



St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to everyone for completing their first full week back at school. You did a great job at getting everybody into school on time! All the children seem to have settled back into school well.

It was with great sadness that I have to let you know of the untimely death of Father Clem. We have informed the children of his passing, focusing on the happy memories we have of him visiting us from Malawi for the last 13 years. He will be very much missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

Following this morning's flurry of snow, I thought it would be worth reminding parents about our communications protocol if we had to shut the school at short notice due to snow:

- Parents would be contacted via email and text message using our School Comms system
- BBC Bristol radio would be informed and would regularly broadcast which Bristol schools are closed
- The school website would display a ticker announcing the closure

Best wishes,

Lucille Charles
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 16th January 2017 (**MENU** no: 1)

Monday 16th: Drama – whole cast til 5pm
Wednesday 18th: Year 2 trip to M-Shed
Drama – Kaa, Mowgli, Shere Khan, Vultures – til 4.15pm
Swimming gala – 7.15pm at Horfield LC

Events week commencing: Monday 23rd January 2017 (**MENU** no: 2)

Monday 23rd: Brass concert 2.45pm
Tuesday 24th: 4SA class assembly – parents welcome from 2.45pm
Wednesday 25th: Year 1 trip to SS Great Britain
Friday 27th: Year 3 to attend Mass 9.15am

Reminder for Reception 2017 applications

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2017, please remember to apply to Bristol City Council online by midnight on Sunday 15th January at the latest.

If you are applying to St Bon's and your child is baptised Catholic, we need to have a copy of their baptismal certificate. Hard copies can be brought into the office by 4pm today or emailed to us before midnight on Sunday 15th January to st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk

Drama Club

Monday 16th January Mon 16th Jan - 3.15 – 5.00pm - Whole cast

Weds 18th Jan - 3.15 – 4.15pm - Kaa, Mowgli, Shere Khan, Vultures



Mobile phones in school

Please can we remind parents that children should only have mobile telephones in school if they are walking on their own to or from school.

Mobiles should be handed into the school office when the child arrives at school and can be collected at the end of the school day. If a child is walking home on their own after the end of the day, then they should also sign out so that we know that they have left the school building.

We will be checking regularly that mobile telephones have been handed in. Frequent offences may result in mobiles being banned from school.

Please can we ask that you do not allow your child to bring any other electrical devices into school.

The school holds no responsibility for the safety of these items on our premises but more importantly, we want to ensure that mobile telephones and electronic devices are being used safely and avoid leaving your child vulnerable.

If you would like more information about keep children safe in the mobile age – please see links below:

- www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/keeping-children-safe/
- www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/

Walking to and from school

If you allow your child to walk to or from school on their own, please can you ensure that you have completed a 'Permission to Walk Home from School' form (available on the school website and from the office).

Please also ensure that you have spoken to your child about 'Stranger Danger' and 'The Green Cross Code' and that they understand where they are walking to. Children should also know that if the expected person is not there to meet/greet them or if there is any other issue, that they should return to school immediately to seek help.

Further advice is available on the NSPCC website:

- www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/

One off payments 2016-17

Thank you to everyone who has already paid for their child(ren)'s one off payment for this academic year.

This is just a reminder that the deadline for payments is Friday 20th January. If you are unsure of how much your child's payment is, please check the school website or ask Mrs Benians in the school office.



Christmas song CDs – please collect

We still have a number of Christmas song CDs which have been paid for and need to be collected. If you think this may be you, please come to the office where we have a list.

STORY TIME CLUB: RECEPTION children only

Mrs Widdowson leads story-telling and singing for our Reception classes on Wednesdays from 12.45 – 1.15pm. If your child would like to take part, please speak to their class teacher.

Lottery winners for October and September 2016

Please come and collect your winnings from the office!

Oct 16	
£10.00	Penny Crook-Jones
£5.00	C M Browne
£5.00	Sharon Harris

Sept 16	
£10.00	Jim Wood
£5.00	Antonia Layard

SPORTS

Football

Football training as usual on Wednesday.

New early morning KS2 Yoga class

The early morning Yoga class will continue Mondays from 7.50am to 8.30am. There is a small charge for this club. Please see Mrs McGrath for more information.

Hockey

The Friday after-school hockey club will continue in terms 3 and 4 but for Y5 and 6 only in preparation for the level 2 competition in March please see Mrs McGrath for more information.

Swim time trials

Well done to the children who took part in the swim time trials last Sunday. All children have now been given their individual times. Thank you to all the parents who helped it is very much appreciated.

Percy Smith swimming gala

Good luck to the team taking part in the next Percy Smith swimming gala on Wednesday 18th January. Please meet at Horfield pool at 7.15pm. All are welcome to come along and cheer them on.

Tag Rugby Club

Tag rugby club started back Thursday 12th January.

Dance

The afterschool dance club starts up again on 13th January. This is open for all KS 2 children; please see Mrs McGrath for more information.

