

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

# The Lantern



A windy week in school; by the end of the week, the summer seemed a distant memory.

God Bless

Gary Nott Katherine Roberts

Headteacher Deputy Head

## Prefects announced...

The first wave of prefects are Owen, Ardley, Emma, Tyler, Harry, Tessa, Nandika, Olivia, Sean C, Amelia, Michaela, Janelle, Ruby, Chloe, Diya, Lucas, Mya, Riona, Liam and Micaella.

The first Head Girl is **Ruby** and the first Head Boy is **Harry**.

Very well done to all these children.

Prefects are there to help our younger children and to assist the teachers with all sorts of duties around the school. This enables Y6 pupils to develop all sorts of skills that will be useful to have when they start secondary school. We aim to add another ten names to the list as we move through the year.

## Our Post Bag

This week, we received an email from a parent putting the case forward for girls to be given the option of wearing trousers to school. The governors are going to consider this at the next full governing body meeting in November. If you have a strong view on this matter — either for or against — please do contact us at [gary.nott@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:gary.nott@redbridge.gov.uk). Thank you. The more informed governors are, the better the decisions they can make.

Rest assured, were we to adopt this proposal, the trousers would have to be made of the same material as skirts ie proper school trousers - not skinny fit, or leggings or stretchy material. We have a good looking uniform and we want to preserve our high standards.

**Brass Tuition (Juniors Only)** We have a space available to learn a brass instrument (trumpet/cornet). Please let the office know if your child is interested in these lessons facilitated by Redbridge Music Service which take part during school time.

## 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 week three!

## 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 this week's Gospel, we heard Christ encouraging his disciples to take up their cross and follow Him. Easier to do perhaps when things are going well in our lives. We talked in assembly about following Jesus' path even when life is tricky—when it's not our turn and we want it to be; when we want something that someone else has; when we are not chosen for something and others have. The Holy Spirit is there to guide us and prayer can be oh so powerful; we encouraged the children to persevere with it.

### Progress Review Meetings

Mrs Roberts and I have met with the teachers this week to discuss the progress children are making. We have identified how we will move forward in the coming weeks. I am pleased to say that we can again offer after school tutoring for those children who we feel would benefit from a boost; these children will be borderline between levels. Please note we cannot invite all children to tutoring. **We choose children who we feel can sustain their concentration for more learning after school.** The letters of invitation will come out shortly, starting with Y6 and Y2, who will start in October.

We are also in a position to run a 'reading' Saturday morning school again for those Y2 children who need it next half-term. Please keep an eye out for invitations. Last year, this was very successful and will again be led by Mrs Dayson, supported this year by Mrs Mackie.

**Reminder for Y6 parents—secondary schools are having their Open Evenings this half-term.**

### Recycling Week 24th-30th September

Next week is recycling week which is now in its 15th year; the aim of the week will be to encourage the children about the benefits of recycling more. Each year group will attend a workshop on the 3Rs - **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**. The children will be finding out about where our rubbish ends up if we don't recycle and how that has a negative impact on our environment. Our new reception children will hear all about a shark that eats lots of rubbish and then they will have an exciting craft activity! Each class teacher will update you on what the children have learnt in their weekly blog!

### Head teacher's Surgery

I am available every morning between 8.45 and 9.00 without an appointment. Please do pop in if there is something on your mind that you think I might be able to help with.

### Lantern Certificates

Breege; Nicole; Annabelle; Evie; Marina; Layla; Corinne; Freddie; Elizabeth F; James G; Sara; Comfort