



# ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we had a film crew from ITV West Country News in school interviewing one of our pupils alongside Mr Harrison about the bloodhound project which we took part in a couple of years ago. The item will appear on ITV in the 6pm slot tonight.

We have a really busy and exciting week coming up for the children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 with their nativity performances. The staff and children have all been working very hard so we hope you enjoy seeing the fruit of their labour. Ensuring that they get enough rest this weekend and during the week will really help.

We enjoyed a wonderful nativity performance from the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School today. My thanks to the PTFA for funding this treat for the children.

I would also like to thank local restaurant Pigsty for treating all the staff to complimentary bacon and sausage sandwiches on Wednesday.

Finally, please be warned about a game called 'Granny' in app stores. It sounds like a game that could be appropriate for younger children, however this horror game is full of jump-scares, blood and implied cannibalism. A guide to game play can be found here <https://www.common sense media.org/app-reviews/granny>

Best wishes,

*Lucille Charles*  
Headteacher

**Events week commencing:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (**MENU week 3**)

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup>:** Nativity for classes RM, 1GM, 2T @ 2pm

Tues 11<sup>th</sup>: Nativity for classes RM, 1GM, 2T @ 2pm

**Weds 12<sup>th</sup>:** Nativity for classes RT, 1H, 2W @ 2pm

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>: Nativity for classes RT, 1H, 2W @ 2pm

**Events week commencing:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (**MENU week 1**)

Tues 18<sup>th</sup>: KS2 carol service 6.30pm

**Weds 19<sup>th</sup>:** End of term 2 Mass at 9.15am in the Church

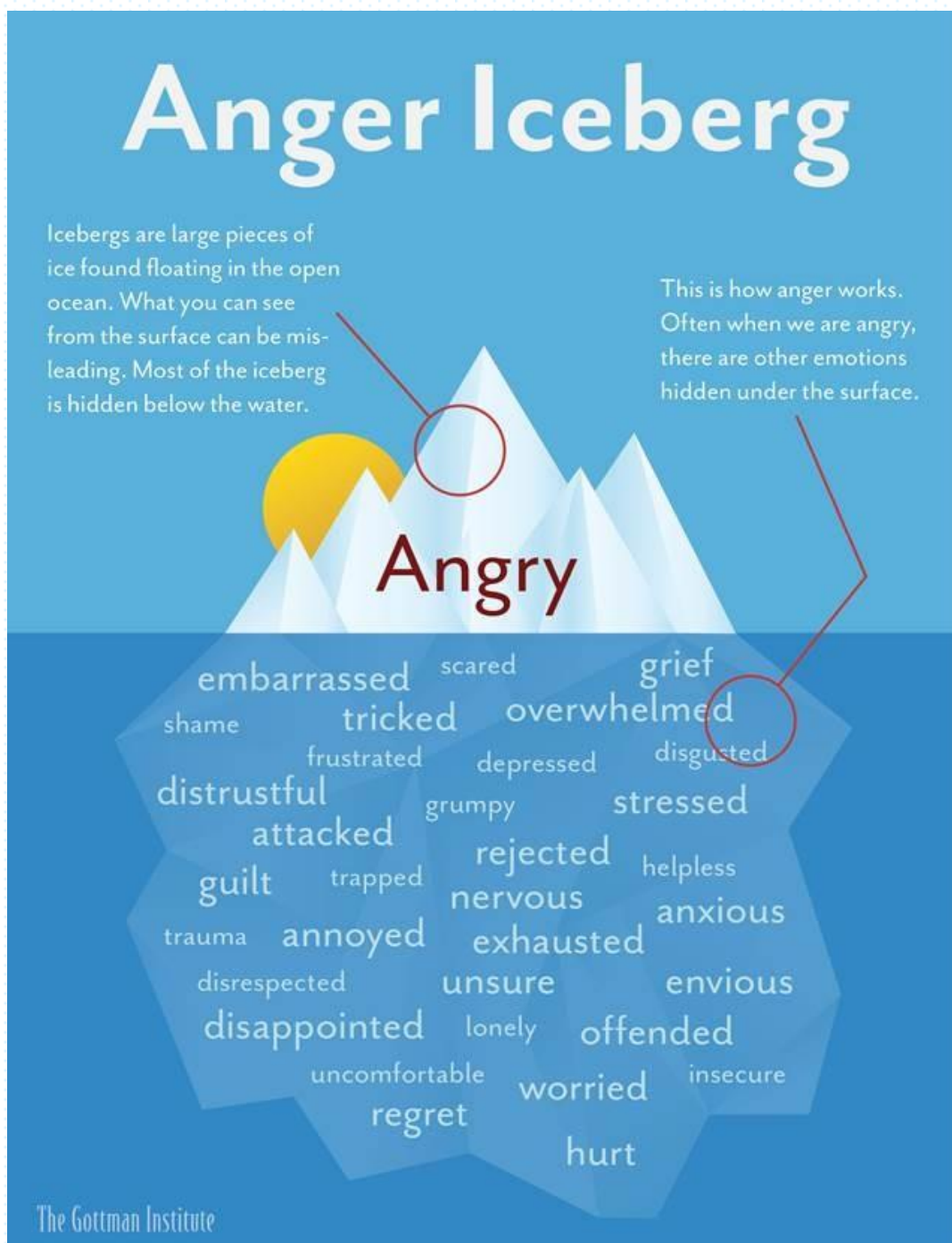
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>: CHRISTMAS LUNCH! Wear a Christmas jumper...

