

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

# The Lantern



Dear Families

A mostly dry week that has seen the children able to get outside at break and lunchtimes—thank goodness.

God Bless

Gary Nott Katherine Roberts

## Reverse Advent Calendar

This is now a St Bede's tradition. Instead of taking something out of the calendar each day of December, we put something in. Dried or tinned food would be most welcome. At the end of term, we give what you have donated to Father Martin, who distributes it to the needy of the parish. We would be grateful for your generosity.

The food will be placed in collection boxes around the school Christmas Tree.

## Year 3

Year 3 can purchase a school meal from Monday. As with the rest of the school, it helps us if the parents can choose the lunches for the week and pre-order using your log in details. Children can only have a dinner if it is paid for in advance and the parent remains in credit.

## School Uniform

Governors met last night and considered the arguments for and against allowing girls to wear trousers to school. They took into account the arguments as presented by you our parents. The views expressed by parents were mixed—with some parents in favour and some against. There was no clear majority for either viewpoint.

After discussion, the governors decided against allowing girls to wear trousers. The main reason was that so few parents responded to the invitation to express a view. The governors interpreted this as most parents were not unhappy with the current arrangements and given there was no clear majority in the views expressed, they decided to leave things as they are.

I know this decision will not please everybody but there was a thorough discussion and a vote taken with the majority of governors agreeing to keep the status quo.

Governor Election—Ballot closes this Monday at 4.00pm

## Dates for The Diary

### Saturday 1st December

Saturday School cancelled

### Sunday 2nd December 12.00-4.00pm

PA Christmas Bazaar—Church Hall

### Monday 3rd December

Flu Immunisation (Reception to Y5)

### Wednesday 5th December

Y6 Choir to sing at King George Hospital

### Thursday 6th December 3.45 pm

EYFS Bug Club Drop-in session

### Saturday 8th December 9.00-11.00 am

Y2 Saturday School

### Monday 10th December

Choir to sing at St Bede's Fellowship Group

### Tuesday 11th December 2.00pm

Reception Nativity

### Wednesday 12th December 11.30 and 2.20

Nursery Nativity

### Thursday 13th December

Y2 Christmas Carols

3.45 pm EYFS Bug Club Drop-in Session

3.30 Maths Drop-in Y2

### Friday 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day (50p donation for charity)

AM Christmas Panto

2.00pm School Music Concert

### Saturday 15th December 9.00-11.00

Y2 Saturday School

### Monday 17th December 10.45 am

Y2—Y6 Carol Concert

### Thursday 20th December

Christmas Parties (50p donation)

### Friday 21st December 1.30pm

School finishes

### Monday 7th January 2019

School reopens

## Thought For The Week

This week in assembly, we celebrated the feast of Christ the King. We thought about what an interesting exchange it was between Jesus and Pilate in the Gospel. Pilate just didn't get it. He didn't understand a word Jesus said to him. Jesus, on trial for his life, sounded the regal one, not Pilate, the representative of the all powerful Roman Empire. As we rushed towards the end of the Church's year, it was a great Gospel on which to finish. Now we have the wonderful season of Advent to enjoy.

## Times Tables Check

The government is introducing a new times tables knowledge check in Y4. The current Y3 will be the first year to take the test in 2020. It really is important that the children are learning their tables with you—they use table facts in school but must learn them at home. The tables tested will be all those up 12 x 12. The children must have six seconds recall.

## Acceptable Use Agreements

If you have not already done so, we should be most grateful if you would return yours on Monday. Thank you.

Please remember not to block our neighbours' drives in Canon Avenue. It does cause bad feeling.

## International Mass

Well done to all the children who read at last week's international mass. They read beautifully and were a credit to their school and parents.

## For Sale from the School Office

Hats £5 Gloves £3 Scarves £7 - Correct money only please. Thank you

## Lantern Certificates—Very Well Done!

Abraham; Ramone; Cleo; Anita; Jeremy; Melissa; Kian H; Evie; Sheruia ; Cecilia; Ly-an; Jordan; Shaun

## Head teacher's Award (three green cards) -Well done!

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