

The Lantern

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



Dear Everyone

I hope you have had a good week.

National School Governors' Day: Tuesday 22nd February 2022

Governors voluntarily give of their time to work with the head teacher and senior leadership team to help guide the direction of a school in order to ensure children are safe and happy and that standards of achievement are good. Here at St Bede's, our governors challenge us to do the very best we can. They are led by Mark Butcher, whom some of you will know well. Mark gives an enormous amount of time to the role. I have worked with more than ten Chairs over the years and I have never worked with a better one. I hope you will take some time on National School Governors' Day to join me in saying a prayer of thanks for our governors.

Parent Voice Meeting

Mrs Dayson met virtually with the Parent Voice representatives this week. We had another constructive meeting and will report back on what was discussed soon.

Mental Health Week

It was my pleasure to lead a special assembly on Monday morning to talk about our mental health and mental fitness.

Spring Term Assessments

These will take place for the majority of our pupils in the week beginning 21st March. Results will be shared with parents at Consultation Evenings on April 21st or 28th. In future, such parents' evening will always come after the children's autumn and spring assessments, not before.

Clubs

These will restart after half term. Confirmations for attendance have been sent out via email to all new or continuing pupils. If your child no longer wishes to take part in the club allocated, please email the office. I was delighted to watch a mini-performance by the KS1 Dance Club this week. What talent we have at St Bede's! Our thanks go to Miss Benson for running such a fantastic club.

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Next term, we will again invite parents into school for class assemblies.

Lantern Certificates – youngest to oldest

Sienna A; Mercedes; Jahziah; Praise; Joel A; Abbie; Shari; Anastazia; Ethan J; Pete; Amelia C; Tivain; Martine; Ify; Bryan; Amelia F; Marnie; Demi; Laurelle; Ruby; Kian C; Caden; Nivain; Kevin; Kammalunna; Chelsea S; Natalie M; Riley.

Head teacher Awards

Riley; Leo C; Henri; Jeshuran

Our Nursery

I have an apology to make. I have been told that we did not make Nursery parents aware that it would be Ms Gray and Mrs Cormack who would be replacing Mrs Donohue, who is now on maternity leave. This was my error.

I am extending an invitation to the parents of the children in our Nursery to see where their children play to learn on Friday 1st April. The Nursery is not open as normal that day, so this is an ideal opportunity. Our doors will be open between 10.45am and 11.45 am (entrance via the back gate at 10.45am only).

Speaking With Teachers

If you wish to speak to a member of the teaching staff, please do not hesitate to phone the school office. Your name and contact details will be taken and you will be invited to give us an idea of what it is you would like help with. The teacher will phone you as soon as they can. Please do bear in mind that a teacher's day is an exceptionally full one and if you do not get an immediate response, it does not mean you have been overlooked. If the matter is important and urgent, then please let the office staff member know, who will then put you through to Mrs Roberts or me if we are available.

I hope you have a lovely week with your children. As I type the sun is streaming down. Here's hoping such weather continues for our break.

Children return to school on Monday 21st February 2022.

God Bless

Gary

Weekly Reflection, with Mrs Mackie

This week, across the school each year we look at two other faiths - one of these always being Judaism.

In Year 2, we talked about why we study different faiths. These were some of our thoughts:

'If we meet someone who believes something different, we can help each other understand about we believe.'

'We need to respect each other.'

The reason why we always study Judaism is that it is the closest religion to Christianity. Jesus was brought up as a Jew. We first hear of Jesus speaking of God's love in a synagogue (a Jewish place of worship), and as a child visiting the Temple in Jerusalem, which was the central place of belief.

At the centre of Judaism is God and his strong and lasting relationship with his people.

We hear about Abraham, whose deep trust in God led him to leave his home and take his aged wife (who had never had a child) to a new land. He was told by God that he would be the Great Father of all nations. His wife then had a child, Isaac, and the legacy began. Abraham is known as the founder of Judaism.

On Thursday, we were privileged to hear and learn more about Judaism from Rabbi Zvi, who deepened both children and staff's understanding. The children began to recognise that there were deep links between the two religions and at the heart of both are the same thing - God, and His love and concern for His people.

Let us keep that in our hearts for the all the times when we find things challenging and difficult.

As it says in the book of Jeremiah about God and His people, 'I have loved you with an everlasting love'.

God bless

Mrs Mackie