## Parenting Spotlight

### The Anger Iceberg

As well as learning academically, our young people are learning to interact socially and develop their personalities. It can be easy to forget that it is a complex time for children with lots of emotions running high. At primary age, they are not always able to verbalise what is going on in their heads or sometimes they don't even know why they feel the way they do!

The Anger Iceberg is a good prompt to remind parents that 'anger' is just the tip of the iceberg and there could be a whole variety of emotions lying beneath which is causing the angry behaviour. Hopefully the prompt below will help parents to identify some of the reasons why their children might demonstrate angry behaviour and thus help them to work through it in a positive manner.



## Attendance

As you know, pupils are continually monitored by the Education Welfare Service. We have been informed that the expectation on schools has been raised and that Bristol City Council will be taking tougher measures on unauthorised absences with the implementation of penalty notices. Please can we therefore urge you not to request to take your children out of school unless it is for emergency or sickness reasons; and where possible please provide evidence of absence (such as hospital appointment letters, attendance notes, etc.). Our Education Welfare Officer does review requests and we are only permitted to authorise absences in exceptional circumstances. We know there is a correlation between your child's attendance and their achievement. We really want your child to get the best of their educational opportunities, have good attendance and avoid your child being monitored by outside agencies.

Whilst a day here and there may not seem to be a big deal, some interesting, and shocking, statistics to note are:

- 90% attendance (missing ½ a day a week) over the 7 years of primary school is equivalent to missing over 4 terms of school!
- 80% attendance (missing 1 day a week) over the 7 years of primary school is equivalent to missing 1 school year and 2 terms!
- 70% attendance (missing 1½ days a week) over the 7 years of primary school is equivalent to missing more than 2 years!

Please also help your child to build resilience by encouraging them to be in school as much as they can even if they are feeling a little off colour. If children have vomited or had diarrhoea they should not return to school until at least 24 hours after the last episode and they should not be in school if they need Calpol to manage pain or keep a temperature down. However, children with a common cold without a temperature can be encouraged to be resilient and 'soldier on'. Please be reassured that your child's classteacher does know them and if they appear to be out of sorts and are not able to get the best from their day, we will contact you. Can we also ask that you do not tell your child that if they feel sick they should tell the teacher that they can go home – because they will undoubtedly say that 'mum says I can go home' even if they appear to be doing well.

Thank you for your support.

## KS2 Carol Concert – Tues 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 6.30pm

The carol concert for years 3 to 6 is planned to take place outside. Children need to arrive in school at 6pm please. We will be talking to the children about what they will need in terms of costumes.

If we need to bring the concert indoors or cancel it we will advise parents on the day.

## Drama club

Mon 10th December 3.15 – 5.15pm - Whole cast needed. **LATE FINISH.**  
Please keep an eye out for the new rehearsal schedule on coloured paper.

## Snack

Snacks are only provided for children in years Reception to Year 2 through the school free fruit scheme.

Therefore children in years 3 to 6 need to bring in their own healthy snack (please no crisps or chocolate!). Please do make sure they bring something in - breakfast until lunch is a long time for busy children with lots of learning and playing to do!

## Y4 cake sale

Thank you to everyone who made, bought and ate cakes for the year 4 sale. They raised a fantastic £147.87!

## Lottery winners – October 2018

Please come and collect your cheques from the school office next week.

	OCTOBER 2018
£50.00	Lucinda Griffiths
£25.00	Pippa Pickett
£10.00	Alex Casley

## PTFA news

The last PTFA meeting of 2018 will be held next Monday 10th December @ 9am in the DT Room.  
Everyone is welcome!

### Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone for making the Christmas Fair last Sunday such a great community event - thanks for setting up stalls, decorating the grotto, clearing away, helping on stalls, buying cakes, mulled wine, goody bags, raffle tickets, singing in the choir... everything! Special thanks go to Father Christmas and his team of elves! We will let you know how much money we raised from the fair as soon as we can.

Class 4SA brought in the most goody bags and will be able to choose some books for their class.

### Christmas Card fundraising

We made a fantastic £594 for the school via the purchases of the children's Christmas cards, wrapping paper, and other gifts!

