



Friday 21st January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

As COVID-19 looks to be moving towards an endemic disease, I will continue to keep my focus on our pupils' attendance. As you are aware from my previous updates in this newsletter, regular school attendance is crucial following the interruption our children have had over the past 22 months.

Attendance below 90% is a concern and will trigger school action. I am also monitoring punctuality. This year, some of our children have been invited into school at 8.30am to receive additional support with spelling. If you have received a letter about this, please support us by ensuring your child arrives on time at 8.30am. All other children should be on the playground by 8.50am each morning.

I would welcome a conversation with anyone who requires support in ensuring their child(ren) arrives at school every day and on time. Please see me on the school gate or email me on head.st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk

Lunch hall helpers

I want to provide you with an update on our Year 4, 5 and 6 lunch hall helpers. This role has been created following feedback from pupils at the end of last term about their experiences in the lunch hall.

Pupils from year 6 have already completed their first weekly shift. Year 5 pupils are due to start next week for the following two weeks and year 4 are being interviewed next week.

The lunch hall helpers have enjoyed their experience so far, helping pupils in Reception, KS1 and year 3 to enjoy the lunch hall experience in a respectful way.

Music provision

I am pleased to let you know that all music lessons will resume this term. This week, our brass and piano teachers resumed face to face lessons after a break of almost two years. Later this term our violin and guitar lessons will re-start. If you are interested in finding out more about this provision please contact the school office.

Parents' online safety session

I am pleased to inform you that a parent information session has been arranged for all parents. This session will take place online at 6pm on Thursday 24th March. The session will be delivered by Andri Nicolaou, a Prevention Officer for Child Sexual and Criminal Exploitation. Andri has been working closely with the school over the past year to deliver assemblies to KS2 pupils and training and raise awareness with school staff. I would strongly encourage your attendance at this free event. Please put a note in your diaries – details of how to join will be sent out nearer the time.

Best,

mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 24th January 2022 (MENU week 2)

Fri 28th January:

Don't forget home clothes on Friday!

Respect

In school we have been looking at how we can show respect.
Below is a poem written by 6GW and shared in assembly this week:

Respect at St Bon's

Respect at St Bon's is on everyone's mind,
We know how to earn it; it's about being kind.
Respect is present in a number of ways,
We should see it always and everywhere;
it's not just a phase.
Respect costs nothing; but its value is dear,
It gets you far in life but we need to be clear.
Show respect as you would with your mothers,
Wait patiently to speak
And listen to others,
Never interrupting
And putting up our hand,
Politely asking questions so we all understand.
In the classroom, respect is key,
In year 6 we guide the way
So others will see,
Taking good care of resources and toys,
Offering to help others
Adults, girls and boys.

Never damaging supplies or drawing on walls,
Or leaving equipment lying on the floor,
Walking along the corridor
We should all take care,
Not running through the atrium
Or jumping down the stairs.
Hold the door open or flashing a smile,
Lining up beautifully, in single file.
We would all love St Bon's to make the right choices,
Saying 'Please' and 'Thank you' and using cheerful happy voices,
So, St Bon's be smart, not a fool,
And make 'Showing Respect' our number one rule.

February Playscheme

Our Kidzone team will be running a Playscheme this February half term from Monday 21st to Friday 25th.
Bookings will be open next week and need to be made by Friday 11th February. The prices remain £28 for a full day and £21 for a short day.

Collection for Feed the Homeless in December

You raised a fantastic £141.75 for this charity – thank you for your generosity!

Message from Mgr Bernard at St Bon's church

Dear parents and carers,

I need your help please. As I'm sure you're aware, every year the children in Year 3 have a special course to prepare them to make their First Holy Communion. We are hoping to start this in February after half term.

I need a group of adults (male and female) to help with this programme. Ideally what I need is about six or more people, with one or two being prepared to take the main lead. This number of people means that you shouldn't need to be there for every session and given the busy lives that you have, this can often make it a lot easier for people to volunteer.

The course has three books – one for the child, one for the parents (so they can follow and help their children) and finally one for the team leaders (to show them what they need to do).

The course will run on a Saturday (whether this is morning or afternoon will depend on what the volunteers decide.)

Please email me if you can help or want more information at bernard.massey@cliftondiocese.com

Thank you in advance, Mgr Bernard

Vacancy for School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA)

We are looking to recruit an SMSA to work every lunchtime (12.15pm to 1.15pm). This involves supervising the children in the school hall and on the playground as part of a team of SMSAs.

Please contact the school office if you are interested in finding out more.

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

Kids and parents

A reminder to let us know if you have any suggestions for events you want to see this year?! We would love to hear from you!!

With that in mind, we will be holding a Zoom call on Tuesday 25th January (next week) at 8pm to discuss our aims for this year as well as start planning some amazing events.

