



Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

*Father, please pour out Your blessings upon our whole school community  
so that everyone grows in the knowledge of Your truth, love, wisdom and peace.*

*In Jesus name we pray.*

*Amen*

Reception pupils have had a wonderful day today, dressed as Penguins to celebrate Penguin Awareness Day. Their current Power of Reading book is Blue Penguin. Well done Reception for spreading awareness.



Last term, you would be aware that the PTFA funded the purchase of some dual language texts. These have now arrived and are in the classrooms, being used by all of our children. Thank you everyone for your continued support of PTFA events. The next event is for adults, a ceilidh on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February in the evening. Please visit the PTFA website to buy your tickets before they sell out!



### Proposed strike action

In case you missed the email sent to all parents and carers yesterday, here is a copy of yesterday's email regarding proposed strike action:

You may have heard in the news about the teachers' strikes taking place in February and March this year, the first date being February 1st. We are working with the staff team on our response to this situation and as soon as we have formulated a school plan, we will share this with you. We recognise the disruption that this will bring to our whole school community, and we are working carefully through the details, so as to ensure that you have as much clarity as possible, and, as soon as possible.

### Book scheme books

We continue to have a high number of missing reading scheme books. Please can you all check at home, to see if you have any hidden away. Please return them to me on the gate or drop them into the school office.

### Parents school improvement plan information sessions

Thank you to everyone who has attended one of our parent/carer information sessions about this academic year's school improvement plan priorities. The dates and content for the remaining sessions this academic year are as follows:

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 9am: Update on SIP priority 1 & 2

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 9am: Follow up on previous pupil behaviour and wellbeing sessions

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 9am: Review of the SIP and future priorities



## Reading information session for parents and carers of KS2 pupils, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 9am

There will be an information session for all parents and carers of pupils in KS2. The focus of this session is on how parents and carers can support their child with reading at home. This session is aimed at supporting all pupils, both those on the reading scheme and those who are free readers. You do not need to book a place, just come to the office to sign in on the day.

Best,

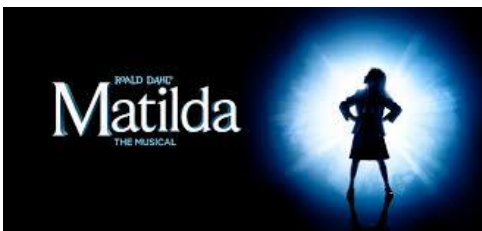
Sarah Ballantine

Head teacher

## Events from 23rd January 2023 (MENU week 2)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: 4H class assembly at 10am – parents and carers welcome

### Drama Club



Monday's rehearsal next week will be for the whole cast and will finish at 3.15 pm.

Thursday's rehearsal – please see the rehearsal schedule

### English as an Additional Language



If English is not your first language, please do join us for our 'EAL' coffee mornings at 9am on Mondays in the school – come to the office. The group is run by Mrs Preisner - if you would like more information, please email her at [ratiba.preisner@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:ratiba.preisner@bristol-schools.uk)

## Clubs and sports at St Bon's

Week of 23rd January

Drama	YES – 4.30pm finish	Monday and Thursday KS2 (see above for details)
Sophie Morgan Football	YES – 4.30pm finish	Mondays - Y1, Y2, Y3 Tuesdays - Y4, Y5 Y6 Thursdays – Reception
Netball	<b>NB. Monday 23/1/2023 Y3 &amp; Y4 Netball cancelled.</b>  YES for Tuesday – 4.15pm finish	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Gymnastics	YES – 4.15pm finish	Tuesdays – Y4
Running club – 7.50am	YES	Wednesday mornings – all welcome
Mr Morgan football after school	<b>NO training</b> – 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Basketball trials for years 5 and 6	Wednesdays - Y5 & 6
Sophie Morgan Multisport	YES – 4.30pm finish	Weds – Reception, Y1 & Y2
Circuits with Mr Morgan – 7.50am	YES	Thursdays – all welcome
Tag Rugby	YES – 4.15pm finish	Thursdays - Y5 & 6
Badminton – 8am	YES	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Yoga	YES – 4.00pm finish	Fridays – Y1
Chess	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays – Y5 & 6
Sophie Morgan Hockey	YES – 4.15pm finish <b>(Please note, earlier finish)</b>	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays - Y5 & 6

## **\*New Addition - Running Club\***



Do you want to get fit and have fun at the same time!  
Join us on Wednesday mornings at 7.50am.  
\*Running/walking club\*  
Children and adults are welcome.

## **Requests for donations**

Please could Reception have any old tights or leggings for girls which are no longer needed.

