

Friday 20th July

Dear Families

Let's hope the good weather continues for the next six weeks.

The entire school team wishes you a relaxing holiday.

God Bless

Gary Nott

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

The Lantern



Year 6

We say goodbye to our Y6 children today. They have been an excellent group of children to work with and we have taken great pleasure in seeing them develop and grow from the tender age of four, if not three! Last Thursday, they presented their end of year production to their families and a very professional affair it was too. On Friday evening they had their school party and great fun was had by all. It is worth noting that their behaviour at both events was impeccable—every single child's behaviour was faultless. They go on to a range of secondary schools and we wish them every success and happiness. They are leaving us as confident, humble young people and we are very proud of each one of them.

School Meals

We are moving to a new school meals contractor in September. The menu is now available on the school's website. In time, the new contractor feels that they will have the capacity to offer a hot meal to children in the junior school whose parents wish to purchase one. I know this is something some parents have asked for in the past and we are happy as a school to do what we can to make this happen. More information will follow in due course.

Year 2

We have had a few requests for Y2 tests scores. Test scores are not reported at Key Stage 1, only teacher assessments.

Black History Month

We will be celebrating this in October. Miss Shanahan, our new Y5 teacher, will be leading the celebrations in school. We are already looking forward to it.

Dates for The Diary

Wednesday 5th September

Children to return to school.

Friday 7th September 10.45

School Mass

Friday 28th September 9.00-10.30 am

Macmillan Coffee Morning

October 1st -31st

Black History Month

Friday 5th October 2.45 pm

Class Assembly 4M

Thursday 11th October 6.00pm

Y6 Isle of Wight Meeting

Thursday 18th October 3.15/3.20 pm

Break up for half-term

Friday 19th October

Staff Training Day (School closed for Children)

Monday 29th October

Return to school

Mrs Roberts

Mrs Roberts becomes the school's permanent deputy head teacher in September and one of the many important jobs she will have will be to help me write this weekly newsletter to you. She is very excited about taking up her new role officially.

Thought for the Week

Take The Positives!

Many of the children, like many of us, were naturally disappointed that the England football team lost in the World Cup semi-final. Some of the children appear to be still bothered by the loss— some I spoke to this week were inconsolable! We talked to them in assembly about meeting disappointment head on and looking for the positives in every situation. Disappointment fades with time and before we know it, there will be another opportunity for us all to support our sporting heroes as they move forward, more experienced, stronger and **better than ever!** How's that for positive thinking!

Summer Fete

The PA held its annual summer fete on Saturday. The sun shone and the whole affair was well run by Gemma Mackenzie and her team; and enjoyed by all. We are so grateful to everyone who gave up their time on Saturday to make the fete a success. Profits raised were £3500. Amazing! A special thank you goes to those members of the PA whose children will leave us this year. We thank them for all the support they have given over many years.

Education for Life

Children in Years 5 and 6 have been learning all about money and saving and what exactly a bank can offer. We are grateful to the team from Metro Bank in Romford who came into school to talk to the children and who also welcomed the children to the bank for a visit last week.

Lantern Certificates—Very well done!

Amelia F; Grace G; Fikunmi; Emily; Teniola; Aiden T; Laurelle; Jakub; Riley; Fleur; Nivain; Daniella (x2); Daniella; Damilola (x2); Damilola; Kammalunna; Liana; Chelsea S (x3); Chelsea; Chelsea; Jewel; Benjamin S; Marnie; Faye; Janelle A; Alexander C; Abena; Abigail A; Isabel; Kaela

Headteacher's Award—Congratulations

Patrick, Marina, Evie, Ashton M, Akira, Nahala-Honey, Sophie, Senit, Ife O, Joshua W, Jasmine, Shakira, Ugonna and Alfie D.

CD Cover Competition

Winner Bianca E Runners up Keynan, Elizabeth, Olivia, Marian, Jacob E and Miguel

School Development Fund: If you are leaving us this summer, please do remember to cancel standing orders or bank transfers as refunds will not be available in September. Thank you.