



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 5th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who responded to the parent questionnaire as part of our Diocesan Inspection this week. We had over 100 questionnaires returned which was fantastic – it really helps the inspectors to understand how you view our school.

We will let you know the result of the inspection as soon as we have it – hopefully by the end of Term 1. Our staff team and children did a fantastic job of being their brilliant best when being observed in class, during assemblies and moving around the school.

Congratulations to Richard and Bob for being shortlisted in the Top 10 for 'Site Manager of the Year' awards. There were 200 nominations nationally, so this is a real achievement. Thank you to everyone who voted for them.

Please can I ask that parents and children stick to the pavement when leaving the school car park. The barrier for vehicles is a moving piece of machinery which we would recommend is not leaned on or walked past using the small gap between the fence and the end of the barrier. Please do enter the school car park from the pavement side, particularly those people coming through the alley from Cornwall Road.

Best wishes,

Lucille Charles
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 15th October 2018 ([MENU week 1](#))

Mon 15th: Y3/Y4 trip football 3.30pm

Weds 17th: NO FOOTBALL TRAINING

Thurs 18th: Y1 trip to St Andrew's Park
Y5/6 Colston's hockey tournament

Fri 19th: Autumn disco in the school hall

Events week commencing: Monday 15th October 2018 ([MENU week 2](#))

HARVEST WEEK

Mon 22nd: Individual / sibling photographs

Tues 23rd: Parents' evening 4-7pm

Weds 24th: Harvest Mass in Church 9.15am

Thurs 25th: Parents' evening 4-7pm

Fri 26th: CAFOD non-uniform day – bright colours for £1
BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

Parenting Spotlight

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week.

Please find attached to the school newsletter ideas about how to nurture a child's mental health.

In addition, here is a little thought courtesy of Kilburn Underground Station:

"One awesome thing about Eeyore is that even though he is basically clinically depressed, he still gets invited to participate in adventures and shenanigans with all his friends. And they never expect him to pretend to feel happy, they just love him anyway, and they never leave him behind or ask him to change."



Never underestimate the effect of a kind word or offer of friendship.

Thank you from Mrs Meucci

Dear parents, staff, PTFA, Governors and children,

Thirty years ago, certain events caused me to see a different direction in my life and I found myself nervously walking up the St Bonaventure's drive to ask if I could help out in my grand-daughter's class. And as the saying goes "The rest is history"!

Thirty years on, I was awarded a 'Well done' certificate from a year 5 boy which reads: "To Mrs Meucci for achieving her 80th birthday and still being a brilliant school helper at St Bon's." What a wonderful thing to receive!

And what a day Thursday was...! Filled with an outpouring of love and affection and all heading in my direction. This was something totally unexpected (I didn't have a clue!) and it completely overwhelmed me. Something that will carry me high for the rest of my life.

The children sang for me, danced for me, hugged me and laughed and cried with me. It was only the year 6 rendition of 'Just one cornetto', in respect of my strong Italian connections, that saved me from dissolving into the pool of emotion of the whole affair. Thank you year 6 and Mr D!

Gifts, donations, cards, flowers (my house looks great!), followed with such amazing generosity, that any words of gratitude from me would seem painfully inadequate. But I do thank you all, from the bottom of

my heart, for the best 80th anyone could wish for.

Be assured that, with God's help and Mrs Charles' consent, I shall continue to love and support your wonderful children and continue to be so very grateful for the love I receive back from them. This is the St Bon's way! God bless us all.

Katie Meucci

Richard and Bob shortlisted for 'Site Manager of the Year' Award

Thank you to everyone who voted for our caretakers, Richard and Bob – they were recently delighted to find out that they made it into the Top 10 of nominated teams. 200 teams were entered nationally, so this is a fantastic recognition of all their hard work.

5P – change of class assembly date

In order that Mrs Parry can be involved in the class assembly, the date is being changed from Tuesday 20th November to Thursday 15th November. This has been updated on the school website calendar.

Drama club

Monday 15th October for ALL. We will be announcing the cast and giving out scripts!

Drama finishes at 4.15pm next week.

Individual / sibling photographs

Jane Chmiel, our school photographer, will be coming into school on Monday 22nd October to take individual and sibling photographs. You will then receive proofs from which you can order photos after half term.

Please note that all Reception children will be photographed individually as well as with siblings higher up the school (where applicable). Children in years 1 - 6 will only be photographed individually if they do not have siblings in school.

