

Friday 23rd February

Dear Everyone

A busy half-term ahead with lots of fun and excitement planned.

God Bless

Gary

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



The Lantern

Internet Safety

Practically everyday something about Internet Safety arrives in my email inbox. I have recently written to parents about the need to ensure that your children are staying safe online. The children all receive safety messages in school but it is vital that you as their parent know exactly what they are doing on the Internet.

New Faces

Next school year will probably see several changes to the teaching staff here at St Bede's. I anticipate vacancies as life and promotions take some staff in different directions for September. New faces will add something to the school and we hope that we will have a number of new people who wish to teach with us here at St Bede's. The ongoing teacher shortage in outer London makes the task of finding good people doubly difficult.

A Heartfelt Plea

Can we please ask you to make every effort be on time to collect your children from tutoring and after school clubs. The teachers often have meetings to attend after tutoring and if parents are late it means teachers are then themselves made late. If parents are persistently late then regrettably invitations to after school activities may be withdrawn. This would be a real pity because the children benefit so from tutoring and after school clubs.

The Travelling Book Shop will be in school during parents' evenings later this term and parents will have the opportunity to buy books.

Please do not park over our neighbours' drives.

We and they would be so grateful.

Dates for The Diary

Saturday 24th February 9.00-10.30 am

Y6 Saturday School commences

Invitation only

Monday 26th February

Deadline for IOW payments

Wednesday 28th February

Y1 Trip to Valence House

Thursday 1st March

World Book Day (come dressed as a character from a story)

Special Infant Menu on the website

5.30-6.30 pm Y2 Story Time

(entrance to Nursery via back gate)

Friday 2nd March 2.45pm

Class 2DA Assembly

Saturday 3rd March 9.00-10.30 am

Y6 Saturday School

Thursday 8th March

Y5 Trip to Abbotswick

Thursday and Friday 8/9th March

PA selling Mothers' Days Gifts £2.00 each

Friday 9th March

Reception: Hearing and Vision Checks

Friday 9th March

Y6 Pond Dipping Trip to Bedford's Park

Saturday 10th March 9.00-10.30

Y6 Saturday School

Thought for The Week

Lent has begun and with it I know some of you will be going without something for the 40 days that precede Easter. It is also a time to start doing something new. I talked to the children this week in assembly about the opportunity Lent gives us to pause and reflect on our relationship with God. If you haven't managed to stop and do this recently, now might be a great time to try it.

Recent Questionnaires

The recent questionnaires completed by pupils and parents identified some key areas for us to work on. They were a very useful exercise. Some children wanted more challenge in lessons; we have taken note. One child worried me because they said they never felt safe in school. When I spoke to him later, he said he always thought someone was going to knock him over in the playground—it is always a good idea to ask for the reasons behind the responses, as I had been worried that they did not feel safe in lessons. Children see the world differently to we adults. The parents questionnaires threw up the usual mix of praise and ideas for further development—which we will aim to take on board. We can't promise to action everyone's requests—sometimes they are not practical and sometimes we don't agree and have to take decisions that some people will not like. But we like to think we are a listening school and will do what we can to respond.

Head teacher's Awards (in recognition of three Green Cards)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kian Conboy, Kyle Coombes, Cleo Simon, Remon Richards, Darcy Boateng, Rylee Parish, Obinna Anyanwu, Kelvin Daitey, Micaella Pinguel, Maggie Maxwell, Joshua Ojeikere and Faith Obeng Amponsah.

Lantern Certificates—Very Well Done!

Kacey Akinyede; Jaida Coke; Jameillia Joseph; Alan Ojera; Aiden Tacanay; Destini Augustin; Laurelle Blair; Jakub Bojanowski; Fleur Howells; Caden Ibidapo; Nivain Jayawardana; Kehinde Lawal; Uyiosa Okungbowa; Jewel Spencer; David Zawrotniak; Obinna Anyanwu; Darcy Boateng; Ethan Eriksson-Hassan; Lillie-Mae Parry; Emmanuel Paul-Imoh; Oluwatobi Sanusi; Cleo Simon; Arianna Suthakar; Ralphie Dinnadge; Lilly Mackenzie; Lotachi Opara; Barney Perkins; Lewis Walters; Ronald Anjeh; Scarlett Carson Gapasin; James Chuck; Elizabeth Joseph