



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,

Our Year 5 children have been having a wonderful time at Kilve Court. As Mrs Parry said today: "The children have had a lovely, wet, muddy and fun trip to Kilve. Lots of happy and tired children have enjoyed climbing, archery, hill and beach walks, team building and pond dipping!" We look forward to welcoming them home today. Year 6 chaplains visited Downside Abbey today to be commissioned.

We have a lot of Christmas related events and activities coming up in the next three weeks. Please do keep a close eye on the newsletter and the school website calendar to make sure you don't miss anything.

We had a visit from Mr Mico to collect all the shoe boxes on Wednesday – we were delighted to be able to hand over 180 of them! Thank you.

Finally, please do bring your Bag2School donations in on Monday morning.

Best wishes,

*Sarah
Ballantine*
Deputy
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 27th November 2017 (MENU no: 2)

Mon 27 th :	Bag 2 School drop off before school Parent book look (NOT reception classes) from 2.45pm – 3.05pm
Weds 29 th :	Year 6 leave for Kintbury – packed lunch needed
Thurs 30 th :	Reception classes – parent drop in for learning diaries 2.45pm
Fri 1 st Dec:	Year 6 return from Kintbury Old Vic performance 'Starry Starry Night'

Events week commencing: Monday 4th December 2017 (MENU no: 3)

Mon 4th:	Book fair all week
Tues 5 th :	Nativity performance RH, 1H and 2W @ 2pm
Weds 6th:	Nativity performance RH, 1H and 2W @ 2pm
Thurs 7 th :	Nativity performance RM, 1MS and 2T @ 2pm
Fri 8th:	Nativity performance RM, 1MS and 2T @ 2pm Non uniform day – bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair in return! Year 4 cake sale after school
Sun 10 th :	Christmas Fair @ school - 2.00-4.30pm

Children in Need

We have had a fantastic response to our Children in Need appeal this year. Money has still been coming in so we will be counting it all and announcing the winning class next week.

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously for this worthy cause.

Christmas Fair

A reminder that the Christmas Fair is on Sunday 10th December 2pm to 4.30pm.

Here are a few dates for your diary in the run up:

Week beginning 27th November

- Bring in your hamper items if you haven't already done so and give to your class rep (or if you are getting a secret item, to the box in the office!). Don't forget there is a prize for the class that produces the best hamper.
- Goodie bags should be brought in and placed in the box in your child's classroom. Remember the class that brings the most goodie bags will win a £20 Amazon voucher!
- Raffle tickets will come home in book bags next week. Please sell as many as you can and return money, stubs and any unsold tickets to the office by Thursday 7th December.
- If you haven't yet signed up for a slot on your class stall please do! The choirs are singing from 3.30pm to 4pm in the hall to help you plan.

Week beginning 4th December

- Bring in your unwanted, good quality toys, books and DVDs and store neatly outside the staffroom.
- Non-uniform day on Friday 8th December. Please bring in a bottle for the bottle stall. This could be alcoholic or non-alcoholic e.g beer/wine/soft drink but please make sure that it is in date and sealed.
- Santa tickets will be on sale this week. They will go quickly so don't miss out. If your child is in either of the school choirs they will be singing from 3.30pm to 4pm so please avoid this slot.

Day of the Fair

- Please bring nut-free cakes, biscuits etc to sell. To satisfy new guidelines on food allergies we have to ask that you please include a list of ingredients for home-made items. Please bring to the hall on the morning of the fair.
- Class reps please bring your hampers to the hall any time from 10am on the morning of the fair.
- Volunteers wanted to help set up. If you are free from about 10am we would love some extra pairs of hands!

Thank you in advance for all your help.

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Bag2School collection – Mon 27th November 2017



Bag2School will be collecting from our school on

Monday 27th November between 8:30 and 9am by the gate to the playground.

Please bring your bag (or bags!) to school on the morning of 27th November and hand them in on the right hand side of the gate where a note will be taken of your child's class and the number of bags you have brought. This will allow us to count bags by class as we will be awarding a £20 Amazon voucher to the class that collects the most bags. Please help us have a really good collection.

Costume request for Beauty and the Beast

This year's drama production is "Beauty and the Beast". If you're sorting out unwanted clothes for the Bag2School Appeal for Monday 27th and you find any items on the following list, the drama costume team would love to have them instead.

Children's wedding outfits: bridesmaids or page boys.

Waist coats

Dressing up outfit from Tudor or Victorian times.

White aprons

Mop caps

Beret hats

Please remember that if you don't have the original 'Bag2school' blue bag it doesn't matter - any plastic sack / bin bag will do!

If you have any items on the above list - please hand them to your children to take along to drama sessions or text Antoinette on 07957 668380.

Drama

Mon 27th Nov - 3.15 – 5.15pm - WHOLE CAST.

All those who have not handed their signed contract in, please do this asap.

