

School Closed for Staff Training

**Monday 23rd Oct– 27th Oct**

School Closed Half-term Holiday

**Monday 30th October**

**Back to School**

**Clubs start this week**

**After-school Tutoring starts this week**

**Saturday School (y2) starts this week—  
Saturday 4th November 9.00-11.00am**

**Thursday 2nd November 6.30 pm**

PA AGM

**Thursdays 9th and 16th November**

Nursery and Reception Parental Consultations

**Friday 10th November 2.45 pm**

3C Class Assembly

## Thought for The Week

The children in Y6 are slowly realising that they need to be more organised this year. Some are struggling. The amount of homework increases in Y6 and children need to work hard to stay on top of it. This is all good preparation for secondary school. Homework not completed must be done at lunch time. Archie, my eldest, has just started at secondary school and is already realising that ten pieces of homework a week and tests every half-term are a step up from primary school. Those parents who have had a child go through Y6 here at St Bede's realise that the Y6 teachers prepare the children well for Y7—we owe them that.

### Social Services Referrals—Safeguarding

All school staff are trained to be alert to safeguarding concerns. If a child discloses something to a member of staff it is **not** protocol—here or in any school—to tell the parents before a referral is made to social care if we feel that this might put the child at risk of further harm. Parents are often disappointed that we do not talk to them first but those are the expectations and we are obliged to meet them. Over the course of the year, there are around a dozen referrals to Social Care from our school. The main problems centre around hitting children—with or without an implement and leaving children home alone. To be clear, it is not permissible to hit a child with a closed fist or implement at any time. Most parents do not hit their children, I am pleased to say; there are better ways to sanction disappointing behaviour. Leaving children at home where it presents a risk is also not permissible. I am restating all of this in the hope that we have cause to make fewer referrals this year. Thank you for your support.

### Lantern Certificates

than Eriksson-Hassan; Lois Barker; Jasiu Milos; Sochima Okoye; Tolu Owoyemi; Samuel Somuyiwa; Jordan Mosiali; Joshua Weaver; Bright Zenga; Mya Lubin; Janelle Salcedo; Jack Dayson; Amelia Desecka; Shirley Gyasi; Angelina Hewins; Jamie Martinez; Ugochi Opara; Matas Vasiliauskas; Reef Leah; Sean Muriithi; Brendan Osei-Agyemang; Cyprian Rybacki

### Head teacher's Award

Lukas Vasiliauskas      Scarlette Carson Gapasin

**Barley Lane Firework Event—Tickets available tel 07801438159**