### Bag2School

We raised a massive £336 for Bag2School on Monday - our highest figure ever. Thank you so much for bringing in all your bags. Class 4G brought in the most bags and will be able to choose some books for their class. There will be another date early next year so start saving your items now!

### Aviva bid

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in making it through to the final round of the Aviva funding scheme. Thank you to all those who supported us. Please look out for more ways to support the school in their fundraising activities next year.

Please contact us with any further queries or ideas for future fundraising on [ptfa.stbons@gmail.com](mailto:ptfa.stbons@gmail.com)  
Melanie & Hilary



## SPORTS NEWS THIS WEEK

### Team football

**NO team training** on Wednesday after school due to a match.

### Gymnastics

The age groups for our excellent after school gymnastic classes (run by Bristol School of Gymnastics) is changing. Tuesdays will now be for Y3/4 and Thursdays will now be for Y5/6, all those who are interested in joining this club please speak to Mrs McGrath.

### Netball opportunity for Y3 – y6

Please see flyer attached to this newsletter.

### PE kit

Please note the school PE kit is a white round neck T-shirt (no collar) and BLUE shorts. (Long legged track suit bottoms are only allowed in terms 2 and 3) Trainers or daps are also needed.

### Sport clubs

Some sports clubs will be run by St Bon's staff and will be free and others are run by outside professionals, there will be a small charge for these clubs. If any parents would be interested in helping with any of the sports clubs or running a club please do let Mrs McGrath know.

### Yoga

This club has now resumed and will take place in the school hall 7.50 – 8.30am. If you would like to attend please email Mrs McGrath for a letter on [kate.mcgrath@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:kate.mcgrath@bristol-schools.uk) It is for KS2 only.

### Running/walking club

Has now resumed on Wednesday mornings at 7.50am. This club is free and open to all parents, careers, and children. Please turn up at school in running clothes (school uniform in a bag)  
We would love to see more people - all are welcome any ability is catered for.

### Tag Rugby

There are still a few spaces available in our new rugby club for Y1-6, on Thursdays after school, 3.15-4.30  
Please ask in the office for a letter about joining this. 5th Oct - 20th Dec £44

### Dance

There will be a dance class on Wednesdays for KS2 and Fridays for KS1 after school in the hall from 3.15 – 4.30pm. KS1 class is now full but we do have spaces in KS2 class on Wednesdays.

### Multisport club for children in years 1 and 2

This club is now FULL.

### Sport clubs for our parents

We are hoping to get all the parents /carers of our school just as fit as the children, teaching the kids by example! There are early morning sports clubs available on most mornings on the school premises;

Monday – Yoga (KS2)

Monday – netball (ladies only)

Wednesday – running/walking club – all are welcome

Thursday – circuits – all are welcome

# SPORTS & CLUBS LIST

Please check the school website or your email for news of club cancellations.

## AFTER SCHOOL

### RECEPTION, YEARS 1 and 2

<b>DANCE CLUB Rise:</b> Fridays 3.30-4.30pm – THIS CLUB IS NOW FULL – please ask if you would like your child to join a waiting list	Fridays Rec – Yr 2
<b>FOOTBALL Premier Sport:</b> Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit <a href="http://www.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</a> .	Mondays Yrs 1-2
<b>MULTISPORTS Premier Sport:</b> Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Mrs McGrath has now confirmed which children have a place. This club is FULL.	Wednesdays Yrs 1 and 2
<b>TAG RUGBY Clifton Rugby Club:</b> Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm	Thursdays Rec - Yr 6

### YEARS 3-6

<b>DANCE CLUB Rise:</b> Wednesdays KS2 3.30-4.30pm – SPACES AVAILABLE	Weds KS2
<b>FENCING &amp; ARCHERY Premier Sport:</b> For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Fridays 3.30 - 4.30pm. Book online <a href="http://www.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</a> or call Lee 07917 187771.	Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm
<b>FOOTBALL Premier Sport:</b> Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Forms have been sent home or book online <a href="http://www.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</a> or call Lee on 07917 18 7771	Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
<b>GYMNASTICS Bristol School of Gymnastics:</b> Yr 4 Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm Yr 5 and 6 Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm  Please contact Vicky Ashworth at BSG on 942 9620 for further information.	Tuesdays Yr 3 Thursdays Yr 4
<b>HOCKEY Premier Sport:</b> For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Fridays 3.30 - 4.30pm. Book online <a href="http://www.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</a> or call Lee 07917 187771.	Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm
<b>NETBALL Mrs McGrath:</b> Tuesdays after school 3.15-4.15pm for Years 5 and 6. Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm for Years 3 and 4. Squad players will be invited to early morning training on Tuesdays at 8.00am.	Tuesdays Yr 5-6 & Thursdays Yr 3-4
<b>TAG RUGBY Clifton Rugby Club:</b> Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm	Thursdays Rec - Yr 6
<b>TEAM FOOTBALL Mr Morgan:</b> Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm	Wednesdays Yr 4 – Yr 6

