



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Striving to be the best we can,
guided by the light of Christ

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank all the staff, children and parents who made Tuesday's KS2 Carol service such a lovely event. As one parent put it "Throughout the service I kept on thinking what it must have been like for the shepherds on the hills outside Bethlehem and I felt it was a very authentic setting."

It's been an incredibly busy and fulfilling term. Amidst all the pressures, the staff team here at St Bon's have shown their commitment to making our school a safe, happy and rewarding place to be. I would like to thank them all and wish everyone a very restful Christmas break.

We are also delighted to finish the term with news that our KS2 SATS results were amongst the top 4 in Bristol. Please see the article below.

Finally, I would like to wish you, our parents, carers and children, a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Best wishes,

Lucille Charles
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 1st January 2018 (MENU no: 2)

Mon 1 st :	SCHOOL CLOSED – Bank Holiday
Tues 2 nd :	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
Weds 3 rd :	Term 3 begins
Fri 5 th :	Open day – 9.30am & 1.30pm

KS2 results

We are absolutely delighted to report that St Bon's year 6 SATS results from the 2016-17 academic year were fantastic – we came fourth out of all the primary schools in Bristol. What a fantastic testament to our children and our teaching staff.

To view the league table, please visit the Government website [here](#)

Please ensure that you click on the ' % of pupils meeting expected standard ' so that the list is filtered using that as the first criteria.

The Bristol Post has also run an article which you can view [here](#)

Money raised at school

Thank you for your generosity this week:

Crisis Ministries at KS2 £205.80

Year 4 Cake sale £136.65

Save the Children Christmas jumpers £202.13

Music lessons

A reminder that fees are due for Terms 3 and 4. Guitar, brass and violin £81.62 and piano £136.62.

Is your child due to start school in September 2018?

If your child is baptised Catholic and wishes to apply to our school on faith grounds please make sure you have provided the school office with a copy of your child's baptism certificate by Monday 15th January.

Also – do not forget to do your online application to Bristol City Council by 15th January!

We will be holding an additional open day on Friday 5th January for anybody who has not yet had the opportunity to see our school.

In case of severe weather

As a reminder, it is our expectation that the school will remain open if at all possible in cases of severe weather. In the event of severe weather, Mrs Charles will make a decision on whether to close the school.

In the event of a school closure, information will be posted on the school website www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk and we will contact parents via email (and by text if you use the School Gateway app).

You can also find local information on the following radio stations: BBC Radio Bristol – 94.9 fm, Heart – 96.3 fm or The Breeze - 107.2 fm

Drama

Weds 3rd January – finish at **4.30pm**. Scenes 8 and 9, pages 71-83 including the song 'Something There'.

Needed are: Act 2 Belle and Act 2 narrators ; Beast ; Mrs Potts ; Chip ; Lumiere ; Cogsworth; Madame LGB; Babette

Mon 8th January – finish at **5.30pm**. Run through scenes 1-7 including all songs and choreography for Be Our Guest. **WHOLE CAST NEEDED.**

Christmas lunch



We would like to pass on a huge thank you to our wonderful Kitchen staff who cooked 400 Christmas meals on Wednesday. We can confirm it was delicious! We wish them all a well-earned rest.

Lost property

Since September we have had an unprecedented amount of lost property left at school. There is very little we can do with unnamed items except hope that someone will collect eventually. We try to return named items to the correct class but with the amounts we have been getting this is now becoming unworkable. In the past we have tried putting the lost property out on tables in the playground for parents to sort through but this has resulted in only a few items being claimed. We cannot keep lost property indefinitely as we do not have the space but it upsets us greatly to see the amount of money being wasted through unclaimed items and we feel that children need to be taught the value of their uniforms.

As you will appreciate we are very busy in the school office and we are very sorry but cannot any longer devote time to sorting out this out on our own and therefore we ask that parents, carers and children help us.

- Most lost property makes its way to the lost property box which is situated in the atrium between 1MS classroom and the Reception classes, and we ask that parents, carers and children check this on a regular basis
- Parents should encourage their children to return to changing rooms, classrooms and to look around the school for lost items as soon as they notice they are missing.
- We will put a reminder in the newsletter leading up to the end of each 6/7 week term reminding parents/carers to look through the lost property box before the end of term. Any items left after that period will regrettably be removed from school and will be collected by a fundraising recycling company which will benefit the school/PTFA.

Street safety

Westbury Park Primary School has sent out an alert having been advised by Avon & Somerset Constabulary that there has been a spate of petty crime in the area, such as hand bag snatchings and attempted phone theft.

Whilst we hope this sort of thing is rare, could we ask you to remind your children how important it is not to have valuables visible whilst walking around, especially those children in the latter stages of KS2 who might have a mobile phone - and equally please be aware yourselves.

Mum's netball

The Tuesday morning netball for women has now finished for this term. We will start back again on Tuesday 9th January at 9am. It only costs £1 per session and there is no need to commit to every week - just drop in when you can. You will always be warmly welcomed. We've had quite a few new players this term, which has been fantastic so don't worry if you haven't played since school or haven't played at all - we meet just to get a bit of exercise and have fun.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and hope to see you in the New Year!

SPORTS NEWS THIS WEEK – please see the table below for all club information

Team football: Congratulations to our year 5 and 6 football team who got through to the County finals of the ESFA (England Schools Football Association). They played brilliantly but were really unlucky to finish second after losing on penalties 7-6. Mr Morgan wants to say a big well done to all the children involved.

No training on Wednesday 3rd January. Team football will resume on Wednesday 10th January.

PE kit

Please ensure all PE kit is in schools from Monday to Friday, Children can now wear blue tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE. 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.

Swimming

Early morning swimming starts back on Friday 5th January – letters will be coming home first day back after Christmas as Mrs McGrath has been too unwell to get these out before.

