

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

The Lantern



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Friday 29th September

Dear Everyone

I hope you are well.

Thank you to those 80% of parents who are regularly supporting their children at home with tests and reading and homework. It is much appreciated by us and your child!

If you are one of the few who hasn't found the time to support your child, can I ask you to start afresh this year by doing so. I estimate that support from home is worth at least ten percentage points in an exam. When we remember that the difference between pass and fail is just 1%, it really can make all the difference.

God Bless

Gary

Parent/ Teacher Consultations

I hope you found the new electronic appointment system worked well for you. There are bound to be a few teething problems when we introduce something new like this but I think it went smoothly.

I hope too that those of you who met with teachers last evening found the meetings useful.

We look forward to welcoming the remainder of our parents into school next Thursday.

Please do remember not to park over neighbours' drives. The church car park is available to use and the back pedestrian gate will be open.

Tutoring After School

One of the things that makes our school special is the after-school tutoring that we offer for those children who need extra help to make their grades. The tutoring is offered free of charge to parents and I am pleased to say there is a 95% take up year-on-year. My thanks to you our parents and to the staff for the commitment that you each show to the children in our care.

Tutoring invitations will come home shortly and all tutoring will begin immediately we return from half-term. Sessions will then run right through to May half-term.

3rd October Author Visit Laura Ellen Anderson KS2

Together we will respect, achieve and make good choices.

Dates for The Diary

Thursday 5th October

Parent Teacher Meetings 4.00-7.00 pm
(not EYFS)

Friday 6th October 2.45 pm

4N Class Assembly.

Wednesday 11th October

Y1 Trip To Thorndon Country Park

Thursday 12th October 6.00 pm

Y6 Isle of Wight Meeting for Parents

Thursday 19th October 2.30 pm

Y6 Trip to The Moscow State Circus

Estimated arrival back at school 8.15pm

Friday 20th October

School Closed for Staff Training

Monday 23rd Oct- 27th Oct

School Closed Half-term Holiday

Monday 30th October

Back to School

Clubs start this week

After-school Tutoring starts this week

Saturday School (y2) starts this week—Saturday 4th November 9.00-11.00am

Thought for The Week

In assembly this week, we heard how the vineyard owner paid those who worked just an hour for him the same as those who worked the whole day. This was thought to be unfair by those who had worked throughout the day in the hot sun. The stories that Jesus told were designed to pull people up short, to make us think in a different way. We can probably all relate to the unfairness of the situation. This parable was crafted to make us see that those who find God late in their lives will be as warmly welcomed into Heaven as those who have worshipped him all their lives. For some people, it is only when they are faced with death that they are able to focus on God and what is truly important. I think that is a reassuring message rather than an unfair one: we want our God to be all forgiving and all welcoming, don't we?

Policies

The school has recently updated its exclusion policy, which is to be found on our website.

Maths Known Facts

From time to time the children will encounter the facts they have learnt in a question that is unfamiliar to them. They have to be able to apply what they have learnt to different questions because we don't know the questions that will be posed to them in their tests.

Lantern Certificates

Demi Alo; Daniella Kebianyor; Piotr Chwedczuk; Rylee Parish; Cleo Simon; Thulile Bhule-Moyo; Kyle Coombes; Jacob Edwards; Kaiden Kalejaiye-Ollivierre; Fiona Rwigema; Riona D'Souza; Diya Gill; Cordell Ibidapo; Liam McCarthy; Marian Jardeleza; Cyprian Rybacki

Reminder to Y6 Families—Applications open for transfer to secondary school .

Open Evening dates on website.

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