KS2 Carol Service – Tuesday 12th December @ 6.30pm

We are planning on holding this year's service on the outdoor field (weather permitting) and so the children will need to be equipped with the following:

- Children to arrive promptly changed at 6pm in the school hall, ready for the performance to begin at 6.30pm
- Every child will need a small battery powered torch if possible
- Children will be in costumes and so we advise them to have thermal clothing on underneath
- As the children need to move around the MUGA and surrounding area, buggies will not be allowed through the school gates
- Family and friends will be standing throughout the performance on the grass above the MUGA: this maybe a little muddy so suitable footwear is advised
- If anyone requires a chair or a space for a wheelchair, please let your child's class teacher know ASAP
- We would ask that you clear your throats and join in with the children as they will be singing five well known carols!.
- After the performance children will gather in the downstairs classrooms of the school in their year groups. Please can you collect your child from the playground classroom entrances.
- We would ask that any children who are not in the performance are kept with their adults and do not roam freely around the school grounds
- Children are expected to stay and perform for the whole carol service
- Please no photography or filming of the event.

Lottery winners for October 2017

Cheques will be available to collect from the school office next week. Congratulations!

£50.00	Maura Hannon
£25.00	Gabriella Armato
£10.00	David Evans

Year 5 cake sale

Thank you to everyone who made, donated and bought cakes last Friday in support of Year 5's cake sale. The classes made a fantastic £171.18 – well done!

Kintbury – Year 6

The deadline for payments has now passed. If you still owe money for this trip, please pay via the school office or online as soon as possible.

St Bon's post box

We are delighted to be taking part in a local initiative whereby seven primary schools, including St Bon's, are decorating post boxes which are going to be put in various Gloucester Road shops and the new library.

The idea is that children can post their letters to Father Christmas in one of these in the run up to Christmas. Letters can be posted between 1st and 23rd December. St Bon's box is below and will be placed in Playfull toy shop on Gloucester Road.



Nativity performances from Reception, Y1 and Y2

Please be aware that, due to health and safety considerations, we have had to put a limit on the number of adults who can join us for these performances. As a result, we have decided to run TWO performances for each class on the following days:

RH, 1H, 2W – Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December @ 2pm

RM, 1MS, 2T – Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December @ 2pm

Four invitations per family will be sent home, two per performance. The invitations will be dated and checked on arrival, so please do use the correct tickets for the correct day!

If you know that you will not need all four tickets, please return any unwanted ones to the school office so that these can be offered if needed. We would really appreciate it if you would support us in adhering to this. Thank you, Mrs Charles

KidZone After School Club – new Playleader

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a new Playleader for the St Bon's After School Club.

Sofia Vafeiadou will start her new role from January and she has lots of exciting plans for the club!

In the meantime, Safia Yaqub is Acting Playleader, and Kayley Thompson and Alba Sanchez are Acting Deputy Playleaders. We'd like to thank them for stepping into these roles during this interim period.

Ex pupil George Rogers Loredó exhibiting on Art Trail



George Rogers Loredó, former St Bonaventure's pupil, will be taking part in the North Bristol Art Trail www.northbristolartists.org.uk which will take place on the weekend of 25th-26th November.

At 18, George is the youngest member of the North Bristol Art Trail www.northbristolartists.org.uk/members-2/georgeloredó and for the third time he will show his work and invites everyone to come and see it (Venue number 6 @ 77, Kellaway Avenue).

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

Team football: Training as normal for years 5 and 6 on Wednesday 29th November.

Congratulations to the team for their 5-2 victory at Sea Mills last week. The team played really well and coped with some tough competition!

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

Well done to the team who took part in the Penguins gala last Thursday at Easton pool. Some children swam in their first gala and were brilliant.

Y6 Sportshall competition

Well done to the Y6 team who took part in the Sportshall athletics competition on Tuesday at St Bede's. We came first overall and will now go on to represent the NW Bristol schools at the County finals in the New Year.

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)

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

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 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: Wednesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm. This club is now FULL but a waiting list is running. We are hoping for another coach to join us.	Wednesdays Yrs 1 and 2

YEARS 3-6

CLUB FOOTBALL Mr Morgan: This club is for Years 5 and 6.	Wednesdays Yrs 5 and 6
DANCE CLUB Rise: Wednesdays KS2 3.30-4.30pm	Wednesdays Yrs 3-6
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
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 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 Yr 3-6
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

- **HOLIDAY COURSES! 9 - 1PM**

£15 PER CHILD

A great way for kids to play more tennis, or start playing tennis, and have fun learning as well as playing games and matches!

Schools break up early, so give your child a great start to their holiday by getting outside for some tennis and fun!

Free hot chocolate for everyone!

DATES RUNNING;

Monday 18th December

Tuesday 19th December

Wednesday 20th December

Thursday 21st December

Tuesday 2nd January

Wednesday 3rd January

Please book ahead of time to guarantee a place!

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/EllyShearmanCoaching>

FREE KIDS XMAS TENNIS PARTY - EVERYONE WELCOME!

Saturday 2nd December

11AM - 1PM

Normal Saturday morning drop in tennis will be on!

We invite everyone to come along, play some fun tennis games, win some prizes, and get into the festive spirit!!

Members and non-members welcome, feel free to bring a friend!!

Please sign up on the googleform so that we have a rough idea of numbers!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTpSJa5EZU-XB5kiQp4k7pmqo4LOvQ6VAEIV_DHjJ2-kU0aA/viewform?c=0&w=1

- **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.
- **North Bristol Arts Trail**, 25th and 26th November 2017, 10am – 6pm. Brochures with details of artists and location are available in the school reception.

The Arts Trail is a group of over 100 artists who live or have studios in the North Bristol area. There is a mixture of new and well-established artists, working in a variety of media including painting, photography, sculpture, drawing, print, textiles, pottery, glass, jewellery and more.