

Friday 26th January

Dear Everyone

We greet February next week—we're holding on for spring.

God Bless

Gary

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



The Lantern

Maths and Reading Workshops—Year 2

These sessions were very well attended and the children present joined in and helped to demonstrate to their parents what it is they do each day in Y2.

Darcy Boateng of 2BP said,

'It was really fun at the maths workshop, lots of my friends were there. I got to show mummy and baby brother all of the things we have been learning in our maths lessons. Now she knows exactly what I do every day in maths..'

Enehita from 2DA said,

'I really enjoyed the maths workshop and coming to my class after school. It was good because my mum got to learn lots about what we are doing in our maths lessons so she can help me at home.'

There is a Phonics workshop for Y1 parents on the 8th February. If your child is in Y1, we do encourage you to come along. Parents say it is time very well spent.

There is also a Y4 workshop for maths being run on the same evening, but at an earlier time of 5.00 pm. Y4 maths is another focus of work in school. Again, Y4 parents are actively encouraged to come along to learn about what their child is doing in class.

Report Cards Y2 through to Y6

Today, children in years 2-6 will have brought home their autumn term report card. It is a snapshot of how they are doing in school and covers all the key aspects of school life: attendance, punctuality, conduct and attainment. I hope your child's makes for positive reading and you can celebrate some successes as a family this weekend. If you are disappointed with your child's scores, please bear in mind that each term is a new start and what disappointed you in the autumn can be put right in the spring. School life is full of second chances.

Please do not park over our neighbours' drives.

We and they would be so grateful.

Dates for The Diary

Friday 2nd February 2.45 pm

Class 2BP Class Assembly

Thursday 8th February 6.00pm

5.00pm Maths Workshop for Y4 Parents

6.00 pm Y1 Phonics Parents' Workshop

Friday 9th February

STAFF INSET School Closed

Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February

Half-term

Monday 19th February

Children return to school

Friday 23rd February

Y3 Trip to Colchester Zoo

Saturday 24th February

Y6 Saturday School commences

Wednesday 28th February

Y1 Trip to Valance House

Punctuality

It really is important that your child has a comfortable start to their day. Hurrying into school is not the way to go. Gates open at 8.30 am and children can enter classrooms from 8.50 am. The best way to think of this is that school starts at ten to nine, not nine. In this way, you will never be late.

Thought for The Week

I have discovered in recent weeks an App for my phone that pings at 9.30 am each day with an inspirational thought taken from the Gospels. It is a timely reminder that I should never be far from the Bible and I have found this simple use of technology has helped bring me closer to God. The thoughts are always comforting to read and I have noticed that the theme that comes up time and time again is that of 'worrying'. We must do a lot of it. I have been reading a book since Christmas called 'My Age of Anxiety'. It is a great read and explores the themes of worry and anxiety in depth. What do the Gospels have to say about worry?—they say not to do it. The Church invites us to place our trust in the Lord and let the anxiety wash away. It is a nice image—washing away. Hold on to it this weekend if you are worried about something and take comfort in prayer. We have a sign outside our prayer room in school which says:

Don't be afraid to pray

To pray is sometimes the only thing we can do

Keep going...keep praying

Reminder: Y6 Isle of Wight deadline for payments is Monday 26th February

World Book Day 2018 1st March—come dressed as a favourite book character

Vacancies

We currently have three vacancies for additional midday assistants. The posts are advertised on our website.

Lantern Certificates—very well done!

Jakub Bojanowski; Dotti-Beau Cotterill; Zara Edorh; Santana Lindsay; Jewel Spencer; Piotr Chwedczuk; Alishya Konala; Natalie Mathew; Olayinka Oloruntele; Amila Lasocka; Talia Lubin; Gia Mathew; Natalia Preeth; Lucas Altham; Edosa Ogbeide-Ihama; Erin Oye; Jessica Adams; Max Eadon; Shirley Gyasi; Ruby Parry; Ciara Connor; Teshan Hayden; Aaliyah Holder; Ellie Payne; Isaac Rwigema; Theo Simon; Bianca Bakula