



Friday 1st April 2022

Dear parents and carers,

It was great to see many of you in school for parents evening this week. Thank you to everyone who entered the school via the school office area. I hope you enjoyed seeing the children's books and their classrooms. If you have any feedback on your parents' evening experience please do speak to Mrs Woolley or myself on the gate.

Attendance

Thank you to everyone who is working with us to improve their child's attendance and ensure they are in school every day. As you will be aware, a child with an attendance figure below 90% will cause me concern. If you need support with attendance or punctuality for your child, please do come and speak to me and we can explore how best to support you.

EAL parent support group

We are holding our first EAL parent support group meeting on Monday 4th April at 9am in the DT room. All parents for whom English is an additional language are welcome to attend. We will have tea and coffee available. It is an opportunity to discuss and ask questions about school life and meet new people. If you are not sure whether to attend, I would like to encourage you to come to the first meeting and give it a go. We look forward to seeing you

Non-uniform days - money raised

I would like to say a heart-felt thank you for all the money that has been raised this term. We have raised money for two charities.



Firstly, for the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis appeal we raised £347.10 through our non-uniform day and £311.67 with suggestions for a name for a teddy. This raised a total of £658.77. Thank you so much.

We also held two non-uniform days to raise money for the Bishop's chosen charities. We raised £290.77 for MADLACC (a community-based organisation focused on sustainable land management in Uganda) and £256.67 for Uganda International Tree Foundation. This was a total of £547.44. Again, thank you for your generosity.

Finally, I would like to say a massive well done to a group of year 5 and 6 girls. Firstly, to Evie, Isabelle, Shauna and Naina who have made badges and friendship bracelets in Ukrainian colours to raise money for the Ukrainian crisis appeal. To date, they have raised over £200.

Secondly, well done to Nancy who made Ukrainian flag cupcakes and sold them to the staff. You raised £35. I am so proud of you all as this was all your own efforts!

Cantonese translator required

I am looking for someone to translate some Maths assessments for me in school. We do have a small budget to pay for this. If you are able to help please email me on head.st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk

Amazon Wishlist

Thank you to all parents and carers who have accessed our Amazon Wishlist, set up by one of our parent governors, and have purchased resources for a specific year group. The children are enjoying using these. If you haven't had the opportunity to take a look and would like to purchase something please use this link:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/159AR9UKDHR3K?ref=wl_share

Thank you so much in advance.

Best,

mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events from week commencing: Monday 4th April 2022 (MENU week 2)

Monday 4th April: 9am Parent EAL meeting – English as an additional language

Tues 5th April: Parents' evening

Friday 8th April: **EASTER FESTIVAL! And last day of term SCHOOL REOPENS ON MONDAY 25th APRIL**

Monday 25th April: 2.30pm Spelling information session – all year group parents

ST GEORGE'S HOUSE – wear RED home clothes today if you are in this house

Y5 residential trip to Greatwood

Tuesday 26th April: 9am Reading information session – Reception and KS1 parents

After School and Breakfast Clubs Term 5

Bookings can now be made for after school and breakfast clubs for Term 5.

Please note that school will be closed on Monday 2nd May for the Bank Holiday and on Friday 27th May which is an INSET day.

Any credits accrued during Term 4 have been moved forward so will automatically be put towards any bookings made.

Easter Playscheme – bookings open

Our Kidzone team will be running a Playscheme during the Easter holidays.

The Playscheme will be open from Monday 11th – Thursday 14th April and from Tuesday 19th – Friday 22nd April but closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday (15th and 18th April).

A full day runs from 8.30am until 5.45pm and costs £28. A short day runs from 10am until 4pm and costs £21. You can book now using School Gateway.

School lunches on Thursday – SPRING PICNIC day!

The lunch on offer on Thursday 7th April will be a feast of all your picnic party favourites



MAINS

A scrumptious choice of either cheese, ham or tuna sandwich (one choice)
Pizza whirl, potato wedges, carrot and cucumber sticks and coleslaw

DESSERT

Raspberry yoghurt cake

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no hot lunch, salad bar or jacket potatoes available on this day.

On the day children can order their choice of sandwich filling during morning registration when the teacher asks what they would like for lunch.

Alternatively, children can bring in their own packed lunch.

Kidzone needs your donations!

Please do consider donating any games, puzzles, play food/kitchen items, role play items, small world items (e.g: pirate ship / play people / castle / animals, etc) that your child/ren no longer play with to Kidzone After School Club and Playscheme. We would also love any craft items you no longer use.

These will all be gratefully received and provide us with more opportunities to extend play for the children who attend our sessions. Please bring any donations to the DT room to leave with the team directly at the end of a school day, or hand into the main school office who will ensure we receive it.

Thank you! Kidzone Play Team

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

Doughnuts and Hot Chocolates at the Easter Festival – pre-order now

Krispy Kreme doughnuts are back for the Easter Festival.

Pre-orders of 6 or 12 doughnuts are available again from now until 31st March at stbonsptfa.com/events

Individual doughnuts will be available on the day from 2.45pm for £1 each along with hot drinks

Contactless or cash payment

Second-Hand Uniform

If you are in need of uniform or have any donations (branded and in good condition) please email ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

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

I am Georgina, a mum from Reception class RH. I am making 🥕 Handmade Easter Carrots 🥕 for charity, please email me if you are interested in ordering. I will arrange to get them to you by the end of term:

The perfect Easter gift and Easter hunt accessory!!



I am making and selling these awesome carrots to raise funds for Joe, my cousin who has been diagnosed with Leukaemia in the States. Each carrot has been lovingly made from felt, filled with sweets and secured with green ribbon. Much like organic carrots, each one is slightly different but still fab!

Size approximately 25cm tall and 10cm wide.

Contact me on the email address below to arrange collection/delivery.

Suggested donation £4 per carrot 🥕 Payment by PayPal or cash on collection

PayPal and contact email: gsimpson2010@googlemail.com

Babysitting

Hi, my name is Faye. I am 16 and the daughter of Mrs Benians who works in the school office. I'm currently at RGS and am looking for babysitting work. I really enjoy working with children and helped at St Bon's with Mrs Hinkins for my DofE. If you need any babysitting help, please pop into the office and speak to my mum.

St Bon's Brownies has vacancies for new Brownies. If you have a daughter in Year 2 or above and would like your daughter to join the parish Brownie group, please contact stbonsbrownies@gmail.com

St Bon's parent who needs help with transport

One of our parents with two children here at St Bon's has recently moved to Lawrence Weston. The family does not have a car and the bus journey is really difficult (multiple buses across different bus companies). If you would be interested in earning a small amount of money to go and collect the girls at about 8am and bring them to St Bon's, please get in touch with Mrs Benians in the office clare.benians@bristol-schools.uk Even if you could only help on a few days a week, that would be great.

Fundraising by one of our pupils

One of our 2C pupils is taking part in some fundraising for Great Ormond Street Hospital. She will be taking part in the challenge to swim 5km (200 lengths of our local pool) in March to raise money for charity. If you would like to donate, please use the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/234373738907429/>

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