

Friday 22nd September

Dear Everyone

I hope you are well.

We had an unexpected visitor this week. An air ambulance landed on our field—someone was ill in a neighbouring street. The noise was deafening and the children were very excited.

What a surprise!

God Bless

Gary

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



The Lantern

Parent/ Teacher Consultations

In Years 2 through to 6, the children are placed into ability groups for the teaching of reading and maths. Writing is generally taught in mixed ability groups. If you are not meeting your child's 'class teacher' in the forthcoming parent consultations—and this is true in a small number of cases, your child's class teacher will be happy to meet you on another day.

Guardian Angels

We have appointed a small number of children to serve as Guardian Angels. They will be responsible for leading our Monday worship assembly once a month—the last school Monday in the month, starting next month. They will choose the readings, music and write the prayers. They will be supported by me in this.

Prefects

The prefects were chosen this week. There are eighteen of them. Well done to them! We will choose an additional six prefects as we move through the year so if they were not chosen this time round, there is plenty of time for children to still impress.

Bianca E, Scarlette, Bianca B, Elizabeth, Georgia, Sean, Lukas, Lennon, Aaliyah, Zara, Charlotte, Kyle, Matas, Jamie, Thomas, Teshan, Lily and Callum. WELL DONE!

Parent/ Teacher Consultations

Please do not park over our neighbours' drives during parent/teacher consultations next week. We are opening the church car-park and back pedestrian gate so you can park there—in addition, to the many parking spaces on local roads. If you park over a neighbour's drive, they come into school very angry and we have to pull you away from your consultation. So please do park with consideration.

3rd October Author Visit Laura Ellen Anderson KS2

Dates for The Diary

Thursday 28th September

Parent/Teacher Meetings 4.00-7.00 pm (not EYFS)

6.00 Reception Workshop Maths

Thursday 5th October

Parent Teacher Meetings 4.00-7.00 pm (not EYFS)

Wednesday 11th October

Y1 Trip To Thorndon Country Park

Thursday 19th October 2.30 pm

Y6 Trip to The Moscow State Circus

Y2 Saturday School

This year—for the first time—we will be introducing Saturday morning classes for certain Y2 children. The lessons will run from 9.00am –11.00 am on six consecutive Saturdays, beginning 4th November. We expect the children who attend to make accelerated progress in **their reading**. These sessions will complement the after school tutoring that the school will begin to provide immediately after half-term.

It is most important that your child attends Saturday School or tutoring if invited. Without it, they will not pass the end of year exams that are taken in May. I know this is a stark message but it is no less true for that.

All sessions are offered to parents completely free of charge. Children do not need to come in school uniform and may bring a break time snack.

Thought for The Week

Assembly Story: Jesus In the Boot

Last week, I shared with the children one of my favourite stories, that of *Jesus in the Boot*. Imagine if we went through life having a relationship with Jesus that was akin to driving around with him in the boot of our car. We got him out when we needed him but for the rest of the time that is where he stayed, unheard and out of our minds. How much better to allow him into the back seat. Where we could see him in our rear view window—as he sat keeping an eye on us. However, how many times do we look in our rear view window? We drive, many of us, as if it wasn't there. Did you look in yours more than once when driving today? How much better to invite him into the front passenger seat where we could chat to him. But we wouldn't want to take our eyes off the road, so the conversation would be a little one sided . How much better to invite him to drive the car and in so doing hand over to him the direction our lives would take. Jesus tells us in the Gospel not to worry about anything. He will take care of us. But many of us continue to worry. Maybe it's time to take our foot off the pedal and hand over the speed and direction of our lives to Jesus. To put him firmly in the driving seat! As one of life's natural worriers, I find this hard to do. How about you?



Lantern Certificates

Micah Castillo; Alishya Konala; Emmanuel Paul-Imoh; Jimmy Perkins; Natalie Salcedo; Oluwatobi Sanusi; Enehita Atoe; Ava-Leigh Thomas; Cecilia Joseph; Kamsi Nebo; Marina Voutsina; Elizabeth Finn-Barham

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

Extreme Reading Challenge entries to be in by the end of next week. Thank you.