

Friday 8th September

Dear Everyone

I hope your summer was great. We return to a busy term and welcome the children (and their parents) who will start with us in Reception and Nursery this autumn.

God Bless

Gary

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



# The Lantern

## Welcome Back

We are delighted to welcome all our families back. We are joined this year by Miss Lynch-Smith, who will be teaching in Y3. We also welcome Mr Appiah and Miss Balogun, who will be supporting teachers and children in Reception classes. Miss Poynter and Miss Abrahams begin their official teacher training with us this month in Y2 and Mr Hounsome and Miss McCarthy begin their first year as qualified teachers. Mrs Harrison re-joins us as a full time member of staff, teaching in Y5. Everyone is most welcome.

## Dates for The Diary

**Wednesday 13th September 10.45 am**  
Mass at St Bede's Church  
Parents welcome!

**EYFS WORKSHOPS 6.00 pm**  
Thursday 14th September—Supporting  
Your Child  
Thursday 21st September—Phonics  
Thursday 28th September—Maths

## Free School Meals

We have a small number of children who remain eligible for a Free School Lunch in Y3, having transferred from Y2. We have sent text reminders to these parents. All other Y3 children need to bring a packed lunch.

## Medications

Children who have medications named in Care Plans should now once again have those medications in school. Asthma pumps should also be in school. Parents need to sign at the beginning of the year for medication received and again in July when medication is returned. We thank you for your co-operation.

## Tutoring and After School Clubs

Where we are offering after school tutoring or clubs, these will begin in the first week after half-term. Invitations will be sent at the end of this month.

## New Starters

We welcomed several new children who are transferring to us from other schools— we were really pleased to see them: Marc Madera (Y4); Yuliana Hernandez-Lopez (Y4); Eniola Samuel (Y4); Daniel Sokoli (Y6); Kelvin Daitey (Y3); and Grace Anjeh (Y2).

## Thought for The Week

### Beauty is in the Eye of The Beholder

#### Proverb

That which one person finds beautiful or admirable may not appeal to another.

As we start back to a new year, I am reminded that what one person thinks is fantastic, another may not rate at all. Over the summer, I stayed at a hotel that we found pretty dismal. I left a review on Trip Advisor and was surprised to see that whereas some people agreed with me, others thought the hotel was fantastic, some even giving it full marks. With any organisation we come to it with our own ideas as to what quality looks like. Schools are no different to hotels in that sense. What one parent likes about a school, another may dislike. Here at St Bede's, as we start a new school year, we will try to listen carefully to what it is you like about the school and what you would like to see further improved. We can't hope to please everyone but we will do our best to try. If you have any suggestions, please do share them with your child's teachers or the office staff or email me here at [gary.nott@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:gary.nott@redbridge.gov.uk)

### Parent/ Teacher Meetings Years 1 –6

These are earlier this year, taking place before, rather than after, half-term, on two consecutive Thursdays—28th September and 5th October, 4.00-7.00 pm. The teachers will remind everyone of the targets that were set in last summer's reports. Each child should be aiming to achieve these targets by the end of the autumn term—*if not sooner!*

### Our Peace Garden

We have spent time and money on redeveloping our Peace Garden in memory of little Rose Marie, who passed away last year. We will invite Father Martin to rededicate the garden before half-term. Some £750 was raised in donations from parents and staff and the governors matched this sum from school money. Those members of Rose Marie's class who wish to will take part in the rededication service, which will be simple but apt.

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