

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

# The Lantern



Friday 24th November

Dear Everyone

I hope you are well.

A blustery week but a good one in school.

God Bless

Gary

## Parent Advocates

Our new group of parent advocates met in school last Friday and exchanged open and honest opinions with Mrs Roberts, who has published to you the outcomes of the conversations. We are grateful for their time. Where we can take on board your suggestions, we will. You can contact your advocate here:

[stbedesparentadvocates@gmail.com](mailto:stbedesparentadvocates@gmail.com)

## School Council

The School Council's first meeting was a lively affair. Great fun!

There were a number of requests for additional items:

- goals for the playground for lunchtimes use;
- more basketball hoops for the playground;
- some games for use during indoor play.

A football team was requested and an after school cooking club.

The School Councillors also would like a swimming pool!

All of the requests and suggestions will be considered by the School Leadership Team at their next meeting.

## Year 6 Junior Citizenship

The Y6 children took part in a Citizenship event this week led by the Metropolitan Police.

The children were put into different scenarios and had to think what would be the best way forward.

It was all about keeping safe.

Lily 6S

I really enjoyed it when we went through the phone stealing scene—I nearly went after the robber—now I know what could have happened if I did. I learnt what not to do and how to deal with the situation.

Callum 6R

I learnt when travelling by bus how to be safe, by standing body height back plus a step back. I thought the afternoon was great fun!

## Dates for The Diary

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

Tutoring

**Sunday 26h November 11.00am**

International Mass St Bede's Church

**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

## New Books

We have invested a large sum into purchasing more new titles for school.

We were lacking books that had black characters in the main roles in stories. So we have invested accordingly.

We need a balanced stock of books in school: titles that will appeal to children of different ethnic backgrounds and to boys as well as girls.

## Lantern Certificates

Aurelia Bakula; Stacey Gyasi; Johnnie Norton; Benjamin Osei-Agyemang; Faith Oyakhilome; David Zawrotniak; Corinne Desbonnes; James Garcia; Kobina Koranteng; Chris Osei-Mensah; Lucas Altham; Owen Borra; Kamila Gawron; Gia George; Diya Gill; Riya Jacob; Airidas Leskinas; Mia Mair; Erin Oye; Micaella Pinguel; Janelle Salcedo; Jessica Adams; Michaela Alcid; Samaya Alexander; Olivia Biggins; Sean Coady; Jack Dayson; Evita Dino; Emma Donnelly; Max Eadon; Shirley Gyasi; Timothy Mabiza; Beatrice Saliendra

## Thought for The Week

### Support from Home

The teachers have been busy identifying for us those parents who support their child at home. It has been a significant undertaking but a very worthwhile one. The great news is that most parents are supporting their child with their reading — around 54 out of 60 in every year group do so. This is fantastic! Thank you to these parents who are doing all they can to support their child with this vital life skill. I realise that it isn't always easy with the busy lives we lead and it is very much appreciated. The rate of support from home with homework in writing (spellings and Time to Shine) and maths (known facts and homework) stands at 75%. This means three out of four children are being regularly supported. Again, we thank you for all the support being given. Support from home is worth at least 10 marks in each of the exams that the children take. Given that there is just one mark between pass and fail, the 10 marks are worth their weight in gold!

If you are a parent who does not support your child, we have asked ourselves the question in school why? Is it because you are not clear what you should be doing? Is it that you don't understand the methods being taught in school? Is it that you don't realise that they have homework to do? If so, that is our fault. We are looking at ways of how we can better support all our parents through **Fronter**, when helping their children with homework. My own son's school has an App called **Show My Homework** and we are exploring if this is something parents would find useful to have on their phone.

Watch this space.

### Christmas

I think we can now start to talk about it. There is only a month to go! There will be several Christmas events during December. I aim to give you plenty of notice by publishing them here for you:

**Reception Christmas Nativity December 12th 2.45 pm**

**Y2 Carol Concert in Church December 14th 2.15 pm**

**Nursery Christmas Nativity December 15th 11.00am and 2.30pm**

**Christmas Jumper Day December 15th 5op Donation for the charity SENSE.**

**Christmas Parties Tuesday 19th December PM**

**School Dinners Christmas Meal Wednesday 20th December**

### For Sale

School hats (£5) and gloves (£3) available from the school office. Please have the correct money. Thank you.

**INTERNATIONAL MASS 11.00 AM THIS SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER ST. BEDE'S CHURCH**