

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

The Lantern



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Friday 6th October

Dear Everyone

I hope you are well.

As we reach October, the days will begin to get shorter and a full range of after school tutoring and clubs will begin when we return after half-term.

God Bless

Gary

Reception

We are currently thinking of ways in which we can prepare our Reception children better for Year 1. The children are entering Reception with increasingly low levels and they need an extra boost if they are to be ready for Y1. We need to do some things differently moving forward...

Miss Brock—our Infant Leader—will be writing to parents in the next couple of weeks with our ideas. As always, we will be counting on your support to make a difference.

Year 2

My thanks to the Y2 parents who have already accepted invitations to tutoring and Saturday School. It really is great to see the children so well supported by you. If you are still to return your slip, can I ask you please to do so on Monday—I would be grateful.

3rd October Author Visit Laura Ellen Anderson KS2

The children seemed to greatly enjoy their author visit this week. The author got the children thinking creatively and the session was of a very high quality. The children were very well behaved - their enthusiasm was great to see!

Parent/ Teacher Consultations

I hope that the meetings held over the past fortnight have been helpful. As we move into the main part of this autumn term, we will be busy preparing your child for the assessments that s/he will take in the week beginning Monday 4th December. We will publish the results to you in early January; although the older children may well be told their scores before the end of term.

Please make medical appointments outside of school time wherever possible. Thank you.

Dates for The Diary

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 God is all forgiving. To the son who said no to his father but then later changed his mind, there was plenty of forgiveness on offer. Jesus came to be with us to spread a message of forgiveness and love. As I said to the children, it is tough to be a Christian. The pressure to always do the right thing is enormous. All of us say no on occasions to the Father in what we choose to say or do just like the son in the Gospel. Does God then give up on us? Thankfully not.

School's Maths Calculation Policy

Can I bring your attention back to our **Calculations Policy**, which is to be found on the website. It helps to support you when you try to help your child with their maths homework. Please do not teach your child different methods; this can confuse them and results in exasperated teachers. Later on in the year, we will run some workshops for those parents who would like to know more about what we do in school in our maths lessons. These sessions are always enjoyable and well attended.

Headteacher's Award (3 Green Cards)

Charlotte Christou

Olivia Conneely

Cassius Brown

Catherine Kazibwe

Punctuality and Attendance

We have an emerging problem with a small number of families who are late for school in the morning or late to pick up—sometimes both. We cannot continue in this way and the phase leaders will be meeting with parents where we have an ongoing concern at either end of the school day. I know that some local schools have introduced fines when faced with the same problem. We would really rather not do that but this will depend upon a small number of parents changing their ways. It really isn't fair on the children concerned. Where we have a persistent issue, we are always duty bound to report the matter to Social Services as a safeguarding concern.

Lantern Certificates

Aurelia Bakula; Eden Butcher; Victoria Garote; Zaine Gould; Raphael Inedia; Amelie Jackson-Brown; Gabriela Kowalski; Johnnie Norton; Ikechukwu Obi; Francesca Ojo; Lota Okonkwo; Oluwamuyiwa Omole; Faith Oyakhilome; Arianna Suthakar; Lilly Mackenzie; Olive Mba; William Kabaka; Owen Borra; Riona D'Souza; Kamila Gawron; Riya Jacob; Airidas Leskinas; Mia Mair; Maggie Maxwell; Oliwia Mazurek; Yvonne Nabirye; Edosa Ogbeide-Ihama; Nwanneka Okonji; David Okoye; Tommy O'Sullivan; Erin Oye; Samaya Alexander; Emma Donnelly; Jennifer Mburu; Beatrice Saliendra; Ruby Parry; Bianca Enriquez; Isabel Ogbeide-Ihama; Lukas Vasiliauskas

Choosing a Lunch

If your child is an infant who takes a free lunch, it is most important that you have considered their choice with them before they come to school. Thank you for your support.

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