

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

The Lantern



Friday 14th September

Dear Families

Second week in and we are already moving quickly this term with some great progress made in this first fortnight.

God Bless

Gary Nott Katherine Roberts

New Prefects

Choosing prefects from those Y6 children who apply for the role is always tricky and this year the team have found it trickier than ever. There are so many children in the current Y6 who would make excellent prefects. We have chosen twenty and will add to this number as we move through the year, finally arriving at thirty in May. The twenty will be announced in assembly on Monday, when they will receive their badges and ties. Prefects contribute a great deal to the smooth running of the school, helping at lunchtime with all sorts of duties with the younger children. We depend upon them enormously. If you were not chosen this time round, children, keep trying your best and who knows what will happen in the coming weeks and months!

Our Postbag

We have received two emails since we have been back: one on the subject of hot school dinners for junior children and another on the affordability of school uniform.

Once the kitchen staff have settled, we hope to have positive news of hot meals being made available for junior children. Watch this space!

The question of affordability of uniform is one that is kept under constant review. It is about getting that balance right between looking distinctive and smart and keeping uniform affordable. A fine line to tread.

In recent years, we have tried to help by allowing children to wear any colour of trainer for PE and not insisting—as we once did—on plain navy or black linings for coats.

Parents say that they value the emphasis St Bede's places on a smart distinctive uniform. It is worth remembering that when the children start at secondary school, the price of uniform rises steeply because secondary schools insist on a blazer, which at our school remains optional.

Dates for The Diary

Thursdays 20th and 27th September 6.00 pm

Reception Parents' Workshop

Friday 28th September 9.00-10.30 am

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 5th October 2.45

Class 4M Assembly

Thursday 11th October 6.00pm

Y6 Parents Isle of Wight Meeting

Wednesday 17th October

Y6 Trip to Waltham Abbey

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

Thursday 1st November

Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm

Menu News

Next week's menu will be a repeat of this week's. Please bear this in mind when helping your child to make their choices.

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.

Thought For The Week

In the Gospel this week we heard the story of a miracle: Jesus curing a deaf man.

God performed miracles to strengthen our faith and reveal His glory.

Children ask the most difficult of questions. When sharing this story with Scarlett, my youngest, who is five, she asked me why God just doesn't cure all deaf people?

I told her that God will end all suffering when we pass from this life to the next. As Father Martin often says, there will be no more pain, no more suffering when we ascend to Heaven. Difficult questions, don't you just love them!

Reception

The new children in Reception have begun their St Bede's adventure this week. They were all in school Thursday and Friday at the same time. They will be busy getting to know the routines of the school and each day will seem a long time to them as they start their journey with us; we will be mindful of this.

It's Time To Get Baking

On Friday 28th September we will be holding a coffee morning to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer Charity. If you are a budding baker please try to find some time to make us something special. All donations of cakes will be gratefully received in school on Thursday 27th September. The coffee morning will run from 9.00 to 10.30 am on the Friday. Please do pop along—you will be most welcome.

Miss Kapnisis

A special mention goes to Miss Kapnisis this week who has come into work despite fracturing her ankle. Her foot is in a boot and she is on crutches, but still teaching. We thank her for her dedication.

Lantern Certificates

Moyo; Akira; Elleora; Brandon; Eleanor; Ruthie; Kristopher; Marley; Fiona J; Kobina; Nathan N; Joshua O; Orlando; Joshua W; Bright