

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

# The Lantern



Dear Families

The summer is over and the new term has started brightly.

God Bless

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## Welcome Back!

### We hope you had a good summer.

Lots of new faces to welcome this term.

On the teaching staff, we welcome Miss Cahill (Y2), Miss Shanahan (Y5), Miss Kapnisis (Y3) and Mrs Mackie (Reception).

In terms of our support staff, we welcome Mrs Conneely to our nursery for two days a week. In addition, we will be saying a welcome return to Mrs Chuck who will re-join us next month. She missed us and wanted to come back!

We have a new PE teacher, Mr Cobblah, who will be working across the school. Mr Cobblah is employed by a company called Foundation Sports. We hope he will be happy teaching at our school.

We have a number of new children who have joined us across the school, from Year 6 through to Year 1. We met them all this week in the Head teacher's Office to ensure they know that our doors are always open should they be concerned about something or have some exciting news to share. Starting a new school can be a bit daunting but there have been plenty of smiling faces this week so we trust new children have settled well. They are all most welcome.

## 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 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

**Thursday 18th October 3.15/3.20**

School finishes for half-term

**Friday 19th October**

Staff Training Day (School closed for Children)

**October 1st -31st**

Black History Month

## New Meals Provider

We have changed provider this year. School meals are now provided by ISS under a Redbridge contract. The ISS team is led in school by our new cook, Mrs Mensah; she is most welcome to the school.

ISS hope to roll out the provision of hot meals to junior children whose parents wish to purchase one. Watch this space! This week the new team have been settling in but they have big plans.

## Thought For The Week

In The Gospel last week, we heard how Jesus was displeased with the Pharisees who questioned why He and his disciples were not following God's laws but rather laws made up by themselves. We talked about this in assembly. We talked about whilst it is good to have some rules to live by, we shouldn't forget to have fun. The Pharisees in the story were so busy keeping rules made by men that they missed the fun—the most important part, that God loves them and has a plan for their lives. We talked about how good this knowledge should make us feel. God had a plan for me and you. The task is to enjoy it.

### Training Days

Whilst the children were enjoying the last part of their holiday at the start of this week, the staff were busy preparing and training on Monday and Tuesday.

We had an outside trainer work with us on Monday who got us to think about our new entrants into Reception this year in terms of three questions (answers in brackets).

When will the new entrants into Reception leave education? (2032)

When will they retire? (2080)

Will they get to see the next century? (Yes, many of them will.)

It was a sobering exercise and one that made us reflect upon how important it is to stay up-to-date with new ideas and ways of doing things. We are teaching the next generation of young adults and do not yet know what jobs many of them will be doing because they haven't been invented yet!

### Safeguarding

At the start of a new school year, we thought it worth restating that it is illegal for a parent to hit their child with any form of implement—belt, spoon, rod etc. We had incidences again last year of this happening and we had to make referrals to Social Care, who involved the Police. This important message it seems is not getting through to everyone and it could do with restating.

### Bug Club Reading

Please note your child has a new password. It will be the name of their class eg class6r or class4h etc.