



St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all our pupils, parents and carers, particularly those of you who are starting with us for the first time. I would also like to welcome our new members of staff – Miss Vanessa Lloyd and Mr Jose Romero (who is with us on a temporary basis) who join us as LSAs.

We are really pleased with how the grassy areas are now looking and my thanks to Richard and Bob for all their hard work throughout the summer. There are still a few more pieces of work we need to do, but it is a great improvement!

You will see below the dates of the parent information sessions which are during the week of 19th September. These are really useful sessions to attend if you can. These dates are a week later than was published on the website for which my apologies.

May I also take this opportunity to remind parents of our E Safety meeting on Tuesday 27th September at 7pm here in school. We are fortunate to have an external speaker coming to talk us through how to keep children safe online.

My congratulations to Miss Tudhope who became engaged over the summer and to Mrs Williams (formerly Miss Jowett) on her marriage.

In response to the popularity of Pokemon Go and concerns from some quarters regarding the possibility of exploitation of the game, the NSPCC have produced a guide for parents which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/pokemon-go-parents-guide/>

Finally, please don't forget it's Roald Dahl Day on Tuesday – he would have been 100, so we will be celebrating by wearing yellow or dressing up as our favourite character from one of his books.

Best wishes,

Lucille Charles
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 12th September 2016 (menu no:1)

Tuesday 13th: Dress up as your favourite Roald Dahl book character or wear yellow to celebrate Roald Dahl Day!

Events week commencing: Monday 19th September 2016 (menu no: 2)

Monday 19th: Year 2 trip to Tyntesfield

Tuesday 20th: Year 5 and 6 parent information sessions 3.30 and 4pm

Weds 21st: Year 3 and 4 parent information sessions 3.30 and 4pm

Thurs 22nd: Year 1 and 2 parent information sessions 3.30 and 4pm

Friday 23rd: SEN parents' meeting with Liz Kurzik, SENCo from 9-10am in the DT Room (see below)
Year 6 cake sale after school

Clubs this year

The list of after school activities can now be found at the end of this newsletter. Please read this carefully as there are several new clubs – including a choir for years 1 and 2 – starting this year.

Some of these do not start until the week of 19th September – these are noted. Some clubs are also still being finalised, but it is Mrs McGrath's intention to run them, so if your child is interested please complete a club permission slip which is available from the office.

Drama club for 2016-17

As most of you will know, the St Bon's drama production really is one of the highlights of our school year. This year, Mrs McGrath is going to be assisted by Mrs Fox and Miss Cousins.

It is worth noting that joining drama club is a commitment on the part of both pupils and parents. The club runs on Mondays after school, but not all children are needed for all sessions so alternative childcare arrangements will need to be made on some days. Children with speaking parts in particular do need to commit to coming to every session – in term 3, Drama club runs on both Mondays and Wednesdays after school.

Children in years 3-6 are invited to take part - if your child is interested please complete a club permission slip which is available from the office.

Secondary school applications

Just a reminder that the deadline for secondary school applications for children currently in year 6 is midnight on **Monday 31st October**. Online applications are recommended as this gives you an immediate receipt as well as allowing you to be emailed with your given secondary school on the same day as letters are posted. Flyers will be coming home from the council as a reminder.

Open Days for secondary schools can be accessed by visiting the relevant school's website or giving them a ring to find out when they are happening.

Roald Dahl Day on Tuesday

Don't forget it's Roald Dahl Day on Tuesday! This year we are celebrating what would have been his 100th birthday. Please join in our celebration by dressing up as your favourite Roald Dahl character or by wearing yellow.

Many thanks, Mrs Williams

Year 2 topic – life at St Bon's school in the past

Year 2 are finding out what school life at St Bonaventure's was like in the past and would like to interview any parents or grandparents who were at this school to find out what their school days were like.

If you are a past pupil of St Bon's or have any older relatives who spent their school days here, please email Mrs Woolley at stephanie.woolley@bristol-schools.uk to arrange a visit.

SEN Parents meeting

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that all your children have settled in well to their new classes. For our first SEN parents meeting we will be discussing the theme of transition. We will discuss how well transition between classes has gone for your child- what went well and things we could improve on for next year.

For children in Years 4-6 you may be starting to think about secondary schools and how to choose an appropriate school for your child. We are fortunate to be having two parents of children with specific learning difficulties coming to talk to us about how they chose schools for their children and will answer any questions you have about the process. There will also be the opportunity to get to know each other better and think about what we want the next meeting to be about. I look forward to seeing you all on the 23rd September at 9.00 in the DT room.

With thanks, Mrs Kurzik, SENCO

Reading Volunteers needed!

Do you enjoy reading with children?

Do you have a spare half hour at the start of the day?

If so, you are invited to become a 'Book Buddy' at St Bon's.

Book Buddies support reading in our school by partnering up with children and reading with them each week. This year we are hoping to have a Book Buddy for each of our KS1 and KS2 classes.

Training will be given in school.

If you are interested please email sue.rees@bristol-schools.uk for more information.