### EARLY MORNING

<b>BADMINTON Premier Sport:</b> Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6 Book online <a href="http://www.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</a> or call Lee 07917 187771. £20 for Term 2.	Tues 7.45 – 8.30am
<b>CIRCUIT TRAINING Mr Morgan:</b> Thursdays at 7.50am. Circuit training in the Hall for fitness. All abilities welcome including parents. See Mrs McGrath for more information	Thursdays 7.50am Yr 3-6
<b>NETBALL FOR WOMEN:</b> Mondays 9 - 10.00am. All abilities welcome. £1 charge.	Mondays 9 - 10am
<b>RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath:</b> Wednesdays at 7.45am. This club is free and open to all parents, carers and children. Please turn up at school in running clothes with school uniform in a bag.	Wednesdays 7.45am

<b>YOGA Ms Sus:</b> Mondays at 7.50-8.30am in the Hall. All abilities welcome including parents. Please collect a letter from the school office if you are interested.	Mondays 7.50am Yrs 3-6
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## LUNCH TIME

<b>BIBLE DISCOVERY Miss Haime / Mrs Woolley: For years 4-6</b> - Monday lunchtimes 12.30-1.15 in 2WR classroom. We do lots of creative activities based around prayer, scripture and reflection.	Mondays Yr 4-6
<b>CHOIR Miss Tudhope: For years 1-2</b> - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 1-2
<b>CHOIR Miss Gray: For years 3-6</b> - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3CG classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 3-6
<b>CHAPLAINCY Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6</b> – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	Thursdays Yr 5-6
<p><b>DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman:</b> For years 5 and 6 - Thursdays 12.15 – 12.50pm. Children do not need to sign a form – just come along. It takes place in 4SA's classroom.</p> <p>Children should bring a packed lunch to eat during the club. If they have school dinners, they can still attend, but will need to leave slightly earlier. We debate issues relating to both school life and the wider world in an age appropriate and relevant way.</p>	Thursdays Yr 5-6
<b>KNITTING CLUB Mrs Rees and Mrs Pratt Walters:</b> Wednesdays 12.45 - 1.15pm in one of the year 1 classrooms. Please fill out a club permission slip if your child would like to join the waiting list for this club.	Wednesdays

### PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please note that the school accepts no responsibility for any private arrangements that parents make with external after school activities. If you have made arrangements for any other agency to collect your child from school you should inform your child's class teacher so that they know who your child is going home with.

## COMMUNITY SECTION

- **Community news**

We are looking for leaders to help run our excellent Explorer unit at the scout hut on Thursday evenings. We are in urgent need of more adult volunteers to prevent this unit from closing. If you can help or know anyone who can, please speak to Mrs McGrath. Explorers are aged 14 – 18. It a very rewarding age group to work with. The programme usually involves doing some exciting and adventurous activities, so if this sounds like you please do get in touch.

- Hi! My name is Ros, I am 19 years old and I am available for babysitting across the Christmas holidays. I have a genuine love of working with children and have relevant skills listed below:

- Experience as a drama and singing teacher for children at Stagecoach.
- Currently employed in a nursery (6 months-4 years)
- Complete training in paediatric first aid
- Experience of babysitting ages 1-12

Dates:

15th of December- 23rd of December

29th of December- 30th December

1st of January- 10th of January

References are available from those within the school community.

Contact me on:

+447519590417

[rosmcdermott173@gmail.com](mailto:rosmcdermott173@gmail.com)

Look forward to hearing from you!

- Vacancies in local business

**Marketing Executive vacancy, Whiteladies Road, Bristol £25k - £30k**

Would you call yourself an all-rounder? Can you turn your hand to writing copy, drumming up attendees for events and help deliver communication campaigns from start to finish? We have a vacancy for a Marketing Executive with a few years' experience to help market our employee communications agency, Synergy Creative. Email [gemma@synergycreative.co.uk](mailto:gemma@synergycreative.co.uk) – [www.synergycreative.co.uk/join](http://www.synergycreative.co.uk/join)

**Part-time Finance Assistant, Whiteladies Road, Bristol 10 hours per week (flexible days) £10-£14 p/h**

Do you love to crunch the numbers? And does doing this part-time in a creative agency sound like your ideal job? We're looking for a finance assistant to work alongside our Finance Manager to provide support processing data entries, keeping Zero up to date, managing supplier invoices and supporting bank reconciliations and work in progress reports. Email [gemma@synergycreative.co.uk](mailto:gemma@synergycreative.co.uk) for more information. [www.synergycreative.co.uk/join](http://www.synergycreative.co.uk/join)