

Friday 3rd November

Dear Everyone

I hope you are well.

It has got cold and dark in the evenings—winter is on the way.

God Bless

Gary

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



The Lantern

After School Tutoring

Over a hundred children started their after school tuition this week. This is the largest number to be involved since we first introduced after school tutoring some five years ago. Thank you for supporting your child in this way. It is both seen and appreciated.

It is very important that you have communicated via the return slip who will be collecting your child. The normal collection arrangements at the end of the day will not suffice. We need to know specifically who is collecting from tutoring. It is now dark and children need to be collected. If you wish to add someone to your list please communicate this to the class teacher, who will amend our after school tutoring collection records. We cannot be too careful with children's safety. Children will not be able to leave with someone who is not identified on the tutoring return slip. This can cause delay and frustration. The same applies to Saturday School, which begins this week for some of our Y2 children. The children do not need to come in uniform. And may bring a snack. Please do be prompt to collect your child at 11.00 am. from the pedestrian gate so they can get on with the rest of their weekend.

Dates for The Diary

Saturday 4th November 9.00-11.00 am

Y2 Tutoring

Thursdays 9th and 16th November 4.45pm onwards

Nursery and Reception Parental Consultations

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE BOOKED YOUR APPOINTMENT USING OUR ONLINE FACILITY

Friday 10th November 2.45 pm

3C Class Assembly

Non-uniform day.— Donations for Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 11th November 9.00-11.00am

Y2 Tutoring

Wednesday 15th November

School Photographer—Individual and Family

Flu Immunisation Reception to Y4

Permission forms to be returned by 14/11 please. Thank you.

New Prefects

Three new prefects were announced this week: Ryan Longwe, Harry Wood and Emilija Gudaviciute. Congratulations to them!

Mass In Church

We attended Mass in Church on Wednesday to mark All Saints Day. Father Martin reminded us that we all know saints personally—those family members and friends who have gone to Heaven having led good lives whilst on Earth : That doesn't mean they were perfect —who is? - but they lived with good hearts whilst with us. Our thanks to Father Martin for this reminder.

School Woolly Hats available from the School Office £5 cash or cheque

Thought for The Week

I am not a particular football fan; I prefer tennis and Formula One! But I was taken with the words last week of Arsene Wenger, the French Arsenal manager. He was bemoaning the current trend to value only what is 'immediate'. He reminded us that 500 years ago, people aspired to be saints (timely this week, with All Saints Day); whereas 100 years ago, they aspired to be a war hero; and nowadays people aspire to be famous for being famous—the age of the celebrity'. 'Monsieur' Wenger was at pains to remind us that whatever we are doing in life, we must have an eye on the future and the past—go beyond the here and now. He reminded me that it is all about having a core set of values built on a foundation to guide us as we step forward. As we progress on our journey to become an academy, we would do well to remember the values that St Bede's has been built upon since the days of the Sisters who first ran the school:

- the desire to love one another, as Jesus loves us;
- the belief that every child in our care should be able to achieve their potential; and,
- the knowledge that education is as much about becoming a decent person as it is to do with being good with words and figures.

I have probably upset all the West Ham, Tottenham and Chelsea fans by not referring to what their managers had to say in the past week. Mr Conte's effort was unprintable! I will listen out in the weeks to come to see if they give us any pearls of wisdom. There is much to be learnt on the football field, it would seem. Incroyable mais vrai, as the French would say.

Lantern Certificates

Deni Alo; Klaudia Dubanowska; Zara Edoth; Nivain Jayawardana; Daniella Kebianyor; Jeshuran Lawrence; Trevai Nelson; Damilola Oloruntele; Liana Perera; Marnie Trikanji; Cleo Simon; Joel Joseph; Talia Lubin; Sofia Muriithi; Ugonna Anyanwu; Eleanor Christou; Shakira Coke; Tayler Farhan; Elizabeth Frost; Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu; Izabela Rybacka; Sara Sokoli; Joshua Adjei; Olumide Atoyebi; Keynan Delaney; Yuliana Hernandez Lopez; Joshua Joy; Erin Lonergan; Lacey-Lee Mackenzie; Aiden McDowell; Amarachi Okonkwo; Eniola Samuel; Diya Gill; Cordell Ibidapo; Patrick Marius; Joshua Ojeikere; Ronald Anjeh; Jennifer Mburu; Ruby Parry; Teshan Hayden; Bianca Bakula

Samaritan's Purse

Shoe boxes have begun to come in to school. Thank you for your generosity. They will be collected on 14th November at 10.00 am.

St. Bede's Church will be celebrating International Mass on Sunday 26th November at 11.00am. Parishioners are invited to wear their national dress or the colours of their country. Children can also bring an A4 size flag into Mass should they wish to.