

Friday 15th September

Dear Everyone

Second week back and already children are settled into their new routines .

New Y6 prefects will be announced in assembly on Monday.

God Bless

Gary

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



The Lantern

Good Behaviour In School

We have high expectations of behaviour at our school. We do all we can to recognise and praise children when they are making the right choices. We work really hard at this. We reward with Lanterns; Green Cards; Green Plus stickers; Head teacher's Awards; Maths Mastermind and English Expert Certificates. Not to mention, words of praise that feature in each and every lesson.

When a child's behaviour or attitude disappoints, we have simple and clear sanctions, using the traffic light system. Warning-Amber-Warning-Red*. If a child goes onto Red, they miss their playtime on a Friday morning. All teachers are asked to be persistently persistent with this. The afternoon session is a fresh start. We can't be fairer than that.

Poor behaviour stops children from learning. We simply don't have the time to waste!

Happily, 95% of our children are extremely well behaved and are never placed on red. We have a handful who sometimes are not. Far fewer than in an average school. This is because the staff are exceptionally consistent and the vast majority of our parents are supportive of what we do. Where we lack parental support we, like other schools, will struggle.

* a child can go straight to red for a serious misdemeanour

Parent/ Teacher Consultations

Please use the following address to raise any queries regarding our new on-line booking system for parent/teacher consultations. Thank you:

stbpcquery@gmail.com

Our thanks to Mrs Melder and Mr Wright for all the hard work they have put into our new system.

Dates for The Diary

Tuesday 19th September

Reception start full-time

Thursday 21st September

6.00 pm EYFS Phonics Workshop for Parents

Thursday 28th September

Parent/Teacher Meetings 4.00-7.00 pm

6.00 EYFS Workshop Maths

Thursday 5th October

Parent Teacher Meetings 4.00-7.00 pm

Homework

It is very important that homework is completed properly and in good time. Not only does this aid learning in school, it is very good preparation for a good secondary school, where the children receive on average as many as eight pieces a week.

Parent/ Teacher Consultations in Early Years

These will take place later in the term once the children have had an opportunity to settle.

Labelling Clothing

Please do label your children's clothes with their full name. We have 200 jumpers and 200 cardigans in school not to mention trousers and skirts. If an item is unnamed it is very easy to lose.

Thought for The Week

Walking To and From School

I am asked about this from time-to-time. There are no laws around age or distance of walking to school alone. A families' guide to the law states:

'There is no law prohibiting children from being out on their own at any age. It is a matter of judgement for parents to decide when children can play out on their own, walk to the shops or school.'

Notwithstanding the above, we at St Bede's have a duty of care for our pupils although we are not responsible for them on their journey to and from school.

At our school, we strongly recommend that all children before the summer term of Y5 should be collected by a nominated adult; this may be a person of 13 years or more, but we recommend that it is a person of 16 years or more. If a parent intends to deviate from this, they are asked to put their intentions in writing to the school.

If a child in the summer term of Y5 or during Y6 is to walk to or from school alone, we again ask that the parents inform us of this in writing. We recommend that children do not walk home alone following after school activities October through to March when the evenings are darker.

Should we have a concern about the arrangements for a particular child we are duty bound to refer the matter to Social Care for advice and support.

Secondary School Transfer: Open Evenings

Please see our school website for details:

[www.st-bedes.redbridge.sch.uk/News and Events/School Letters](http://www.st-bedes.redbridge.sch.uk/News%20and%20Events/School%20Letters)

Please see also secondary admission information on the website of the borough in which you live.

Medications In School

We rely upon parents whose children have prescribed medication in school that features on a Care Plan or an asthma pump to ensure that these medications are in date. This is most important. We do check in school from time-to-time but can't do this every day. We rely upon you, our parents. We thank you for your support.

Head teacher's Open Surgery For Parents each day of the week 8.45—9.00 am

Lantern Certificates

Kyle Hutchinson; Jayden Joseph; Ziva Lubin; Natalie Mathew; Beyona Ramesh; Remon Richards; Dermique Roserie; Rebecca Sholoye; Nwanneka Okonji; Janelle Salcedo