



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear parents and carers,

It's been another incredibly busy week in school. Our Year 6 pupils returned from their retreat at Kintbury last Friday. My thanks go out to the staff who accompanied them.

We started this week with a Geography assembly led by Mrs Addleman. Our new, bespoke, Bristol, UK and World Map was shared with the pupils and is permanently located on the hall wall.



We plan to use this as a teaching resource. For further information about our Geography Bee please see section later in newsletter.

Reception and KS1 Nativity

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone who is planning to attend one of our nativity performances to ensure they have completed a lateral flow test the day of the performance and to remember to bring a mask with them. Anyone who is ill in any way should not attend the performance. There will be a collection at the end of each performance. Donations will be given to Feed The Homeless, Bristol.

Parent Focus Group

I want to take this opportunity to thank the parents who volunteer their time on the parent focus group. The parent focus group was started in term 5 of 2021 and meets termly. If you'd like to share something with the group please email parentfocusgroup@stbons.uk

This email is not checked daily therefore urgent concerns should go through the school office.

This term the group have discussed our revised behaviour policy which we plan to share with all parents in term 3.

Bristol Old Vic theatre school

The children enjoyed nativity performances today from Bristol Old Vic theatre school – my thanks to the PTFA for funding both of these to enable our children to experience something magical.



Staff news

Finally, I want to extend our congratulations to Miss Gillespie on her recent engagement to Sam which was a surprise just after year 6's trip away to Kintbury. We are all thrilled for them both.

Best,

mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Sunday 5th December 2021 (MENU week 3)

Sunday 5 th :	PTFA Christmas Fair 2-5pm
Monday 6 th :	Nativity performance RHM, 1HW, 2T @ 2pm
Tuesday 7 th :	Nativity performance RHM, 1HW, 2T @ 2pm
Wednesday 8 th :	Nativity performance RHM, 1HW, 2T @ 10am Nativity performance RH, 1G, 2C @ 2pm
Thurs 9 th :	Nativity performance RH, 1G, 2C @ 2pm
Fri 10 th :	Nativity performance RH, 1G, 2C @ 10am

Events week commencing: Monday 13th December 2021 (MENU week 1)

Tues 14 th December:	KS2 Carol Concert – outside so please wrap up warm
Weds 15 th :	Reception and KS1 Christmas lunch
Thurs 16 th :	KS2 Christmas lunch
Fri 17 th :	End of Term 2

Reception 2022 – applications for siblings

If you have a child currently at St Bon's and you would like their sibling to join us next September (turning four between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022) you will need to apply on the Bristol City Council website by midnight on the 15th January. You do not automatically get a place without applying even if you have a child here already.

If your child is baptised Catholic, please also provide us with a copy of their baptism certificate before 15th January.

Clubs next term

The following clubs will continue to run with the same children next term – please see below for the start date:

Netball Y3 and Y4 – Monday 10th January
Netball Y5 and Y6 – Tuesday 11th January
Drama – Wednesday 5th January, Mondays and Wednesdays thereafter
Tag rugby Y5 and Y6 – Thursday 13th January

The clubs below have a change of participants due to their popularity.
If your child has a place, you will receive an email next week. See below for start dates:

Gymnastics KS2 – Tuesday 11th January
Multi-sports Y1 – Wednesday 5th January
Yoga – Friday 7th January

Geography news

On Monday, the children enjoyed a Geography Assembly. Awards were given out for Star Geographers and I gave them some extra Geography challenges. I would appreciate your support in helping your child achieve some of these:

Geography Challenges for you all ...

- Achieve Level 1* (if you haven't already)
- Work towards and achieve Level 2**
- Continent Challenge - Find out as much as you can about the continent of Europe! (Learn the countries, capital cities, major rivers, mountains, languages spoken, type of climate!) Ask your family to test you on key facts! Make a fact file about it. Or a book... Share these with your teachers. You could be in line for a Star Geographer Award next time!
 - Ask for an Atlas for Christmas!
 - Ask for a globe for Christmas!
- Ask your family if you can have a World Map up in your home
- Ask your family for Mapominoes or Who Knows Where?
- Have loads of fun learning about our wonderful world!

Level 1 - The UK and Bristol (Map of UK)

- Name, locate and identify the **four countries, capital cities, flags and symbols of the United Kingdom**,
- Name and locate the **surrounding seas**.
- Locate **Bristol** on a map of the UK
- What is the largest country in the world?



Level 2 - Continents, Oceans, Countries and capitals. (Map of the World)

- Level 1 questions, plus:
- Name and locate the world's **seven continents and five oceans**.
- Locate these countries on a map: **France, Germany, Spain, Italy, United States, Canada, India, China, Brazil, Egypt, Australia, Japan**.
- Name the capital cities of these countries.
- What country has the largest population in the world?
- Which is the coldest place on Earth?
- Which is the hottest continent on Earth?



Year 4, 5 and 6 lunch hall helper role

This week I have launched a new role. I am looking for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who would like to be a lunch hall helper to Reception and KS1 children.

The role of the lunch hall helper is to support the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in the lunch hall. Children will be required to support the SMSAs to:

- Help children to carry their plates and tidy them away when they are finished
 - Remind children to drink with their meal
 - Remind children to use their knife and fork
- Remind children to eat their sandwiches before other food if packed lunch
 - Clean up spillages and food if necessary
- Report any problems to the head teacher and/or deputy head teacher

Children have been asked to complete an application form if they wish to be considered for this role. The deadline for applications is Monday 13th December. If you support your child taking on this role, please sign their application form.

