

# 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.

It has been an excellent week in school. The children are working incredibly hard and much progress is being made. I would like to say a huge '**Well Done**' to everyone—children and adults.

## Her Majesty's Jubilee 2022

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school on Thursday 26th May. There will be a special assembly in the morning when we look back at Elizabeth's reign. In the afternoon, we will be hoping for lovely weather as we try to recreate the atmosphere on a Street Party for the children between 1.45 and 2.45pm, in our playground. We think it important to celebrate the event for three reasons. Firstly, we very much want to recognise the dedication and life of service that Queen Elizabeth has given to us all. In addition, we want to celebrate the fact that in an ever-changing world, the British monarchy has been a constant (apart from a hiccup in 1649!)—other European countries dispensed with their Royal families—most notably, the French (1792) and Russians (1917), but the British persevered. There is arguably something rather special about that. Thirdly, and perhaps most importantly, we want to give all of our children a sense of British heritage—they all have a stake in this. Mrs Chuck will be leading this and has lots of exciting ideas for this celebration which we will share with you nearer the time. I can share that Mrs Roberts will be leading us in song, with tunes that come from each decade of the Queen's reign!

## COVID

This week saw the country move back to what I guess we can now think of as Plan A! So adults in school are no longer requested to wear mask in communal areas. We can now return in school to the measures as they were stated in our autumn 2021 risk assessment.

## Parent Voice Meeting

The next meeting is diarised for 7th February at 10.30am. Teams invitations have been distributed.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to Samuel O, Alan, Adriana, Erin E and Anastazia, who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time at St Cedd's tomorrow. Such a special occasion for the children and their families and the wider community.

## Parents' Association - Penny Challenge and Mother's Day Gifts

A reminder that the deadline for both of these is 10th February. The children are really enjoying bringing their pennies into class to fill up their class plastic bottles. More information regarding both fundraising initiatives can be found in the Parents' Association Fronter page.

## **School Council Fundraising—10th February 2022**

We have a non-uniform day on 10th February (£1) in support of the School Council fundraising efforts for an outdoor table tennis table.

### **Lantern Certificates – youngest to oldest**

Dylan; Keagan; Mercedes; Darryn; Christian; Elijah A; Lilly B; Davina; Sienna GC; Jeremy G; Alice K; Lyla; Ariane; Sofia W; Emily W; Alfred; Amelia F; Aiden T; Benjamin O; Sofia T; Sienna-Rose; Natalie M; Dermique; Cleo; Sochima; Lotachi; Amanda P

### **Head teacher Awards**

Henry; Bethany; Zaine; Grace A; Talia.

### **And finally ...**

I had a minor operation last week, with the stiches removed last evening. I was a little nervous at the thought that I was going to feel a little uncomfortable on the operating table. It was of course nothing to how I will be feeling this Sunday morning as I will be watching my idol Rafa Nadal play in the final of the Australian Open Tennis Tournament. There will be fist pumps, cries of anguish, whoops of celebration and sweat and toil—and that will be just me - let alone the two guys on court! Were Rafa to win, there will be extra playtime in the afternoon to mark the significance of the event in the history of the sport of tennis!

**God Bless  
Gary**

## Weekly Reflection, with Mrs Mackie

‘Love is patient, Love is kind’ I Corinthians 13: v4 - 7

This is the beginning of one of the most famous readings that most people have heard (mainly at weddings) and these will be the words from St Paul’s letter to the Corinthians that we will hear this Sunday.

Year 6 have been learning about how to find different parts of the bible and what it means for us in our life. This week they have been concentrating on the books of the New Testament, with

particular emphasis on St Paul’s letters.

They learnt that St Paul sent many letters from parts of the world he visited over his long mission, telling those in the early church how to live their lives.

The children studied the above words of St Paul’s letter to the Corinthians and considered how the world should adopt his message:

Some of their thoughts:

‘St Paul states that ‘love is patient and kind’. This shows us that if everyone negotiates with each other and works in solidarity, the world would be a place for everyone- no matter what the colour of their skin is or what their religion is.’

‘Love is not jealous or conceited or proud’, if everyone would try to apply this to their daily lives, people would be more humble and respect each other’s achievements as opposed to being self-centred’.

Let us see this weekend if we can find ways to embrace more fully St Paul’s message in our homes.

God bless

Mrs Mackie