Also, we would appreciate any of the following: fancy dress accessories e.g. different hats and headwear, glasses, feather boas, waistcoats and jackets, fancy dress costumes for creative play, Dinosaurs, mythical creatures and animal toys, Lego, large scraps of different materials, large outdoor games such as outdoor chess set.

## **February Playscheme – bookings now open**

We will be running a holiday club during February half term. Sessions can now be booked in School Gateway for either a full day (£28) or a short day (£21).

## PTFA News

[www.stbonsptfa.com](http://www.stbonsptfa.com)

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – [ptfa.stbons@gmail.com](mailto:ptfa.stbons@gmail.com)

Uniform – [ptfauniformrep@gmail.com](mailto:ptfauniformrep@gmail.com)

### Put a night out in the diary!

Overdue a class night out? Get a group of parents together and have some fun at the Ceilidh on Friday 10th February. We have a great band; a well-stocked bar and a welcome drink is included in the ticket price.

Tickets available online now.

<https://www.stbonsptfa.com/events-1/ceili-barn-dance-new-date-10th-feb>

### We need you to join the crew!

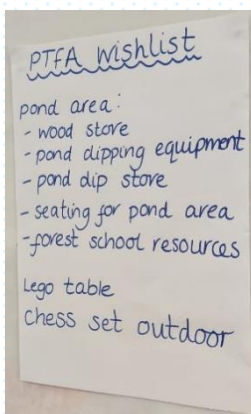
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### Disco Squad

We need more help putting together and running events. We'd love to get a disco squad together to run the next few discos as we know there are loads of great ideas out there to develop them. Once you've done one it will be even easier to do the next. Why not talk to some friends to see if they'd be interested or put yourself forward, getting involved is an excellent way of meeting new people within the school. Get in touch if you'd like to talk about it!

### What would you like to see?

What would you like to see PTFA funds spent on at the school? Below is the current wish list from school. If you have any ideas, however big or small then let us know.



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## Community Food Pantry update



We have to make a special plea this week. Donations have fallen away over the past month while demand has risen sharply so we're finding it difficult to keep the pantry stocked to the level we'd like.

If you are able to, please consider helping out this month. You could add a couple of bits to your weekly shop (see the list below) and drop them off into the white box by the Presbytery door. Or perhaps donate some money to help us pay for the weekly shopping trips which keep the pantry stocked. You can use the contactless donation point in the Church vestibule or give cash to 57 Egerton Road.

January's a tough month for everyone, but each and every donation is hugely appreciated and will help keep families fed this Winter.

### How can I help?

As well as cash donations, we are incredibly grateful for any food you can give.

#### PLEASE DONATE:

Pasta sauce  
Pesto  
Tinned chickpeas  
Dried lentils  
UHT dairy milk  
Oil  
Tuna  
Other tinned fish  
Pasta  
Rice  
Oat cakes  
Crackers  
Basic deodorant  
Oil  
Coffee  
Jam  
Sweet biscuits

#### Please DO NOT donate:

Fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste - but Family Food Action can take it)

Soup  
Oats

### Where do I leave food donations?

Please put **food donations** either in the **clear box labelled “Community Food Pantry Donation Box”** at the **back of the church** or in the **box outside the front door of the Presbytery.**

**How do I donate money?**

There is a “Food Pantry” button on the Donation Point inside the church if you would like to make monetary donations by card. Or you can give cash to Mgr Massey or put it in an envelope through Jenny Glester’s door at 57 Egerton Road.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### Get fit for 2023

Let's get physical for 2023 at Mum-Dance, the totally 80s dance fitness class. Hilarious, effective routines to all your school disco faves like Flashdance, Pump Up the Jam, MC Hammer, Yazz and more!

Live and kicking on Mondays 7.30 - 8.30pm in the school hall. Do 5,000 steps per class, get fit the fun way and get YOU back - Lycra optional! Book now at [www.mum-dance.co.uk](http://www.mum-dance.co.uk)

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JUST ROCK® Bristol is a music club for children (7-18) and adults (19+) in Redland. We offer group lessons in guitar, bass, drums and singing and the opportunity to perform regularly as part of a live band. Beginners are very welcome!

The 90-minute, weekly sessions are held on Mondays after school in Redland Church Hall, Redland Green Road, Bristol, BS6 7HE

Timings:

Juniors (7-11s) 4.15pm-5.45pm

Seniors (11-18s) 6.00pm-7.30pm

Adults (19+) 7.45pm-9.15pm

Our end of year gig will be held in July 2023 at The Fleece, Bristol.

To book, go to [www.justrock.com/clubs](http://www.justrock.com/clubs) and submit a ‘Contact us’ enquiry form.