

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

The Lantern



A very enjoyable week in school.

God Bless

Gary Nott Katherine Roberts

Head teacher Deputy Head teacher

Drop off and Pick up

This week I met with local residents and the PCSO and Chair of Governors to discuss the thorny issue of parents parking in front of neighbour's drives in Canon Avenue. It is always embarrassing to hear of parents being abusive and inconsiderate. It is only a minority of parents who act in this way and we know who they are because other parents are very keen to tell us. Please do not park in front of our neighbours' drives. It leads to bad feeling all round. If we are not careful the Council may impose a PSPO cordon: this means you won't be able to drive along Canon Avenue or Bishop's Avenue at all during school hours. It is far better to park and stride—leaving your car in a neighbouring road and walking that little distance to school.

Remembrance Day Silence

We held this in school on Monday. The children respected the silence beautifully. We were very proud of them.

Anti-Bullying Week

The children enjoyed the workshops led by the Redbridge Drama Centre. We have recently updated our Anti-Bullying policy. We used to see bullying as repeated behaviour over time but we have widened that definition to include one off serious incidents that leave a child not wanting to come to school.

Pre-ordering Meals

It helps us greatly if you have pre-ordered your child's meal choices for the week ahead. Thank you.

Sunday 25th November 11.00 am International Mass

Twenty St Bede's Pupils will be reading bidding prayers in different languages.

All invited to come along in national costume or colours of their country.

Dates for The Diary

Saturday 17th November 9.00-11.00 am

Y2 Saturday School

Friday 23rd November

9.15 Parent Advocates Meeting

Deadline for return of Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes

2.45pm 4H Class Assembly

Saturday 24th November

Y2 Saturday School

Friday 30th November

Y3 Trip to Drama Centre to see Rapunzel's Dream

Non-Uniform Day in exchange for PA Donation.

Saturday 1st December 9.00-11.00am

Y2 Saturday School

Sunday 2nd December 12.00-4.00pm

PA Christmas Bazaar—Church Hall

Saturday 8th December 9.00-11.00 am

Y2 Saturday School

Thought For The Week

This week's Gospel was all about the widow who gave all that she had, two coins. Jesus praised this. I don't think we are being asked to part with huge sums (that we don't have) but we are being asked to give to others less fortunate than us what we can manage—whether that be in money or our time and labour. God isn't measuring us by the size of the contribution that we put in the offertory plate but what we do give must be given freely and with enthusiasm.

Assessment Week

This term's assessment week will be during the week beginning December 3rd. The children have been working hard and the tests will be in reading and maths. The children's writing will also be assessed by the class teachers.

Parent Governor Elections—Two Vacancies

There are 4 candidates and 2 votes per parent/carer. Ballot papers will be sent home on Monday. The ballot box will be in Reception outside the School Office. Parents/carers can vote in person or by post, returning their ballot paper via their child.

Some reminders. Thank you.

Please ensure all those adults who can collect your child(ren) are added to your collection list. This also applies to after school tutoring/clubs. We have had a number of parents make different arrangements for collections by adults who are not on their list. If your arrangements change, please write to your child's class teacher.

If your child is off sick, please ensure you call the school office (option 1) to report this. You can leave a message on the answerphone before 8.30am. Please follow this up with a letter of explanation on return to school. Thank you

Workshops

Following the Y2 SATS evening, we will be running practical workshops in Y2 in maths, reading and writing in the New Year. I do hope you will make every effort to come. It will really help your child.

Lantern Certificates—Very Well Done!

Lois; Kyle C; Teilan; Sofia M; Jacob O; Barney; Fiona R; Samuel S; Dominic; Nadia; Emmanuel A; Emelia; Camila; Sean M; Lovely; Aahana; Sheruia ; Elijah B; Brandon; Ruthie; Nikodem; Mary; Sara; Karnel; Dylan; Oluwateniayo; Nwanneka; Cairo

Christmas Concert—choir and musicians

This will be held on 14th December at 2.00pm.