Thanks, Mrs Ballantine

Congratulations to the kitchen

Our kitchen team were awarded the maximum 5 stars for hygiene during a recent unannounced Bristol City Council inspection. Well done to Mrs Bryant and her team!

Vacancy for Breakfast Club worker

We are looking to recruit a new member of the Breakfast Club team 5 mornings a week between 7.45am and 8.45am.

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

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.

My Fair Lady – DVD available to order

If you would like a copy of the recent My Fair Lady school community production on DVD, please collect an order form from the school office. DVDs will cost £6 each or £10 for 2 (and £5 for any additional copies).



PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com



Christmas Fair Countdown – 2 days to go!

(stbonsptfa.com/news)



It's finally here – the event of the season...

THE ST BON'S CHRISTMAS FAIR!

Sunday 5th December – 2-5pm



We can't wait to see you there for drinks, games, prizes and general merriment!

- Festive drinks and cakes
- St Bonaventure's Christmas Tree Decorations
 - Craft Bags
 - Bottle Stall
 - Fair Games
 - Secret present room
 - Christmas Hampers
 - Goodie bags
- Our utterly amazing raffle with prizes from the following fantastic local businesses



A bespoke occasion cake by Charlotte Toffolo

VOLUNTEER FOR YOUR CLASS STALL

Remember to get your bake on for the refreshments stalls (no nuts please and please give an ingredients list for allergies info)

As COVID precautions we would ask all grown-ups to do a lateral flow on the day, if anyone (any age) show symptoms that may be attributable to COVID that not attend and that grown ups wear a mask indoors. There will be hand sanitiser available throughout the fair.

Can't make the fair? Can't get enough of the fair?

Check out our amazing silent auction which is running to the end of term. We have absolutely incredible prizes from Elly Sherman tennis, The Wave, Clifton Lido and Longleat amongst others:

Silent Auction Items | St Bonaventure's Primary School Bristol (stbonsptfa.com)

Look out for an email from the PTFA website with more information about our fabulous online auction (remember to check spam folders just in case- def not spam!)

Bored of hearing about the fair? Too much on your plate already? Not enough time in the day?

But still love your kid's school and want them to have the best school experience through projects and equipment the PTFA can fund?

Check out the PTFA monthly donation scheme at stbonsptfa.com/supportus

Make a monthly donation

£ 5 <small>Every month</small>	£ 10 <small>Every month</small>	£ 20 <small>Every month</small>
Select	Select	Select

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 Christmas present suggestion 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

Job opportunity - Magic Dragon Preschool

JOB VACANCY: Part-time Preschool Practitioner

A rare opportunity has arisen to work with a great team of long-standing practitioners.

Magic Dragon is a well-established preschool in Bishopston. We provide a wonderfully safe and stimulating environment where children can play, explore and grow.

We are open four mornings a week (Monday–Thursday) 9-1 for children aged 2 ½ to 4 years.

We are looking for a friendly and enthusiastic person who likes to work hard and play even harder to join our team. If this sounds like you, then please get in touch.

We are looking for:

- An energetic and enthusiastic hard-working person
- Someone with a passion for Early Years play and working with children
- A team player with a desire to inspire and contribute to our team
- A reliable person with motivation, commitment and a belief that every child deserves the best early education possible.

For an application pack please contact Niki on 07971 421 834

Guinea pigs

We have had baby guinea pigs which will be looking for new homes in the next few weeks. They need to live in pairs (or more!) as they like company and are very easy to handle/care for.

Please email me or text for more details.

Ali - alivaz.ab@gmail.com

07962 263 243



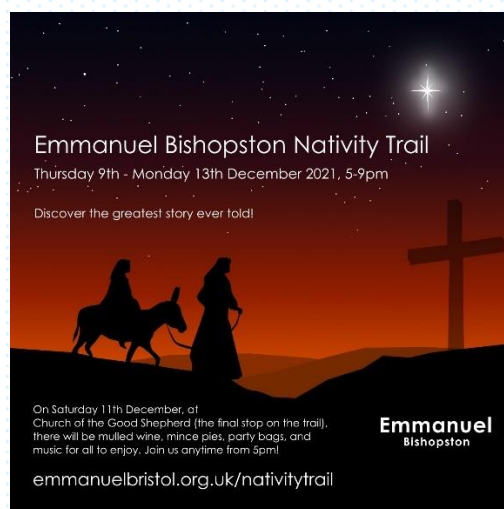
Pantomime!

Guide panto 2021 - "The Emperor's New Clothes"

Performances will take place on Saturday 11th December at St Peter's Church in Henleaze at 2:30pm and 7:00pm. Adult tickets are £5 and children's are £3.

The Guide Panto started in 2002 and has raised over £18,000 so far. This year the money raised will be donated to the Stroke Association and Guide Dogs.

You can buy tickets online using the following link <https://guidepanto.wixsite.com/guidepanto>



Emmanuel Bishopston Nativity Trail

Follow the trail to see eight decorated windows and discover the greatest story ever told!

Thursday 9th - Monday 13th December 2021, 5 - 9pm

On Saturday 11th December at Church of the Good Shepherd (the final stop on the trail), there will be mulled wine, mince pies, party bags and music for all to enjoy. Join us anytime from 5pm.

For more information and to see the map visit: [www. emmanuelbristol.org.uk/nativitytrail](http://www.emmanuelbristol.org.uk/nativitytrail)

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.