



Friday 17th December 2021

Dear parents and carers,

We made it! It's been a busy term and I would like to thank you all for your support and Christmas wishes. We celebrated with an Advent Mass yesterday. Years 4 and 5 celebrated Mass in church with all other year groups joining via the live stream in school.

I would like to thank all the staff and pupils, who at incredibly short notice, performed and filmed the KS2 Carol Concert. Special thanks to Mr Davis who edited and produced the film. You can view the film by logging onto your child's Google classroom page.

A second thanks must go to our parent volunteers. Thank you to all those parents who volunteer with swimming, Forest Schools, reading with children in school and our parent focus group.

My final and biggest thanks go to Bob Shortman who is retiring today. The staff enjoyed breakfast with him this morning and presented him with a very lovely engraved pocket watch amongst other treats. Thank you to all parents who contributed to his collection. The children also presented him with cards from each class. Bob didn't want a fuss but no-one leaves St Bon's quietly! He's even got a display in school dedicated to him, see below...



COVID update

From 14 December 2021, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.

Daily testing of close contacts applies to all contacts who are:

- fully vaccinated adults – people who have had 2 doses of an approved vaccine
- all children and young people aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status
- people who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
- people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine

Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts.

Online safety

I wanted to reach out and share this resource with you ahead of Christmas. I expect many of our children might receive new electronic devices for Christmas and I want to support you to ensure that they have the appropriate parental controls.

The Internet Watch Foundation have produced a campaign aimed at parents of primary and secondary school children and can be accessed here: <https://www.iwf.org.uk/about-us/our-campaigns/self-gen/>

In the new year I will be sharing my plans to work more closely with parents to increase awareness of online sexual abuse and how we can educate and protect our children.

Art Wall of Fame

We have recently introduced an Art Wall of Fame on the corridor outside our school office. Each year group will take it in turns to display their art linked to our whole school theme.

Friday non-uniform days

Our School Council has met and discussed whether pupils should continue to wear non-uniform on Fridays in terms 3 and 4. The over-riding consensus was that it should continue into terms 3 and 4.

We look forward to seeing you all in term 3. Remember the first day of term for pupils is Wednesday 5th January. Wishing you all a happy and healthy Christmas.

Best,



Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Tuesday 4th January 2022 (MENU week 2)

Tues 4 th January:	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Weds 5 th :	Start of Term 3

Recipients of free school meals

Children and young people who are eligible for free school meals will be able to access over 190 four-hour inclusive, free sessions at Your Holiday Hubs (YHH) across the city this school winter holiday. Around 35 organisations across the city will be running YHH programmes during the break, which will include a variety of fun activities, offering opportunities to learn and develop skills, alongside a nutritious, hot meal.

Activities include sport, cooking, arts and crafts, drama, dance and music, with organisations like Bristol City Robins, Bristol Somali Youth Voice and the SS Great Britain Trust.

A list of organisations and locations running YHH programmes are available on the Bristol City Council website here: [Find a holiday activity in your area - bristol.gov.uk](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/your-holiday-hubs)

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 next term – please see below for the start dates:

Multi-sports Y1 – Wednesday 5th January
Yoga Y2 – Friday 7th January
Drama – Monday 10th January
Netball Y3 and Y4 – Monday 10th January
Gymnastics KS2 – Tuesday 11th January
Netball Y5 and Y6 – Tuesday 11th January
Football with Mr Morgan – Wednesday 12th January
Tag rugby Y5 and Y6 – Thursday 13th January

After School Club and Breakfast Club – bookings now open

Bookings for term 3 can now be made for both after school club and breakfast club. Please book using School Gateway in the usual way. Any credits from Term 2 have already been moved forward and will automatically be used up on booking.

If you are not able to see the term 3 clubs, this may be because you have an outstanding balance to pay on term 2 – please check your balances in the Clubs tab of School Gateway. Once the balance has been settled, please let the office know and we can add your child(ren) into the club.



www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

The PTFA wishes everyone at St Bon's a very merry Christmas. We hope you have a wonderful break over the holidays with your families and loved ones.

A final thank you for all your support this term, together we have raised a huge amount and we hope to be able to tell you about a project we've been discussing with school next term.

Silent Auction Winners

We've had some great support of the silent auction, thank you to everyone who participated. With your support we raised over £500!

We're delighted to announce the following winners:

Mairead F – The Lido voucher
Claire S – Meal at the Royal Oak Pub
Sharon Q – Tennis lessons with Elly Sherman tennis
Emma L – East Somerset Steam Railway
Lucinda G – Surf lesson at The Wave
Karen B – Echo dot, La Campagnuola voucher, Lazy Dog Voucher
Kathryn P – Signed autobiography
Naomi S – Gloucester County Cricket Ground tickets
Glenda B – family ticket to Longleat
Veronika V – Bristol Packet Boat Trip
Matt M – Bristol Rovers Tickets

All winners will be contacted separately to arrange collection of their prizes.

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.

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

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.

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

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.