

# 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.

As it was a shorter week for the children, we packed five school days into four. We had a great deal of fun. We are sharing lots of photographs in this newsletter with you.

Today in school, our teachers have been training hard. The focus of the day was how to present ourselves clearly and effectively during the two day OFSTED inspection that will come sometime before the end of September. We are looking forward to having inspectors again in the school—we can learn a great deal from them. Presenting a school well is a skill in itself. We would not want anything our wonderful children do to be overlooked. Teachers and Mrs Roberts and I will be 'grilled' and we will not want to let you down.

This is the last newsletter to come to you using the Microsoft Publisher program. Next half-term sees us move to the Microsoft Sway application.

Mrs Roberts and I do hope the half-term week is great for everyone and that the Platinum Jubilee celebrations are truly memorable—we won't see such an event again in our life times.

God Bless

Gary

## Sports Days 2022

Summer is almost with us - which means Sports Day is fast approaching! We are delighted that we can again welcome parents to this important date in the school calendar.

### Monday 4th July 2022

Am—RW and NAM (9:15)

PM—RB and NPM (1:15)

### Wednesday 6th July

AM—Year 1,2 and 3 (9:15)

AM—Year 4, 5 and 6 (1:15)

## Our Jubilee Celebrations



A truly wonderful day was enjoyed by the whole school this week when we all joined together to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee — singing, dancing, laughing and endless smiles filled the playground. The P.A. provided an ice-cream or an ice-lolly treat to celebrate St. Bede's Day too! What a day to remember! Please check your year group blogs for more fantastic photographs! None of this would have been possible without our wonderful Mrs Chuck—we are so very lucky to have her with us here at St. Bede's!

I enjoyed the Jubilee party a lot. I loved the dancing and eating the ice-cream. Thank you to the staff who organised it!

It was so exciting! I really enjoyed dancing with my friends. I really loved it!

# St. Bede's Day Assembly



This is what our pupils had to say...

“I was very nervous to lead the assembly for the first time as a Guardian Angel, but it was also very exciting.”

“It was fun. It was good to see people enjoying it!”

“I really liked it—I really liked singing all the songs.”

“The assembly was inspiring and enlightening, telling us all about St. Bede, our named saint.’

## Year 4

The children have been busy creating their very own volcanos! They enjoyed the building process leading up to the amazing eruptions! Well done all



# Learning in Reception



Exciting times in EYFS as the chicks arrived.

A wonderful sight to behold!

## **London Rocks is Returning!**

Some of you may recall this fantastic event from last year. It is a fun and exciting way for children to learn the times tables.

Our friendly multiplication and division competition exclusive to schools in London will have your pupils excited to learn their tables. From Monday 27th June 2022 to Wednesday 29th June 2022, learners will try to answer as many multiplication and division questions correctly as they can. The winning school and class will be based on the highest average number of correct answers per pupil.

Every correct answer that a pupil gives, in any game type, between the hours of 7:30am BST to 7:30pm BST each day will contribute to their class and school score.

## **YEAR SIX RESIDENTIAL TRIP**

**MONDAY, 6TH JUNE—FRIDAY, 10TH JUNE 2022**

Not long to go now!

Please ensure that you arrive promptly at **7:15 a.m.** on the morning of departure and we would ask you to be mindful of our neighbours when arriving at school.

Once the children have been registered by their group leader and all final checks are made with the parents they will be leaving school for a fun filled week as you can see below.

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| <b>Monday 6 June 2022</b>  |
| <b>7.15am:</b> Pupils to arrive in school for a prompt departure and travel to the Isle of Wight |
| Visit to Alum Bay with chairlift to the beach for boat cruise                                    |
| Arrival at hotel, unpacking, dinner and beach walk   |
| <b>Tuesday 7 June 2022</b>   |
| AM Visit to Dinosaur Isle in Sandown with fossil hunt, museum and talk                           |
| Lunch on site/beach  |
| PM Theatre Workshop at Shanklin Theatre  |
| Crazy golf at Sandham Gardens in Sandown after dinner  |
| <b>Wednesday 8 June 2022</b>   |
| AM Goodleaf Tree Climbing  |
| PM IOW Zoo in Sandown  |
| Shanklin Theatre show – evening performance  |
| <b>Thursday 9 June 2022</b>  |
| Day at Robin Hill with Toboggan ride   |
| Lunch on site  |
| Disco at hotel   |
| <b>Friday 10 June 2022</b>   |
| Depart hotel 9:30am  |
| Crazy golf at Sandham Garden in Sandown  |
| 12:20pm Wightlink Ferry with lunch on board (provided by the hotel)                              |
| Travel home. Approximate arrival home is 5pm/5:30pm.   |



# PUPIL CELEBRATIONS!

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

Sean, Philippa, Daniel B, Teo, Mary-Anne, Obinna E, Indiya-Rose, Ethan M, Emmanuel, Adana, Inioluwa, Victoria O, Leah, Taite, Ian, Mervellous, Abbie, Pete, Gracelyn, Jaida, Latisha, Amelia F, Ciara G, Nathan, Jameillia, Fikunmi, Teniola, Maliah, Mosiah, Isabelle, Faye,

## **Headteacher Awards**

Amani and David

## **Birthdays To Celebrate**

Sharon, Kelicia, Hadassah, Thomas, David, Ariya, Chelsea, Mary-Anne, Leo, Armani, Ethan, Kian, Shari, Folakunmi, Sienna, Michael and Taite.

**This week's 'Shout Out' goes to**

Scarlett Nott ( aged 9) writes,

I have told Daddy that he needs to get the playground climbing apparatus fixed so everyone can use it again. He has promised me he will get it done in time for the start of the next school year—some equipment needs to be repaired and some of the playground surface needs to be sorted out! I hope you all enjoy it in September.

## Weekly Reflection, with Mrs Mackie



In our school this week, it has been a time of celebration with the Feast of the Ascension, St Bede's Day and the Queen's Jubilee.

I had been reflecting on what connected the three and then during the mass on Thursday - listening to Father Sean - the answer came to me , 'happiness'.

Even in the moment of their friend Jesus leaving them again, the Gospel describes the disciples as 'full of joy' – they knew that He was sending them something to support and guide them. Ten days later the Holy Spirit came, leading to the birth of the Church.

Bede gave his life to God. He saw his purpose as spreading the Good News through writing and sharing his knowledge. He said that teaching and study teaching has always been 'my delight'. The Guardian Angels beautifully explained to the school on Wednesday that it was his desire to tell everyone about the love of Jesus, making him like 'a lantern shining in the church'.

Watching footage of the Queen this week from across her seventy year reign, including engagements over the last few weeks, it is clear that she still takes great joy in her role. At the heart of this immense responsibility is her deep faith in Jesus, our Lord.

As it says in a new hymn composed for her Platinum Jubilee –

'May the trust in Christ she has held so long be the truth that burns brightly on.'

The joy of the disciples, St Bede and our queen has its roots in unwavering trust in Jesus – something from which we can all learn...

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With the awful events in Texas, I ask that as a family you light a candle and say a prayer this weekend for all those families affected by this tragedy .

Blessings,  
Mrs Mackie