

A weekly newsletter for children, parents, staff and governors of St. Bede's ...

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**Friday 28th September**  
**Dear Families**  
It's been chilly in the mornings this week. Children need a coat for school now.  
God Bless  
Gary Nott    Katherine Roberts  
**Headteacher Deputy Head**

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

# The Lantern



**Macmillan Coffee Morning**  
We hosted a Macmillan coffee morning this morning. Thank you to those of you who were able to support it. A huge thank you too for the donation of cakes. A very worthy cause was well supported.  
Mr Buns also kindly donated a cake, for which we were grateful.

**Parent Voice**  
We have invited eight parents to represent the individual year groups this coming year. Parent Voice meetings are a valuable way of ensuring there is good communication between the school and parents. We ask parent representatives to bring forward one thing that they like about the school to accompany each suggestion of how we could improve what we do –an EBI, if you like—an *even better if...*

**School Council**  
New representatives are being chosen for the new school year—a boy and a girl from each class. We will publish names next week. The new council will have £500 to spend on improvements they would like to see about the school.

**Post Bag**  
We only received one email this week concerning girls wearing trousers—this email was in support of such a move. If you have a view, it's not too late to contact us at [gary.nott@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:gary.nott@redbridge.gov.uk)

**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.

**Dates for The Diary**  
**Friday 5th October 2.45**  
Class 4M Assembly  
**Week Commencing 8th October**  
Tutoring for Y2 and Y6  
**Thursday 11th October 6.00pm**  
Y6 Parents Isle of Wight Meeting  
**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

**Menu News**  
Next week's menu will be week one!

### **Thought For The Week**

This week's Gospel found the disciples arguing over who was the best of the bunch. Jesus had to sort them out. He did so by saying that whoever wanted to be first, must place themselves last. I remember being taught once that God is in the small things. If we can go around getting the small things right—putting others first and ourselves last— then we will be getting somewhere fast.

### **A New Arrival**

Mr Newman became a proud father for the third time over the weekend. It was a baby boy. Both mum and baby are doing well.

### **Year 2**

Year 2 sees a significant step up from Y1. The government have made end of Y2 tests markedly tougher in recent years. There is much work to be done if children are to be ready for the end of year assessments. The Y2 teachers will be running some parent workshops on how to support your child when Mr Newman returns from paternity leave.

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

### **Cones**

Some of our neighbours place cones in front of their drives because they have had problems with some parents parking over their drives. I would ask you not to move these cones. It only leads to bad feeling. The cones are a clear sign that there has been a problem in the past. Our neighbours should be able to expect to park in front of their drives at any time.

### **Dogs**

Some of you I know like to walk your dog to school when dropping off or picking up your children. Can I ask you please to be mindful that some children are very nervous around dogs so please keep your pet on a tight rein when outside the school gates. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Lantern Certificates—Very Well Done!**

Abraham; Oluwatobi; Sheruia ; Cecilia; Kamsi N; Eniola