

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



# The Lantern

Friday 17th November

Dear Everyone

I hope you are well.

Some of the children enjoyed wearing odd socks today and raised some money for an anti-bullying charity.

God Bless

Gary

## Thank You



An amazing **107** shoe boxes were donated for the Samaritan Purse's appeal. Wow! Your generosity is both seen and appreciated.

## Dates for The Diary

**Saturday 18th November 9.00-11.00am**

Y2 Tutoring

**Sunday 19th November**

PA Coffee Morning after Mass

**Monday 20th November**

Y6 Junior Citizenship at Hargreaves

**Thursday 23rd November 6.00pm**

SATS talk to parents

**Friday 24th November 2.45**

Class Assembly 4H

**Saturday 25th November 9-00 -11.00 am**

Tutoring

**Monday 27th November**

Flu Vaccination (Rec -Y4)

**Thursday 30th November**

Y5 Redbridge Drama Centre

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

Tutoring

**Sunday 3rd December 12.00-4.00**

Christmas Bazaar—Church Hall

## Mrs Coughlan

Mrs Coughlan fell and broke a bone in her foot last week. She will not be in school for a little while. Please do remember her in your prayers.

## Lighting

We are conscious that it is very dark in the playground parent waiting area after tutoring and are receiving quotes for lighting this area.

Please bear with us. Thank you.

## Parking

We have an ongoing problem with a small number of parents parking over our neighbours' drives when collecting children from school, especially after tutoring and evening school events. This is antisocial behaviour and is putting a strain upon the school's relationship with those who live in surrounding streets. In short, we are receiving complaints.

Given the number of children leaving the school after tutoring, Canon Avenue is not a place to park. It is **stressful** for you and **bothersome** for our neighbours. Far better to park and stride, using less busy neighbouring roads.

The school does not have the authority or funds to employ parking wardens. But that is what some local residents are asking us to do. The matter has been reported to the local police and Redbridge Parking Enforcement Team.

Please park and drive with consideration. It would be so greatly appreciated.

## Games Lessons

With the drop in temperature the children now need their outdoor PE kits. Thank you.

## Thought for The Week

Last week's Gospel tackled the theme of **waiting**; it was apt with Advent just around the corner. The wise bridesmaids in the parable knew they may have to **wait** and so they brought enough oil for their lamps to sustain them through the night. Last Friday in school, 3C presented an assembly for their parents on the theme of remembrance. Listening to the children, I was reminded that the red poppy shares its colour with that of the Holy Spirit — the red tongues of fire! I read in a survey at the beginning of the month that, when asked, many people who wear a poppy for remembrance could still bring someone to mind against whom they harbour a grudge. They are **waiting**, I guess, before finding it in their heart to forgive and forget—in a sense, remembering the dead but forgetting the living. It is the Holy Spirit who shows us a better way of living. One that is based upon forgiveness and seizing the opportunity to make up with people with whom we are estranged in the here and now. It is not a lesson to be lost.

## Lantern Certificates—Congratulations!

Rylee Parish; Jacob Edwards; Jacob Osibote; Fiona Rwigema; Freddie Fajemibola; Jeremiah German; Kristopher Ibuaka; Marley Imbert-Burnett; Fiona Jimmy; Michael Iloh; Elijah Villena; Diya Gill; Chloe Igere; Patrick Marius; Stanley Marshall-Tucker; Maggie Maxwell; Angelo Olmedo; Akarsh Shyju; Samaya Alexander; Amelia Desecka; Emma Donnelly; Tessa Jacob; Jennifer Mburu; Ruby Parry; Callum Creighton; Ella-Rae Filtness; Lily Harding

## School Council

The school councillors received their badges in assembly this week. They will be working with Mr Hounsome in the coming months. I have given them a budget of £500 so they can put into place some of the suggestions for improvements that their classmates may make.

## Homework

Homework makes a significant contribution to children's progress in school. We are finding that some of our parents are asking their children whether they have completed their work, but not checking to make sure. In addition, some children are being left to learn their spellings or maths known facts without support from their parents. At this age, children do need help with their homework. We would be very grateful if you would ensure that you are supporting your child with theirs. **Thank you to those parents who are already doing this.**