New early morning club....circuits

There is a new early morning fitness club on Thursday mornings from 7.50am to 8.30am. This is open to KS2 children and parents, carers and staff. Please fill in a club slip available from the office. For more information ask Mrs McGrath.

Shin pads

If you have any shin pads that you don't need any more would you be able to donate them to school please? We will be teaching hockey and it would be great if the children were able to wear shin pads in their lessons. We need

a few spare pairs in case children don't own any. Many thanks.

COMMUNITY SECTION

- **Fancy a walking challenge?** One of our parents is undertaking a charity walking challenge in July for Oxfam and the Gurkha Welfare Trust. She needs a team of 4 and has two already. The challenge is to walk 62 miles of the South Downs Way in 30 hours or less and takes place on 28th-29th July. If you would like to join in, please contact Hayley Kent on 07789 887207.
- A Bristol resident has co-founded helpfulpeeps.com - a website where people share their time, energy, skills and knowledge to help each other for free. The website has a simple ethos: ask for help when you want and help others when you can. Our mission is to bring back community spirit in the digital age.

It's completely free to sign up and use - people & charities can post requests for help with anything and others in the helpfulpeeps community can help out as and when they can. Over 10,000 people are already using the site in Bristol, so check it out!

- The Bristol Bake Off competition launches on Monday 14th March, in partnership with the Bristol Post and Wyke Farms and supported by Tesco.

Children are being encouraged to get passionate about their food so Tesco will be donating £5,000 of cooking equipment to the winning school.

Register at Tesco Golden Hill on **Tuesday 29th March, 10.30am-4.30pm**

- **Mr Gotalot's Gotalot Shop: The Cheese Burglar!**
Ms Barnet, the evil landlady, has lost her precious golden cheese. Whodunnit? Enter Detective Shirley Lock to help Mr Gotalot solve this perplexing case. A crazy crime caper from the original theatrical sitcom for families. Tickets now on sale!

Sundays 8th, 15th and 22nd January 2017

10.30am, 1.00pm and 3.30pm

Kelvin Players Studio Theatre, Gloucester Road, BS7 8NY.

Tickets £7 each, £25 family of four, under 3s free, (booking fees apply).

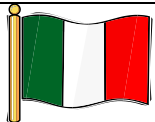
Buy online at www.monkeytrouserstheatre.com

- **Babysitter available:** Hi, my name is Isobel Kealey. I am nearly 16 years old and live locally. I am in Year 11 at St Bede's and have sisters in years 6 and 4 at St Bon's. If you would like to get in touch call 07935 265362.




ST BONAVENTURE'S SCHOOL SPORTS & CLUBS

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: Yr 2: Tuesdays 3.15-4.15 at school. Yrs 5-6: Thursdays 3.15 – 4.15 at school. Please contact Victoria Ashworth at BSG on 942 9620 for further information. Term 3 begins Tues 10 th and Thurs 12 th January 2017	Tuesdays Yr 2 Thursdays Yr 5-6
	CIRCUITS CLUB Ms Wynn: 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
	DANCE CLUB Rise: Fridays at 3.15-4.30pm. Years 3-6. If you would like to join please see Mrs McGrath or fill out a club permission slip.	Fridays Yrs 3-6
	FOOTBALL Premier Sport: 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.	Mondays Yrs 1-2 Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
	HOCKEY Laura Coombs: New hockey club for years 5 and 6 ONLY: Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm. Club restarts on Friday 6 th January.	Fridays Yrs 5-6
	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 years 1 and 2 - Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm – children are collected from their classrooms by Maria. Please collect your children from the school office at 4.15pm. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Mondays Yrs 3-6 Tuesdays Reception, Yrs 1 and 2
	TEAM FOOTBALL Mr Morgan: Team football training for those who have been selected: Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm	Wednesdays Yrs 5 & 6
	KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews & Mrs Fox: Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm in 3W classroom. This club is NOW FULL . Please fill out a club permission slip to be added to the waiting list.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
	MATHS CLUB: Thursdays after school 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 4-6 by invitation
	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.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-4 & Thursdays Yrs 5-6
	TAG RUGBY: for years 3-6: Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Thursdays Yrs 3-6
	RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath: Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesdays 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 weekly 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!
	CHOIR Miss Tudhope: For years 1 and 2 boys and girls- Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom. Children are welcome to come along to 2T for a taster session on Tuesday 20th September to see if they like it!

	BOYS' CHOIR Mr Khanna: For boys only in years 3-6 - Monday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 5K classroom.
	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!
	DIGITAL LEADERS' CLUB: For year 6 pupils – Thursdays 12.15-1.00 in 1H classroom.
	ORCHESTRA: Fridays 12.30pm. New members are very welcome, please contact Mr Khanna max.khanna@bristol-schools.uk for more info if your child is interested.
	STORY TIME CLUB: 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.

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.