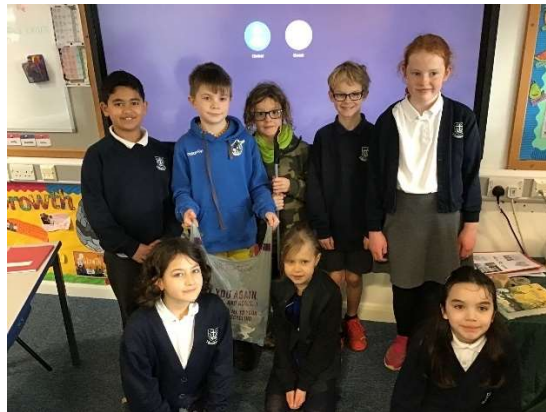




Friday 11th February 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to draw your attention to a group of children who have used their own initiative this week to make St Bon's a better place to be. Pupils in year 4 have spent time during their lunchtime collecting litter from the school grounds, most of which has been blown in from outside the premises. One pupil even brought in his own litter picker! You are all amazing and have demonstrated your respect for our environment.



Football referees

As part of our focus on play, Mr Davis and I are inviting pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 to apply to be a football referee at play and lunchtimes. Interested pupils will need to submit a letter of application to us by Thursday 17th February. The letter should clearly state why they believe they are suitable for this role. We are looking for 4 referees in total and we know this will be a sought-after position. Applicants will be interviewed at the start of term 4. Successful applicants will be issued with a football referee cap and whistle.

You are amazing

As part of our new approach to behaviour, all members of staff are now able to give out one YOU ARE AMAZING postcard each week. Cards are awarded to children who stand out for being respectful and kind. Staff across the school (office staff, teachers, LSAs, caretakers, kitchen staff) choose one child each week. Well done to the children who have received cards over the past two weeks. We are so proud of you all!



Parent support group for parents/carers for whom English is an additional language

I am keen to reintroduce our parent support group for parents/carers for whom English is an additional language. This would be a weekly session which parents/carers could attend and meet with a cup of tea/coffee to talk about school related events. If you would like to find out more about this please email [Tiba Preisner on ratiba.preisner@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:Tiba.Preisner@bristol-schools.uk). We will then be in touch to arrange an initial meeting.

Best,

mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 14th February 2022 (MENU week 2)

Weds 16th February &

Thurs 17th February:

Friday 18th February:

Reception screening with school nurse

Last day of Term 3 – school re-starts Monday 28th February

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

After school club and breakfast club bookings Term 4

Bookings can now be made in School Gateway for Term 4 after school and breakfast clubs. Any credits from Term 3 have been carried forward and will automatically come off the balance to pay when you book sessions.

Vacancy for School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA) and Breakfast Club worker

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.

We are also looking for someone to work in our Breakfast Club before school. You can bring your own children to attend free of charge if you need to.

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

Thank you to those who came along to our Zoom call on Tuesday, some fantastic ideas we are excited to work on! This term you can expect:

- ✓ A second hand uniform sale
- ✓ A delicious Valentine's themed event Yum yum!

Details to follow!

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

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

Spanish teacher wanted

I am a local parent looking for a Spanish teacher for my daughter who is in year 4. I am looking for her to practise speaking only - learning through play and songs. My name is Jo and my number is 07764 188793 if you can help.

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 who 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 March - please like and follow my Facebook page. The winner will be contacted at the end of the month. Good luck!

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

The essence of health is inner balance