Parent information sessions

These will take place during the week of 19th September. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday 20th September: **Yrs 5 and 6** (3.30pm and 4pm)

Weds 21st September: **Yrs 3 and 4** (3.30pm and 4pm)

Thurs 22nd September: **Yrs 1 and 2** (3.30pm and 4pm)

Our apologies that these dates differ from those published on the school website calendar and for any inconvenience caused.

Pupils at the start of Year 3

A reminder that, if your child has just started Year 3 this September, you will need to start paying for their school meals. Meals cost £2.25 per day and can be paid for using the School Gateway system or via cash or cheque (payable to Bristol City Council please).

If you think you may be eligible to apply for Free School Meals (which also triggers Pupil Premium funding) please visit Bristol City Council's website : <https://efsm.bristol.gov.uk>

Arriving late at school

Please can we remind parents that if your child is late or you think that they may have missed registration, it is very helpful if the office can be informed. If your child misses registration in the classroom, the teacher will mark them as absent 'N' even if they then arrive in school as the register is closed. The office is then responsible for checking on the whereabouts of all children with 'N' codes. This is what triggers the automated text messages being sent out asking for further information.

On some occasions, this may mean that you will be texted even when your child is in school. On most days we have multiple absences and cannot always go and physically check whether children are in school, particularly if they are in church or on a school trip. Whilst we appreciate this may cause some concern and inconvenience, we will always need to check and appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Italian Club – please read

Italian Club cannot run unless there are at least 8 registered and paid pupils. Parents must make payment and register their child online at www.coasit.org as soon as possible please. The club is scheduled to run on Mondays 3.15-4.15 for the elder group and Tuesdays 3.15-4.15 for the younger group.

If you have any queries, please contact Maria m.maniglia76@gmail.com or 07900 842621

Diocese appeal for Foundation Governors

The diocese is looking to recruit more Foundation Governors for our Catholic schools. Foundation Governors are essential in protecting and developing the Catholic ethos of the Church's schools.

They also hold head teachers to account, recruit senior leadership, manage the school's admissions criteria and set the school's budget.

There are only two criteria for being a Foundation Governor:

- You must be over 18
- You must be a practising Catholic

If you are interested, please contact Bill McEntee bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com 0117 9025599 or visit the diocesan website: www.schools.cliftondiocese.com

Caretaker of the Year – nominations now open

Our fantastic caretakers, Richard and Bob, have again worked tirelessly over the summer to get the school grounds looking fantastic. They were both extremely proud to be highly commended in the Caretaker of the year competition last year and would love to go one better this year! Please fill out a form available from the office or email info@tcyct.co.uk

Families with English as an additional language

Please be aware that there is a new section on the Parents and Community part of the school website with useful information for families with English as an additional language. This includes a very useful list of abbreviations (e.g. PTFA, SENCO) as well as parents' tips. Many thanks to Tiba Preisner for setting this up.

Lottery winners

Please come to the office to collect your winnings from the June draw.

Prize	June 2016 – Recipient
£50.00	Dr C Mullan
£10.00	JK Summers
£5.00	Harris

Music lessons

Thank you to those of you who have already paid. Payment is now due for Terms 1 and 2 next year - £75 for brass, guitar and violin and £130 for piano.

We do still have a small number of spaces for violin and brass lessons so please do let the office know if your child is interested.

SPORTS

Swimming

The swimming time trials to pick the new swimming team will be held at the Dolphin Pool in Filton on Sunday 25th September 2016 at 3.30pm. Letters about this have been sent home. We need as many adults as possible to help so please sign up for a job. The trials are open to all KS2 swimmers (all swimmers should be able to swim 50m). Please see Mrs McGrath if you have any questions.

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

Now that we have such amazing facilities we try to offer as many sport clubs as possible to the children at St Bon's. Some are run by staff and are free and some are run by outside agencies (these will incur a small cost). We are always looking for any keen parents who would be interested in running a sport club or are able to help. If you think you can help please see Mrs McGrath.

New dance club

There is a new dance club starting after school on Fridays for KS2 children (Y3 to Y6). There will be a free taster session on Friday 16th September in the hall from 3.15 – 4.30pm. If you would like to have a go please see Mrs McGrath to reserve your place or fill out a club permission slip.

COMMUNITY SECTION

- **Prana Vinyasa Yoga** - Friday 10.00-11.30am

Come and join us on the mat for this slow and deep vinyasa flow practice. 'Prana Vinyasa Yoga' is a small group class led in the tranquil and mindful space of Yogasara. Every Friday morning we will explore each pose in depth, going through kramas (developmental stages in yoga) with consciousness and intelligence to find a personal point of stillness. We will work with different props and modifications to identify variations appropriate for each person. This includes individual advice and hands on assist.

This class is suitable for everybody including beginners.

Friday 10.00-11.30am - 10-12 Picton St, Bristol BS6 5QA
For more details and to book your space please contact Emilia.

