



# ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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guided by the light of Christ

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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we remembered Mrs Joy Rigg (Mrs McGrath's mum) with the planting of a fruit tree in the school grounds. Father Tom led us in a blessing to commemorate Joy's life and her long connection with our school.

We have had our Section 48 inspection report back from the Diocese. We are delighted to be able to let you know that we remain an outstanding Catholic school. The report includes suggestions about where we can develop our religious education work further. We will of course take note of these so that our provision continues to improve.

The report contains many positive statements about the school including:

"The pupils' care and respect for each other make an excellent contribution to the ethos of the school, particularly in the positive role modelling of the older pupils for the younger children."

"The outcomes, provision and leadership and management for religious education (RE) are outstanding."

"The provision for the prayer life of the school and the pupils' wholehearted response are outstanding as is the effectiveness of the leadership and management in monitoring and evaluating the quality of its prayer life."

Thank you for all your support before and during the inspection and for the encouragement that you continue to give. A copy of the report is attached with the newsletter and is also available on the news section of our website as well as in the Information / RE section.

One of our pupils today found a £20 note on the road. Rather than keeping it for herself, this child wished to donate the money to CAFOD's Harvest appeal. Another pupil has donated money from having sold toys that she no longer uses. This is living out Gospel values in our own community and underlines our commitment to this term's core value of love.

On the same theme, thank you to everyone who has been so generous in donating food items for our Harvest collection. This will be going to Crisis Centre Ministries who support our city's most vulnerable people.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very restful half term break. It has been an extremely long term, particularly for our new Reception children. Rest and relax! We will see you on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Best wishes,

*Lucille Charles*  
Headteacher



**Events week commencing:** Mon 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (NEW MENU week1)

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> : INSET DAY – children do not come into school

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> : Start of Term 2**

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> : Flu vaccinations for children – only for those pre booked

**Events week commencing:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (NEW MENU week 2)

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> : Open day for Reception 2019 applicants**

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> : Percy Smith swimming gala 7.30pm

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> : 5P class assembly 2.45pm – parents welcome**  
Open day for Reception 2019 applicants

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> : Guitar concert 2.45pm – parents welcome**  
Children in Need cake sale after school – organised by pupils

## *Parenting Spotlight*

### **“I’m bored!!!!!!”**

Yes, those two words can fill any parent with dread! Please remember, it is important for your child to be bored. Unstructured time allows your child to explore their inner and outer worlds and to engage with themselves and the world, to imagine, invent and create.

If you are hearing those two words, check first that it is boredom they are complaining of and in fact they aren’t just making a cry for your attention. Fill up their ‘love tank’ and see if they still need to find something to do!

If your child struggles with being bored, an idea is to create a ‘Boredom Busting Jar’. Attached is a list of ideas that you could use to start your jar off – print the ideas off, cut them up and put them in the jar and let your child pick one every time they are ‘bored’.

Switch off the devices and let the creativity flow! Happy holidays!

### **School dinners**

New menus come into effect after half term and the price of meals is also increasing to £2.10. Copies of the menu have been sent home via email and in book bags. It is also on our school website in the ‘News’ and ‘School meals’ sections.

### **4G cake sale**

Thank you to everyone who made, bought and ate cakes today in aid of CAFOD. We will let you know how much we raised from this and the non-uniform day after half term.

## Class websites

Each class has a homepage where you can get information about homework, what to bring in, special events and have a look at recent learning.

Parents can log in to view their children's homepages by visiting our school website ([stbons.uk](http://stbons.uk)) and clicking the 'Login' button in the top right hand corner.

You should have received a letter containing your login details, but if you have lost or forgotten them, click the "I've forgotten my password" link on the login page, and enter your email address (the email address on which you receive this newsletter). It will then enable you to reset your password.



## Year 6 – parents please read!



If you have not already done so, please make sure you apply for your child's secondary school place by midnight on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

This can be done online via the Bristol City Council website here <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions>

## Drama club

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November is an INSET day, so our first club day back will be Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November.  
WHOLE CAST rehearsal.

**Drama finishes at 5.15pm on Monday 12th November**

Great news – we have a week more rehearsals than we thought!  
Please see new schedule attached with the newsletter.