Next swim time trials will be Sunday 25th February 3.30-5pm at the Dolphin Pool. Letters will be coming out in the New Year.

Netball

Netball club will resume w/c Monday 8th January.

Dance

Wednesday dance KS2 will stop for Terms 3 and 4 due to drama rehearsals but will resume in Term 5. Friday dance KS1 will continue in term 3: the club will be taking part in the Stages competition in March. Please fill out a club permission slip if your child is interested.

Multisports – for Term 3, a new Multi sports club will be run by Premier Sport from Friday 12th January for children in Reception on Fridays after school. Forms are with the class teachers and should have reached you – if not, please visit <https://family.premier-education.com/courses/venue/st-bonaventures-catholic-primary-school/id/2688> to book a place. Places are limited and the course costs £18.00 for four sessions.

Hockey KS2 – for Term 3, a hockey club will be run by Premier Sport from Friday 12th January for years 3-6. Forms will be coming home during the first week back.

Tag Rugby

This club is now full; if you wish to add your child to the waiting list please see Mrs McGrath. We are looking for another adult to help run this club so that we can increase numbers. If you can help, please see Mrs McGrath.

Sport clubs for our parents

We are hoping to get all the parents /carers of our school just as fit as the children. There are early morning sports clubs available on most mornings on the school premises:

- Monday – Yoga (child and parent).
- Tuesday – netball (ladies only) – SEE NOTE IN COMMUNITY SECTION BELOW.
- Wednesday – running/walking club – all are welcome and Fit Triton, a boot- camp style class for adults run by Premier Sport.
- 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

DANCE CLUB Rise: Fridays KS1 3.30-4.30pm	Fridays Rec – Yr 2
FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit www.premiersport.org or call Lee on 07917 18 7771.	Mondays Reception, Yrs 1-2
ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia: Held in St Francis Room. Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm – children are collected from their classrooms by Maria. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Tuesdays Yrs 1, 2 and 3
MULTI SPORTS CLUB Premier Sport: Fridays 3.15 - 4.15pm. This club is open to Reception children and begins on 12 th January. To book please visit www.premiersport.org or return the paper form in January. Spaces are limited.	Fridays Reception only

YEARS 3-6

CLUB FOOTBALL Mr Morgan: This club is for Years 5 and 6.	Wednesdays Yrs 5 and 6
DRAMA Mrs McGrath: Mondays – please check finish time in main newsletter. This club is now FULL.	Mondays Yrs 3-6
FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit www.premiersport.org or call Lee on 07917 18 7771.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
GYMNASTICS Bristol School of Gymnastics: 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
HOCKEY CLUB Premier Sport: For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Fridays 3.15 - 4.30pm. Forms will be coming home after Christmas. Club will start on Friday 12 th January.	Fridays
ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia: Held in St Francis Room For years 4, 5 and 6 - Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm - children walk from their classrooms. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Mondays
KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews & Mrs Fox: Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm in 3W classroom. Please fill out a club permission slip if your child would like to rejoin or start this club.	Tuesdays – will start 26 th Sept
JAGUAR MATHS CLUB Mrs Parry and Mr Harrison: This will start in term 2. Day to be confirmed.	From TERM 2
NETBALL Mrs McGrath: 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
TAG RUGBY CLUB Ben Santamaria: Thursdays 3.15 – 4.15pm.	Thursdays

EARLY MORNING

CIRCUITS CLUB Mr Morgan: 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
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NETBALL FOR WOMEN: Tuesdays at 9.10am. All abilities welcome. £1 charge.	Tuesdays 9.10am
RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath: 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
YOGA CLUB Ms Sus: 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

LUNCH TIME

BIBLE DISCOVERY Miss Haime / Mrs Woolley: For years 4-6 - 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
CHOIR Miss Tudhope: For years 1-2 - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 1-2
CHOIR Miss Gray: For years 3-6 - Friday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3CG classroom. New members welcome!	Fridays Yr 3-6
STORY TIME CLUB Mrs Widdowson: Wednesdays 12.45pm RECEPTION children only Mrs Widdowson leads story-telling and singing for our Reception classes. If your child would like to take part, please speak to their class teacher.	Wednesdays from TERM 2 Reception only
CHAPLAINCY Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	Thursdays Yr 5-6
<p>DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman: DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman: For years 5 and 6 - Thursdays 1.15 – 1.50pm.</p> <p>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

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

- If you would like to run the Bath Half Marathon next March, and raise money for Bristol's Life Skills Centre at the same time, please contact johanna@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk
- **After school French Club** for primary children, every Monday and Tuesday at the Quaker Meeting House on Gloucester Road. Learning French through games, fun and silliness. (£4.50 for 40 mins Levels 2 and 3 / £4.00 for 35 mins Level 1.) Please contact Alice to book a place for classes starting in the New Year. For more info visit: www.frenchclubbristol.com or email alice_m_watson@msn.com Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année!
- Calling all St Bonaventure's mums!! **Mum-Dance**, the 1980s Dance Class for Mums is coming to St Bonaventure's in January. Classes start Monday 8th January, 7.30 - 8.30pm and will run all the way through term. Mum-Dance gets noticeable results on your separated abs and pelvic floor while dancing simple and effective routines to Salt n Pepa, Chaka Khan, Whitney, Wham and all your favourites and for the new term in January we're doing HAMMERTIME.

Classes in Fishponds are sold out already so shop for your classes now at www.mum-dance.co.uk and see our Facebook page to join in the fun. So get your legwarmers on girls and reach your 2018 fitness goals at Mum-Dance!

- **1st Bishopston Scouts** are actively looking for more adult volunteers. If this is something you would like to do please see the flyer attached with this newsletter.