Emilia Sus
07814468238
emilia@emflow.co.uk
www.emflow.co.uk

- **After-school piano tuition**



Piano teacher Patrick Hammerman has after school vacancies available for the new term and daytime spaces for adults. With over twenty years' experience of teaching in the local area, he can offer 1:1 lessons for complete beginners to more advanced learners including ABRSM grade level exam entries. All styles are covered from jazz improvisation and blues to classical and theory. The emphasis is on the enjoyment of music! If you'd like to come along for an introductory lesson and find out more please contact Patrick on 0117 904 8648 or 07549 060481 or visit <https://pianolessonsbristolbs7.wordpress.com/>

- Please come along to a theatre play (Snow Queen magic show) in Spanish where three St Bon's kids will be taking part and which is directed by a St Bon's Mum. The show will take place on Sunday 18th September at 2 and 4pm at the Redgrave Theatre, Clifton. All tickets £10. Online Box Office www.redgravetheatre.com
- A local Art Club still has a few places on Tuesdays – contact Mary Kelly mary.whitecellar@gmail.com or 0797 383 9696.



ST BONAVENTURE'S SCHOOL SPORTS & CLUBS SECTION





Please check the school website or your email for news of club cancellations. Alternatively, please ring the school on the day.

After school / before school clubs

	AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS CLUB Bristol School of Gymnastics: Yrs 5-6: Tuesdays 3.15-4.30 at school. Yrs 3-4: Thursdays 3.15 – 4.15 at school. Please contact Victoria Ashworth at BSG on 942 9620 for further information.	Tuesday Yrs 5-6 Thursday Yrs 3-4
	DANCE CLUB xxx: Fridays at 3.15-4.30pm. Years 3-6. There will be a free taster session on Friday 16 th September in the hall from 3.15 – 4.30pm. If you would like to have a go please see Mrs McGrath to reserve your place of fill out a club permission slip.	Friday yrs 3-6
	FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Starts w/c 19 th Sept: Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm; Tuesdays Year 3-6 3.30-4.30pm. To book please visit www.premiersport.org or call Lee on 07917 18 7771. Places are limited.	Monday Yrs 1-2 Tuesday Yrs 3-6
	ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia: Held in the Music/Languages Room For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm - children walk from their classrooms. For Reception, years 1 and 2 - Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm – children are collected from their classrooms by Maria. Please collect your children from the school playground at 4.15pm. For more info please contact Maria on	Monday Yrs 3-6 Tuesday Reception, Yrs 1 and 2
	TEAM FOOTBALL Mr Morgan: Team football training for those who have been selected: Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm	Wednesday
	KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews & Mrs Fox: Starts w/c 19 th Sept: Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm in 3W classroom. Please fill out a club permission slip, even if you have attended before. Slips available from the office.	Tuesday Yrs 3-6
	MATHS CLUB: Thursdays after school starting on Thursday 22nd September. Maths club will be running on Thursday afternoons after school with Mr Harrison and Mrs Parry. Any existing members of the club are welcome to join us on that afternoon. Invitations for new members to join will be sent out after half term.	Thursdays Yrs 3-6 by invitation
	MULTI SPORTS CLUB Premier Sport: Wednesdays after school 3.15-4.30pm for Years 1 and 2. Please watch out for details as this club is still being finalised – you can complete a permission slip in the office if you would like to express an interest.	Wednesday Yrs 1 and 2
	NETBALL Mrs McGrath: Tuesdays after school 3.15-4.15pm for Years 3-4. Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm for Years 5-6. Squad players will be invited to early morning training on Tuesdays at 8.00am.	Tuesday Yrs 3-4 & Thursday Yrs 5-6
	ARCHERY CLUB Premier Sport: Starts w/c 19 th Sept – Years 3-6 Thursdays 3.30 to 4.30pm. To book please visit www.premiersport.org or call Lee on 07917 18 7771. Places are limited.	Thursday Yrs 3-6
	RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath: Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesday 7.50am

Lunch time clubs

	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.	
	CHAPLAINCY Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes fortnightly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	
	CHOIR Mrs Williams: For years 3-6 boys and girls - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3W classroom. New members welcome!	

	<p>CHOIR Miss Tudhope: For years 1 and 2 boys and girls- Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom.</p> <p>Children are welcome to come along to 2T for a taster session on Tuesday 20th September to see if they like it!</p>
	<p>DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman: For years 5 and 6 - Thursdays 1.15 – 1.50pm. Children do not need to sign a form – just come along. It takes place in 4SA classroom and children should bring a packed lunch to eat it during the club. We debate issues relating to both school life and the wider world in an age appropriate and relevant way. The club will start on Thursday 15th September – please come along to find out more!</p>
	<p>DIGITAL LEADERS' CLUB: For year 6 pupils – Thursdays 12.15-1.00 in 1H classroom.</p>
	<p>ORCHESTRA: Fridays 12.30pm - starting Fri 16th September.</p> <p>New members are very welcome, pls contact Mr Khanna max.khanna@bristol-schools.uk for more info if your child is interested.</p>

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.