## Nativity performances for classes in Reception, Y1 and Y2



To ensure that all those who want to attend the nativity performances are able to do so, we will be running TWO performances for each class on the following days:

RM, 1GM, 2T – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm  
RT, 1H, 2W – Weds 12<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm

Four invitations per family will be sent home, two per performance. The invitations will be dated and checked on arrival, so please do use the correct tickets for the correct day!

Please return any unwanted tickets to the school office so that these can be used by other family members if needed.

## One off payments

Letters detailing the cost for each year group's trips, Design and Tech (DT) costs, swimming lessons (where applicable) and theatre visits in school should now have reached you. If not, please check your email inbox or come and pick up a paper copy from the office. The costs for each year group are:

Reception:	£23.50
Year 1:	£35.00
Year 2:	£65.50
Year 3:	£63.00
Year 4:	£67.00
Year 5:	£65.00
Year 6:	£60.00

Please note that the one off payment does NOT include residential camps - these are paid for separately for years 5 (Greatwood) and 6 (Kintbury and PGL). You can pay for the one off payment online via School Gateway or by cash or cheque. The deadline is mid-January – you are welcome to pay in instalments which are convenient to you. This is very easy to do online or with cash or cheques taken to the office.

## WEBOX – shoe box appeal for Christmas

Thank you to everyone who has collected a box – we have run out already!  
We will have more boxes available after half term.



Fill the box with goodies which will be packaged up and sent to Albania for children who don't usually receive Christmas presents.

Mr Mico, one of our parents, will be going with the boxes this year and will be taking photographs for us so we can see where our boxes end up.

Use the word WEBOX to help you shop!

- W – something to **Wash** with – soap, flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste
- E – something **Educational** – pens, pencils, notepad, colouring crayons, calculator.
- B – a **Bar** of chocolate or a bag of sweets
- O – Something to put **On**. Hat, scarf, gloves, socks, sunglasses, jewellery.
- X – Something **eXciting** – any other games or toys that a child would like to receive.

Thank you in advance for your help and generosity.



## Do you owe the school money?

St Bon's is owed thousands of pounds in unpaid fees for our extended schools clubs. We cannot continue with this level of debt. Please will you check ALL your balances on School Gateway, and make sure that everything is paid.

We are going to have to start refusing ASC, BC and Playscheme places to people who don't keep their accounts in order. I am happy, on this occasion, to take a single cheque for the total amount owed and apportion it accordingly.

Thank you. Penny Southgate, Extended Schools Administrator



## Kidzone Playscheme – October half term



October Half Term is nearly here!

Kidzone will be open for Playscheme from Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November. The club is based in the DT room onsite. There will be craft and cookery activities everyday as well as access to fun indoor and outdoor play opportunities.

Both full and short sessions are available to suit your needs. Booking forms are available from the main office.

If you would like further information, don't hesitate to contact the play team – [kidzonestbons@bristol-schools.co.uk](mailto:kidzonestbons@bristol-schools.co.uk) Open to all children, not just those at St Bon's.

### Prices

Full day (08:30 till 17:45) - £23

Short day (10:00 till 16:00) - £16

Half day AM (08:30-13:00) - £12

Half day PM (13:00-17:45) - £12

## PTFA news

### Aviva Community Fund

Voting has now opened for the 2018 Aviva Community Fund. St Bonaventure's PTFA have entered a project to be in with a chance of receiving a grant to regenerate the Foundation Stage playground area which includes the Preschool and Reception classes.

We need your votes to support this project - the projects with the most votes become finalists and if we reach the final we will automatically receive £500. Anyone who lives in the UK can register and will get 10 votes to use. So please vote for us and share with all your family and friends. Voting closes on 20 November 2018.

Please use this link: <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/4-2994> or visit [avivacommunityfund.co.uk](https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk) for more information.

## **Dates for your diaries**

**Monday 26th November**

### **Bag2School**

Bags have been handed out to your children this week so get filling over half term.  
More information will be coming to you via the class reps.

**Sunday 2nd December**

### **Christmas Fair**

There will be a Christmas fair committee meeting after half term so please watch this space for more details to see how you can get involved.

Thank you for your continued support. Please contact us on [ptfa.stbons@gmail.com](mailto:ptfa.stbons@gmail.com) if you have any comments or suggestions.

