



# ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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guided by the light of Christ

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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a wonderful celebration on Thursday with Mrs Meucci who celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. As many of you know, Mrs Meucci has been working at St Bon's for more than 30 years and is an invaluable member of our staff team here. Her dedication, enthusiasm and care for the children is second to none – we are delighted to have been able to celebrate with her in this way. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the gifts which she received.

We are pleased to welcome Marcus Kibbey to our staff team – he will be working alongside our two caretakers, Richard and Bob, in an apprentice role. Please do say hello!

We know that parenting is a tough job. Nowadays parents are trying to balance the physical and mental/emotional needs of their children, along with juggling a job, keeping home and trying to hold onto any last threads of sanity. We appreciate that sometimes it feels like a battle to keep those plates spinning and the fear that, if you let one plate drop, they could all go!

As a school we are privy to issues relating to children that are arising nationally and also within our own school. We therefore feel that it would be useful for this information to be passed on to you so our newsletter will have a regular 'Parenting Spotlight' to share information, tips and ideas with you. If you have anything that you think deserves a mention in the parenting spotlight, you are very welcome to bring it to the attention of Mrs Noto in the school office.

Best wishes,

*Lucille Charles*  
Headteacher

**Events week commencing:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (**MENU week 3**)

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup>:** **Y4 trip to Red Lodge Museum**

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup>:** 6GW class assembly 2.45pm – parents welcome  
**KS2 cross country 3.30pm**

**Weds 10<sup>th</sup>:** Percy Smith Swimming Gala  
**NO FOOTBALL TRAINING**

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>:** **Y6 parents secondary school admissions information session 3.30pm in 6D classroom (led by BCC)**

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup>:** Y5 cake sale after school  
**Deadline for Christmas card art to be returned to school office**

**Events week commencing:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (**MENU week 1**)

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup>:** **Y3/Y4 trip football 3.30pm**

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>:** Y1 trip to St Andrew's Park

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup>:** **Autumn disco in the school hall**

## Parenting Spotlight

### 'Caring out loud' - supporting our 'LOVE' theme in school



Children can be trying! They test the boundaries - it's all part of learning. However, if a child is receiving lots of negative attention, it is easy for them to feel that this may mean they aren't loved. Don't assume that they know that they are loved!

- Show them ... a hug can go a long way!
- Tell them... be spontaneous, specific and sincere. Three words: 'I love you'
- Persist... repeated behaviours are those that will eventually stick
- Pay meaningful compliments to them (not about their appearance!) ... 'You have tried so hard at \_\_\_, 'I'm so proud of you'; 'You have a kind heart'; 'I can see how much you've improved'; 'I believe in you'; 'You are irreplaceable'.
- Make time to focus on them and what they want to do... it's all about the quality of the time (not the quantity or length!). Demonstrate that they have all your attention – switch off your phone. If you open the lines of communication at a young age showing them that you are available to them, they are more likely to remain open to you when they are older.

*"Behind every child who believes in themselves is an adult who believed in them first."*

### 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

### Thank you to Mrs Wilson

Last Friday, Mrs Wilson (year 6 parent) held a pre-loved uniform sale to raise funds for homeless charities in our city. Not only did she organise the sale but she also laundered all the clothes beforehand. The sale raised a fantastic £60 so thank you to everyone who supported it as well.

### Paying for After school and Breakfast clubs

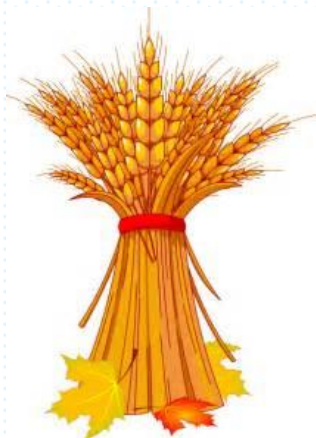
#### DO YOU PAY ONLINE USING SCHOOL GATEWAY?

All after school club sessions for this academic year (2018-2019) will be under the same payment request on School Gateway, called 'After School Club 2018-19'. All breakfast club sessions will be included in the payment request 'Breakfast Club 2018-19'. I hope that this will make things simpler and therefore easier for parents/carers who pay online and easier for everyone to keep track of balances.

Please note that bookings for both clubs will still be done in the same way - two terms at a time. So your balances will change in January and then again in March, once those new sessions are added.

## 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

## Drama club

Monday 1st October – rehearsal for all the cast. We will be having a go at the Oliver script in order to make final decisions about parts.

**Drama ends at 4.15pm.**

## Secondary school admissions – information talk for Year 6

There will be a talk by a member of the Bristol City Council Admissions team on Thursday 11th October at 3.30pm in classroom 6D. This talk will include:

- The importance of using 3 preferences
- How to apply
- How the Allocation Process works
- The different types of schools available
- Getting your form in on time
- What has happened in previous years?
- Useful tools and resources

No need to book – just come along!

