

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

The Lantern



Thursday 8th February

Dear Everyone

Wow! That half-term went quickly. Next half-term is similarly short—just six weeks to Easter.

God Bless

Gary

Every Child A Reader/ Mathematician

We welcomed over ninety parents into school for these annual spring meetings during the last two weeks. Parents were given their child's most recent test papers and an explanation of where we are at. Parents said they found the sessions helpful. I am grateful to Mrs Roberts, Mr Spriddle, Miss Brock and Mrs Dayson, who led the meetings and to the back office staff who co-ordinated the appointments.

Reading Saturday School—Year 6

These sessions start after our return from half-term, running from Saturday 24th February to Saturday 17th March, inclusive. The lessons run from 9.00 to 10.30 am. Mr Spriddle and Mrs Roberts have invited those children who need a boost in their reading to make their next individual level. This will be followed by an Easter maths school, where again invitations will be sent out according to need. Easter School runs from Monday 9th April to 12th April, inclusive—9.00 to 10.30 am.

Assessment Week

The next assessments take place across the school in the week beginning Monday 12th March. This will be quickly upon us. Parent/Teacher consultations will follow on Monday 26th and Wednesday 28th March. We will again be using the online booking system, which seemed to work well in the autumn.

1st March World Book Day—come dressed as your favourite character

Please do not park over our neighbours' drives.

We and they would be so grateful.

Dates for The Diary

Thursday 8th February

Children finish for half-term 3.15/3.20 pm

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 Valence House

Thursday 1st March 5.30-6.30 pm

Y2 Story Time

(entrance to Nursery via back gate)

Friday 2nd March 2.45pm

Class 2DA Assembly

Saturday 3rd March

Y6 Saturday School

Football/ Multi-skills clubs finish at half-term—new children to start next half-term.

Thought for The Week

Last week's readings at Church were all about preaching the Good News. Very few of us do that. Some of us would even feel awkward talking about our faith to non-believers. But through living our faith in a quiet unassuming way we are also spreading the Good News. I find that a comforting thought.

Parent Voice

The class advocates met in school last Friday and discussed a range of issues. Mrs Roberts, who led the session, is sending you a record of the conversations. Our thanks to those parents who give of their time so freely to keep us informed of what our parents are thinking. The advocates meet half-termly.

We have also been collecting in questionnaires this past week. I am publishing the results to you today. As I said recently, we don't pretend to have all the answers but we do keep listening and hope to get more right than we do wrong. In publishing the results to you, we are indicating that we are open with you. The older pupils have completed their own questionnaires and we will publish the outcomes to you and the children on our return from the holiday.

Head teacher's Awards

Bianca Enriquez, James Chuck, Luke Borra, Daniel Sokoli, Jaden Chukwuma, Eden Koonan, Cordell Ibidapo, Helo Barker, Oluwateniayo Oladokun, Amarachi Okonkwo, Dylan Jackson-Brown, Olivia Eriksson- Hassan, Priscilla Kwarteng, Jacob Edwards, Barney Perkins, Thulile Bhule-Moyo, Liana Perera, Kammalunna Onyekonwu and Ryan Longwe.

Lantern Certificates

Kyra Baker; Kian Conboy; Dotti-Beau Cotterill; Klaudia Dubanowska; Daniella Kebianyor; Samuel Ojera; Kammalunna Onyekonwu; Marnie Trikamji; Brooke Henry; Jacob Edwards; Justin Malhi; Jasiu Milos; Fiona Rwigema; Shaun Obi; Emelia Burgess; Muna Oziri; Lucia Udhin; Lucas Altham; Liam McCarthy; Jessica Adams; Olivia Biggins; Tyler Parish; Ardley Perpepaj; Harry Skelton; Jaden Chukwuma; Callum Creighton; Catherine Kazibwe; Anastasia Pausey; Theo Simon; Abigail Akpey; Georgia Duncombe; Tia Elliston-Melville; Faith Obeng-Amponsah; Isabel Ogbeide-Ihama; Brendan Osei-Agyemang; Kaela Perpepaj

New groups for multi-skills and football commence after half-term (letters have gone out this week).

Deadline for payment for Isle of Wight Monday 26th February

Menu After Half-term: Week 3



St. Bede's Catholic Primary School
Shine like a lantern, in the presence of the Lord

Thursday 8th February 2018

Dear Family

I hope you are well.

Thank you to those parents who returned a questionnaire this week. I realise people are busy. We had over a hundred and fifty returns, which was pleasing. I have shown below the percentage of parents as they scored each statement; I have also totalled the percentage in agreement with each statement. Overall, it is a very positive picture. Thank you.

We have shared people's comments amongst the school's management team and where we can we will take on board people's views. Two parents asked for more focus on creative subjects and we will think about how we can do this; it is never easy with there being only so many hours in every day. But we will try harder. Six parents asked for less homework and we will take account of these comments in our annual review of homework later this school year.

People were very appreciative of the after school tutoring and staff will be pleased about this.

With every good wish

Gary Nott

Questionnaire 2018 Results

		Strongly agree	Agree	Total in agreement	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child is happy at this school.	63%	34%	97%	2%	1%
2	My child feels safe at this school.	68%	31%	99%		1%
3	My child makes good progress at this school.	62%	37%	99%	1%	
4	My child is well looked after at this school.	59%	40%	99%	1%	
5	My child is taught well at this school.	63%	35%	98%	2%	
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	53%	43%	96%	4%	
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	60%	40%	100%		
8	This schools deals effectively with bullying.	50%	49%	99%	1%	
9	This school is well led and managed.	54%	43%	97%	3%	
10	The school responds well to any concerns that I raise.	50%	46%	96%	3%	1%
11	I receive valuable information about my child's progress.	61%	37%	98%	2%	

		Yes	No
12	Would you recommend our school to another parent?	95%	5%