

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

# The Lantern



Friday 5th October

Dear Families

Tutoring begins next week—always a sign that we are fully back in the swing of things.

God Bless

Gary Nott Katherine Roberts

Headteacher Deputy Head

## Tutoring

We have had some parents query this week why their child has not been invited to tutoring. We only invite those children to tutoring who we feel can concentrate for a further hour's learning at the end of the day—no mean feat; and just because it was felt right in one year, doesn't automatically mean it will be right the next. The concentration and progress of children who have yet to be invited are monitored in school as we move through the term and if we feel a child moving forward would benefit, they will be added to the list as we go.

## Girls Wearing Trousers

This will not be an easy decision for governors to make. There are parents who strongly support the idea and others who just as strongly do not. Some people are going to be disappointed with the outcome.

## New Arrivals

We welcomed some new children to the school this week. We were very pleased to see Alban, Berrah, Adelaide, Rina, Felix, Sharon, Nathan, Kehatoun and Angjelina.

## Mrs Chuck

We welcomed Mrs Chuck back to school today. She will be working in Y2 where we have had a vacancy, but supporting Mrs Spinks in Y4 when the need arises.

## 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

### 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 2!



### **Thought For The Week**

It is Black History Month in school and we marked its launch with a special assembly on Monday led by Miss Shanahan. It was great. There are a number of events lined up to celebrate black culture. We have African drumming and dancing coming next week—always a big favourite with the children, who do so enjoy it. Great fun! We have sent all parents this week the programme for the next three weeks.

In talking with some children this week, I was reminded of the words of the great Nelson Mandela who said:

**‘I never lose. I either win or learn.’**

What a great outlook on life. I am adopting this as my motto for the coming months and will be trying to live by it at all times. I will share it on Monday with the children in assembly. I have an excellent poster board featuring the quote and a picture of the great man himself, which we will put up in school. It is one of eight poster boards that will appear permanently around school in coming weeks that feature great black icons of this and the last century: Barack Obama, Maya Angelou, Desmond Tutu, Steve Biko, Jesse Owens, Mary Seacole and Martin Luther-King.

A big thank you to our families, friends and staff for their support and generosity at last week’s coffee morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support—a grand total of £742 was raised—this includes an amazing donation of £102 from our PA from their parish coffee morning.

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

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

Eddie; Lilly M; Jaeda; Annabelle; Kelvin; Kian H; William K; Sean L; Natasha; Lyan; Ashton M; Jordan; Shaun; Ifeoma; Alfie O; Marina; Lacey-Lee; Lucas