

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

# The Lantern



Friday 15th December

Dear Everyone

A very busy week in school. The weather has been terrible. Thankfully the children have been able to get out into the playground at the tail end of the week. Lots of performances in school. Great to see these so well supported by parents. Thank you.

God Bless

Gary

## Choir in the Community

On Monday afternoon the choir sang a selection of Christmas carols and songs for the ladies and gentlemen of the St Bede's church fellowship group. The afternoon was enjoyed by adults and children alike with the fellowship members praising the children for their beautiful singing, enthusiasm and presentation.

The choir are pleased to provide this service to the community, continuing a tradition of many years. Next week, they will sing at the Bupa care home for the elderly.

We were delighted to receive this note:

On behalf of St. Bede's Friendship Group, I am writing to thank the school choir for entertaining us again this year with beautiful Christmas songs and carols. We have always enjoyed listening to their wonderful young voices - they seem to get better every year. Many of our audience remark that the performance always puts them in the mood for Christmas!

## Reception and Nursery Nativities

The children enjoyed retelling the Christmas Story in their nativities this week. The events were well attended and I received some emails from parents saying how much they enjoyed them. Parents said that the children sang beautifully and spoke clearly, which was great to hear.



Please do not park over our neighbours' drives.

We and they would be so grateful.

## Dates for The Diary

**LAST WEEK NO CLUBS OR TUTORING**

**Monday 18th December 10.45 am**

Christmas Carol Concert in Church

Parents Most Welcome

2.15 Choir at Care Home

**Tuesday 19th December PM**

Christmas Parties

**Wednesday 20th December**

School Dinners Christmas Meal

1.30 School Finishes

**Tuesday 2nd January**

School returns

No clubs or tutoring first week back

## Musicians

St Bede's has a strong history of encouraging all things musical. The choir and instrumentalists performed for their parents this week. They sang and played beautifully. Our thanks to Mrs Robinson and to all the children and parents for those hours of practice.



## Thought for The Week

Year 2 have been working very hard this term. There have been many nights of tutoring and even Saturday School classes. Good progress has been made in reading and what needs to be achieved next in mathematics is clear. The children still managed to find time to rehearse and practise a Carol Concert which they presented to their parents in Church this week. My thanks to the children, who sang very well and spoke beautifully. The readers will repeat their performance for the whole school on Monday when we come together for our main carol concert at 10.45 am in the Church. You are most welcome to join us.

### Y2 Magical Mystery Tour

The children went on a magical mystery tour this week to Ongar and Epping Steam Railway. The children have been studying the book *The Polar Express* in their writing lessons. There was an appearance by a special guest when Santa made time for a visit. It was a magical day.

Here is what some of the children thought:

We had no idea where we were going. We drank hot chocolate just like the children in the story. We watched a magician and then we had a picture taken with the real Santa next to the Polar Express.

Rylee 2BP

I loved the trip because I saw Santa and he gave me a bell, just like in the story. We went on the Polar Express and we saw reindeer.

Amila 2DA

### Vacancies

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

### Head Teacher's Award

Dylan Jackson Brown Jasiu Milos

Demi Alo Jakub Bojanowski

Lily McKenzie

### Lantern Certificates—very well done!

Henri Mustafa-Lillis; Zoe Umegbolu; Abigail Delkov; Amelia Finnegan; Grace George; Maliah Spencer; Isabelle Strong; Nivain Jayawardana; Daniella Kebianyor; Aurelia Bakula; Stacey Gyasi; Johnnie Norton; Benjamin Osei-Agyemang; David Zawrotniak; Brooke Henry; Grace Anjeh; Lois Barker; Amila Lasocka; Gia Mathew; Andrew Osei-Mensah; Fiona Rwigema; Jasmine Anjeh; Ugonna Anyanwu; Brandon Borra; Eleanor Christou; Ruthie Eguakhide; Olivia Eriksson-Hassan; Freddie Fajemibola; Nikodem Gruszczyk; Izabela Rybacka; Sara Sokoli; Karnel Almel-Bailey; Simon Bakula; Sabrina Boyce; Alexander Calix-Belardo; Alfie Dickinson; Dylan Jackson-Brown; Abena Koranteng; Amarachi Okonkwo; Oluwateniayo Oladokun; William Zierik; Chloe Igere; Mia Mair; Maggie Maxwell; Oliwia Mazurek; Yvonne Nabirye; Edosa Ogbeide-Ihama; Nwanneka Okonji; David Okoye; Angelo Olmedo; Tommy O'Sullivan; Michaela Alcid; Samaya Alexander; Demya Bedminster-Small; Jack Dayson; Evita Dino; Emma Donnelly; Tessa Jacob; Tyler Parish; Ruby Parry; Cairo Richards; Charlotte Christou; Zara Melder; Emilija Gudiaviciute; Ashton Udhin; Harry Wood