## Clothing for first aid room

We would really appreciate clean, unwanted girls' underwear and tights for the first aid room plus spare socks (boys or girls). These are used when those little accidents occur... Please bring to the school office.

We do not require uniform at present. Thank you.



## Another star pupil!

One of our year 2 pupils recently performed the song *This Is Me* at the 'Carnival to Windrush' show at the Bristol Hippodrome along with his singing group Studio 7. This was Zacai's first performance on a stage having only joined the group in the summer. As the youngest member in the group, Zacai was nervous but also excited - the group rallied around to make him at ease. Zacai described backstage as being "Amazing with lots of people rushing around!"

Zacai found the whole experience fantastic – his parents are very proud of him for having the courage to get up there and sing. Well done to Zacai. We are proud of you too!

## Safety on our school grounds

Please could we remind parents / carers that children do need to be supervised after school whilst still on school property. In particular, could you please ensure that children do not ride scooters or bikes in the playground or on the school drive / pathways. Thank you.

## PTFA notices

### Christmas card orders

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

**TONIGHT Friday 5th October**

Rock and Roll bingo, 7.45pm

Tickets still available so please do join us - should be fun! We will be selling tickets in the playground after school today. Tickets cost £15 for a table of 6 or £3 for a single ticket.



**Monday 8th October**

PTFA meeting, 9am

Please come along to our next meeting after drop off in the DT room.

**Friday 19th October**

Autumn kids disco

More details to follow.

**Monday 26th November**

Bag2School

More details to follow.

**Sunday 2nd December**

Christmas Fair

More details to follow.

Thank you for your continued support. Please contact us on [ptfa.stbons@gmail.com](mailto: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 (Weds 10<sup>th</sup>) – Mr Morgan has a parents' evening at his son's school

**Running for Mrs Rigg**

Mrs McGrath ran her first half marathon last Sunday in memory of her mum Mrs Joy Rigg. She is hoping to start raising some money for St Bon's church as that was her request. Mrs McGrath has set up a just giving page for anyone who would like to donate. Thank you so much.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stbons?utm\\_term=Zp28PMNRb](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stbons?utm_term=Zp28PMNRb)

**Swimming**

Good luck to the team taking part in the 1st Percy Smith gala on Wednesday 10th October. Please meet at the pool at 7.15pm - all are welcome to come and cheer them on.

Next swim time trials will be 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.

**Cross country**

- Good luck to the Y5/4/3 teams taking part in the cross-country competition at QEH today.
- Next cross-country event is Tuesday 9th October 4pm – 5.30pm (tbc) - letters about this went home last week.

**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](mailto:kate.mcgrath@bristol-schools.uk) It is for KS2 only.

### **Netball**

Well done to the team who took part in netball league at St Bede's last Tuesday. They won both of their matches. A great start.

### **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.

### **Gymnastics**

There are a few spaces available in the gymnastics club. If you are interested, 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, teaching the kids by example! There are early morning sports clubs available on most mornings on the school premises;

Monday – Yoga (KS2)

Tuesday – 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

<b>DANCE CLUB Rise:</b> 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
<b>FOOTBALL Premier Sport:</b> Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit <a href="http://www.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</a> .	Mondays Reception, Yrs 1-2

### YEARS 3-6

<b>DANCE CLUB Rise:</b> Wednesdays KS2 3.30-4.30pm – SPACES AVAILABLE	Weds KS2
<b>FOOTBALL Premier Sport:</b> Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Forms have been sent home or book online <a href="http://www.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</a> or call Lee on 07917 18 7771	Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
<b>GYMNASTICS Bristol School of Gymnastics:</b> 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
<b>HOCKEY Premier Sport:</b> For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Fridays 3.15 - 4.30pm. Book online <a href="http://www.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</a> or call Lee 07917 187771.	Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm
<b>KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews &amp; Mrs Fox:</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> Sept
<b>NETBALL Mrs McGrath:</b> 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
<b>TEAM FOOTBALL Mr Morgan:</b> Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Y4 only this week for trials	Wednesdays Yr 4 – Yr 6

### EARLY MORNING

<b>BADMINTON Premier Sport:</b> Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6 Taster for Term 1 – FREE session, 25 spaces available	Tues 7.45 – 8.30am
<b>CIRCUIT TRAINING Mr Morgan:</b> 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
<b>NETBALL FOR WOMEN:</b> Tuesdays 9 - 10.00am. All abilities welcome. £1 charge.	Tuesdays 9 - 10am
<b>RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath:</b> 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
<b>YOGA Ms Sus:</b> 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

<b>BIBLE DISCOVERY</b> 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
<b>CHOIR</b> Miss Tudhope: For years 1-2 - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 1-2
<b>CHOIR</b> Miss Gray: For years 3-6 - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3CG classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 3-6
<b>CHAPLAINCY</b> Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	Thursdays Yr 5-6
<p><b>DEBATING CLUB</b> 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

- **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](mailto: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.