If you do NOT wish your child(ren) to be photographed, please let the office know.

Books needed for years 5 and 6

We would love to increase the amount of suitable reading material we have for our upper KS2 children. If you have any good quality books at home which you would be happy to donate, please bring them into the office.

Thank you, Mrs Ballantine

Harvest Festival

During the month of October we will be thinking about Harvest at St Bon's. Our whole school value this term is Love. We have been thinking about God's greatest commandments and this has helped us to think about how we can love our neighbours. We have decided to collect dried and tinned goods which we will be donating to a local charity which supports homeless people in Bristol.



We will be collecting the following items during October:

- Instant coffee
- Sugar
- Jam, peanut butter, Marmite
- Lentils
- Tinned tomatoes
- Rice
- Black pepper and curry powder
- Porridge oats
- Cooking oil
- Ketchup and brown sauce

Children can either place items in the hamper outside the office during the school day or you can bring them to the office yourself.

At the end of the month, on Friday 26th October, we are inviting the children to come to school in their brightest home clothes and bring £1.00. This money will be donated to CAFOD's Harvest campaign.

Finally, we would love it if you could join us to celebrate our Harvest Mass in Church at 9.15am on Wednesday 24th October.

With thanks, Mrs Ballantine

Kidzone Playscheme – October half term



October Half Term is nearly here!

Kidzone will be open for Playscheme from Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November. The club is based in the DT room onsite. There will be craft and cookery activities everyday as well as access to fun indoor and outdoor play opportunities.

Both full and short sessions are available to suit your needs. Booking forms are available from the main office.

If you would like further information, don't hesitate to contact the play team – kidzonestbons@bristol-schools.co.uk Open to all children, not just those at St Bon's.

Prices

- Full Day (08:30 till 17:45) - £23
- Short Day (10:00 till 16:00) - £16
- Half Day AM (08:30-13:00) - £12
- Half Day PM (13:00-17:45) - £12

Ad Hoc Bookings For ASC And BC

Please remember that you must check with the office if you want an ad hoc booking for either ASC or BC.
Thank you.

Do you use childcare vouchers?

If yes, please provide a full, correct reference or comment with your payment.

All references/comments must include the CLUB / TERMS / YEAR.

Examples:

T. Barton: ASC 1+2 16-17.

T. Barton Summer PS 2018

Thank you. Penny Southgate

Scarlet Fever – cases reported in years 2 and 4

Please be aware that we have had a case of scarlet fever reported in years 2 and 4. Whilst it is easily treated with antibiotics, it is very contagious and spread via coughs and sneezes.

In terms of symptoms, these start with a sore throat, headache, fever and nausea. If you suspect your child may have scarlet fever, consult your GP. It is best to keep children off if they are displaying symptoms but they can return to school 24 hours after starting a course of antibiotics. If they are not taking antibiotics they can remain infectious for much longer and cannot come into school for 2-3 weeks.

There is more information available here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

PTFA notices

Christmas card orders - deadline is Monday 15th October!

You should have received your child's design from the teachers via your children today. If you haven't please ask your teachers for them or remind your child as the design is likely to be in their drawer.

Instructions for ordering:

1. Please complete the form and return in the plastic folder provided, with the cash or cheque, to the school office.
2. Please do not use any old £10 or £5 notes or £1 coins.
3. Cheques to be made payable to 'St Bonaventure's School PTFA'.
4. Please put any loose change/coins in a separate named envelope within the plastic folder.
5. Please do not fold the designs as this may cause problems with printing. Therefore please hand them direct to the school office in the folder provided and do not put them in the drop box.
6. All forms must be returned by Monday 15 October. Any received after this date will not be printed as they must all be sent in one parcel to avoid confusion for the printers.

Happy ordering and thank you for helping to raise much-needed funds for our school.

Dates for your diaries

Friday 19th October

Autumn kids disco

Disco tickets will be on sale on Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th in the playground after school. Please note that the disco is a very popular event and tickets usually sell quickly so we advise getting tickets as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

Tickets cost £2 each and everyone attending must have a ticket - adults and children. Under 1s are free.

Children must be accompanied by an adult as the PTFA cannot be responsible for the safety of your child.

Monday 26th November

Bag2School

More details to follow.