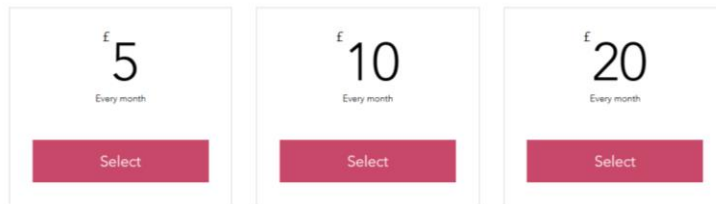
Zoom details will follow shortly via your class reps!

New Year, New You?

Why not cut down on the lattes and Friday night takeaways - donate to your kid's school instead!!

Did you know you can set up a monthly donation towards your PTFA? For the equivalent of what many of us spend on takeaway coffees per month...*definitely not me, ahem*...you could make a real difference to St Bon's and its pupils. Check it out at www.stbonsptfa.com/plans-pricing

Make a monthly donation



A regular monthly donation is a great way to support the PTFA and will really help us deliver more of the items on the school's wish list.

If you'd like to donate and none of the options above work for you, please get in touch and we can arrange a different amount.

We'd also be delighted to take one off donations via BACS payments as well if that's your preference.

This also makes a great suggestion for a present if you just don't want more 'stuff' in your life!

North Bristol Foodbank

North Bristol Food Bank can be reached on 0117 979 1399.

For areas covered see here: <https://northbristol.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

Up to date information for these outlets is available here - <https://northbristol.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>

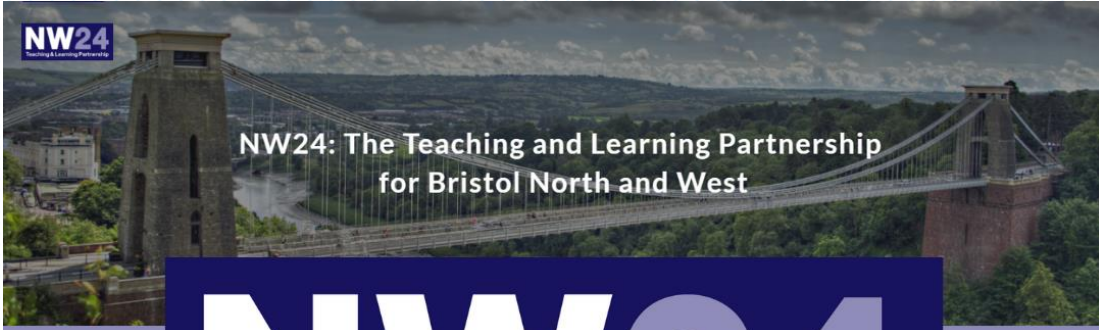
Have you had a change of circumstances due to COVID-19?

There are lots of schemes that you could be eligible for to support your child and your wider family:

- **Pupil premium and/or Free School Meals** - Financial support that is provided to schools to help support your child and Free School Meals http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/pupil_premium_and_sports_premium/270945
- **Council Emergency Payment** - To help you pay off one-off bills like heating, electricity <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/benefits-financial-help/emergency-payments-local-crisis-and-prevention-fund>
- **North Bristol Advice Centre:** The advice centre can help signpost you to initiatives that you could be eligible for to get support: <http://www.northbristoladvice.org.uk/>
 - **The Money Advice Service** - For help to manage your money during the pandemic <https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/articles/coronavirus-and-your-money>

If you are struggling to access these services and would like help, please contact the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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for Bristol North and West

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Teaching & Learning Partnership

are seeking a Partnership Administrator
to work across the 24 schools
organising events, managing meetings & the partnership budget

21 hours a week, term time only, flexible hours, home working

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<https://www.eteach.com/job/nw24-partnership-administrator-flexible-hours-home-working-1202466>

About NW24 - [wwwhttp://sites.nw24.org](http://sites.nw24.org)

Babysitting

Hi, my name is Amelie Paul. I am 15 and an old St Bon's pupil. I'm currently at RGS and am looking for babysitting work. I have two younger sisters, one of whom is still at St Bon's, and I have been volunteering at St Bon's Brownies as part of my DofE. If you are interested, please text my mum on 07766 366569.

Sinead Pelley Health & Wellbeing

I would like to thank all the wonderful St Bonaventure's families that visit my clinic - it has been so rewarding to see the improvement in both children and parents, greatly benefiting from my Kinesiology and well-being sessions. Kinesiology is incredibly effective for children and parents are amazed at how quickly results are achieved.

Please do have a look at my website should you wish to understand a bit more....

<https://www.healthandwellbeingbristol.co.uk>

I will continue to offer a free 10 minute consultation and 10% off all initial treatments for St Bonaventure's families.

For a chance to win a FREE initial consultation and appointment in January- please like and follow my Facebook page. The winner will be contacted before Christmas!! Good luck!!

<https://www.facebook.com/Sinead-Pelley-Health-Wellbeing-107579514955197/>

The essence of health is inner balance.