

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

The Lantern



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Friday 12th October

Dear Families

Some lovely weather this week. The children enjoyed playing in the sunshine.

God Bless

Gary Nott Katherine Roberts

Head teacher Deputy Head

African Drumming and Dancing

On Tuesday the school was filled to the rafters with the sound of African drumming and dancing. All the children got to see a performance from our visitors and there were workshops for the older children as the day progressed. The children and staff enjoyed the experience. Our thanks to Miss Shanahan for organising the event.

I really enjoyed the assembly when the African drummers came and told us a story because it gave us a taste of African culture. The day was filled with joy and excitement; we even got our own drums to play.

Samaya

I think Black History month is important because black people were treated differently and that was not right. I'm really excited about these lessons throughout the month.

Harry

I think it is very important as a school that we come together in the month of October to remember how unfairly people used to be treated just because their skin colour was black. This morning we had an insight into African music. I think it is fantastic how they use their voices in their music and how they tap the drums.

Ruby

Dates for The Diary

Wednesday 17th October

Author Visit Rec, Y1 and Y2
Y6 Trip to Royal Gunpowder Mills.

Thursday 18th October 3.15/3.20

School finishes for half-term
Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00pm

Friday 19th October

Staff Training Day (School closed for Children)

October 1st -31st

Black History Month led by Miss Shanahan

Monday 22nd/ Friday 26th October

Half-term Holidays

Monday 29th October

School re-opens

Thursday 1st November

Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00pm

W/b Monday 5th November

Tutoring starts in Y3, 4 and 5—Tuesdays and Wednesdays—invitation only

Thursday 8th November 6.00pm

SATS information Evening Y6

Friday 9th November 2.45pm

3LS Class Assembly

Saturday 10th November 9.00-11.00

Y2 Saturday School

Parking

Please do not park over local residents' drives when you are dropping or picking up your children. It can lead to frustration and anger. As a school, we want to have good relationships with local residents—they are our neighbours.

Menu News

Next week's menu will be week 3! New menu after half-term.

Thought For The Week

Support from Home

A huge thank you to those of you who support your child each week with their spellings, maths known facts, homework and reading. Support from home is vital and we are very grateful for your commitment to working in partnership with us. It is both seen and appreciated.

Tutoring in Y6 and Y2

There has been a great take up for the tutoring we are offering in Y2 and Y6: 96% uptake in Y2 and 90% in Y6. Invitations to tutoring in other years have now been sent home. Your support is again welcomed.

School Lunches—Coming Soon!

If your child has a school lunch, you will soon be able to pre-order their choice of meal online from the comfort of your own home. We will be writing to you shortly with a full step-by-step guide.

We are also planning to make school meals available soon to parents of junior children who wish to purchase one, starting with Year 3. You will need a school meals account and must be in credit—again we will be writing soon with full details as to how to go about things. We hope the school kitchen will have the capacity to cater for other year groups as we progress through the school year. We will have to see how demand shapes up and the speed of school dinners flowing through the school hall; timings will be important as we cannot extend the length of the lunch hour. Watch this space!

Lantern Certificates—Very Well Done!

Kacey; Abigail D; Jameillia; Alan; Praise; Luke R; Maliah; Isabelle; Zuzanna; Shaye; Victoria; Raphael Oseruonabhen ; Amelie; Gabriela; Taiwo; Johnnie; Eadie; Lotta; Faith; David Z; Annabelle; Sheruia ; Cecilia; Ugonna; Layla; Shakira; Corinne; Ruthie; Freddie; Elizabeth F; James G; Kobina; Nathan N; Hanyeolisa; Joshua O; Bright; Grace

Parent Governors

We will be holding elections in the near future for the two spaces that parents occupy on our governing body. If you would like to know more about the commitment a governor makes to our school, please do get in touch.

Anti-Bullying Week commences 12th November