Sunday 2nd December

Christmas Fair

More details to follow.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who came along to Rock n Roll Bingo last Friday - it was a brilliant night and we had a lot of fun. We are hoping to run these nights again in the future.

Thank you for your continued support. Please contact us on ptfa.stbons@gmail.com if you have any comments or suggestions.

Melanie and Hilary

PTFA Joint Chairs

SPORTS NEWS THIS WEEK

Team football

No training next week. Club game on Monday – please return all reply slips by Monday morning. Letters for the cup game (Y5 and Y6 boys) on the 24th will be coming home soon.

Swimming

Well done to the team who took part in the first Percy Smith gala on Wednesday. They swam brilliantly and came 2nd overall.

Next swim time trials will be held on Sunday 3rd February 2019 at 2pm. Please put the date in your diary. If anyone is good with IT stuff and can offer their help, please speak to Mrs McGrath.

Hockey

Good luck to the teams taking part in the girls' hockey festival at Colston's next Thursday. Letters have gone out today. Please get reply slips back asap. We need a few parents to drive so please offer if you can (we will need driving licence, MOT and insurance certificate beforehand if you haven't already).

Cross country

- Well done to the Y5/4/3 teams who took part in the cross-country competition at QEH, particularly Henri who came first over all.
- Well done to the Y3, 4, 5 and 6 cross country teams who took part in the event at St Bede's last

week. We came 2nd overall. Brilliant running by all, especially Thiago who came first!

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 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. This club is being run by RISE Dance Company and there will be a small charge. Letters about this have been sent home although there are spare ones in the office.

Multisport club for children in years 1 and 2

This is a new club for KS1 children on a Wednesday afterschool from 3.15pm – 4.30pm. IT WILL START IN TERM 2. Premier Sport will be running this club. All those who are interested please fill out a club slip, so Mrs McGrath can organise a register.

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

DANCE CLUB Rise: 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
FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit www.premier-education.com/sport .	Mondays Reception, Yrs 1-2

YEARS 3-6

DANCE CLUB Rise: Wednesdays KS2 3.30-4.30pm – SPACES AVAILABLE	Weds KS2
FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Forms have been sent home or book online www.premier-education.com/sport 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 Premier Sport: For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Fridays 3.15 - 4.30pm. Book online www.premier-education.com/sport or call Lee 07917 187771.	Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm
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
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
TEAM FOOTBALL Mr Morgan: Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm NO TRAINING WEDS 17th OCT	Wednesdays Yr 4 – Yr 6

EARLY MORNING

BADMINTON Premier Sport: Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6 Taster for Term 1 – FREE session, 25 spaces available	Tues 7.45 – 8.30am
CIRCUIT TRAINING 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
NETBALL FOR WOMEN: Mondays 9 - 10.00am. All abilities welcome. £1 charge.	Mondays 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 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 - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3CG classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 3-6
CHAPLAINCY Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	Thursdays Yr 5-6
<p>DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman: 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

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

- The annual St Bon's Church Quiz Night is taking place on Friday 16th November in the school hall. Tickets cost £10 per team (max 6 people) – please contact the parish office on 942 4448 or bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com
- Jungle Green, an independent market research organisation, has been commissioned by Bristol, North Somerset and South Glos Clinical Commissioning Group to invite residents in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire to have your say on health and care issues in the region. Please click the link below to see if you are eligible to join the new 'Healthier Together Panel'. Please also feel free to pass the link on to anyone you think might be interested:

<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=153778639748>

- Fancy taking part in 'Eat Well for Less'? The show follows Masterchef's Gregg Wallace & award winning greengrocer Chris Bavin on a mission to prove that it is possible for families and households to save money on their food budget without scrimping on taste and nutrition. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food.

Get in touch to apply or find out more!

Call: 0117 970 7670 or e-mail: eatwell@rdftelevision.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/EatWellForLess

Twitter: @EatWellForLess

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- **WANTED**
I'm after a ¾ size violin to buy for my daughter – please contact 07789 743291 if you have one to sell!
- **LIFESKILLS – Bath half marathon places available**

Lifeskills has places for the Bath Half Marathon 2019.

The entry fee is £35 and the fundraising target is £300. The event takes place on Sunday 17th March 2019. Anyone who is interested can contact Lifeskills at johanna@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk or by calling 0117 922 4511.

Lifeskills is a charity so every penny raised helps them to continue running the Year 6 programme that our pupils enjoy each year.