Melanie and Hilary, Joint PTFA Chairs

## **SPORTS NEWS THIS WEEK**

**We have now heard we have been successful in getting our school games mark gold award!!!**

### **Team football**

Football training as normal on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Swimming**

Next swim time trials will be held on Sunday 3rd February 2019 at 2pm. Please put the date in your diary. If anyone is good with IT stuff and can offer their help, please speak to Mrs McGrath.

### **PE kit**

Please note the school PE kit is a white round neck T-shirt (no collar) and BLUE shorts. (Long legged track suit bottoms are only allowed in terms 2 and 3) Trainers or daps are also needed.

### **Multisport club for children in years 1 and 2**

This club will start on Wednesday 7th November. All those children for whom confirmation of a place has been received will need to meet in 1GM at 3.15pm on Wednesdays with their PE kit. .

### **Sport clubs**

Some sports clubs will be run by St Bon's staff and will be free and others are run by outside professionals, there will be a small charge for these clubs. If any parents would be interested in helping with any of the sports clubs or running a club please do let Mrs McGrath know.

### **Yoga**

This club has now resumed and will take place in the school hall 7.50 – 8.30am. If you would like to attend please email Mrs McGrath for a letter on [kate.mcgrath@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:kate.mcgrath@bristol-schools.uk) It is for KS2 only.

### **Running/walking club**

Has now resumed on Wednesday mornings at 7.50am. This club is free and open to all parents, careers, and children. Please turn up at school in running clothes (school uniform in a bag)  
We would love to see more people - all are welcome any ability is catered for.

### **Tag Rugby**

There are still a few spaces available in our new rugby club for Y1-6, on Thursdays after school, 3.15-4.30

Please ask in the office for a letter about joining this. 5th Oct - 20th Dec £44

### **Dance**

There will be a dance class on Wednesdays for KS2 and Fridays for KS1 after school in the hall from 3.15 – 4.30pm. KS1 class is now full but we do have spaces in KS2 class on Wednesdays. This club is being run by RISE Dance Company and there will be a small charge. Letters about this have been sent home although there are spare ones in the office.

### **Sport clubs for our parents**

We are hoping to get all the parents /carers of our school just as fit as the children, teaching the kids by example! There are early morning sports clubs available on most mornings on the school premises;

Monday – Yoga (KS2)

Monday – netball (ladies only)

Wednesday – running/walking club – all are welcome

Thursday – circuits – all are welcome

# SPORTS & CLUBS LIST

Please check the school website or your email for news of club cancellations.

## AFTER SCHOOL

### RECEPTION, YEARS 1 and 2

<b>DANCE CLUB Rise:</b> Fridays 3.30-4.30pm – THIS CLUB IS NOW FULL – please ask if you would like your child to join a waiting list	Fridays Rec – Yr 2
<b>FOOTBALL Premier Sport:</b> Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit <a href="http://www.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</a>	Mondays Yrs 1-2
<b>MULTISPORTS Premier Sport:</b> Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Mrs McGrath has now confirmed with parents which children have a place. This club is FULL.	Wednesdays Yrs 1 and 2
<b>TAG RUGBY Clifton Rugby Club:</b> Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm	Thursdays Rec - Yr 6

### YEARS 3-6

<b>DANCE CLUB Rise:</b> Wednesdays KS2 3.30-4.30pm – SPACES AVAILABLE	Weds KS2
<b>FENCING &amp; ARCHERY Premier Sport:</b> For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Fridays 3.30 - 4.30pm. Book online <a href="http://www.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</a> or call Lee 07917 187771.	Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm
<b>FOOTBALL Premier Sport:</b> Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Forms have been sent home or book online <a href="http://www.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</a> or call Lee on 07917 18 7771	Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
<b>GYMNASTICS Bristol School of Gymnastics:</b> Yr 4 Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm Yr 5 and 6 Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm  Please contact Vicky Ashworth at BSG on 942 9620 for further information.	Tuesdays Yr 3 Thursdays Yr 4
<b>HOCKEY Premier Sport:</b> For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Fridays 3.30 - 4.30pm. Book online <a href="http://www.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</a> or call Lee 07917 187771.	Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm
<b>KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews:</b> Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm in 3W classroom. Please fill out a club permission slip if your child would like to rejoin or start this club.	Tuesdays – will start 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept
<b>NETBALL Mrs McGrath:</b> Tuesdays after school 3.15-4.15pm for Years 5 and 6. Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm for Years 3 and 4. Squad players will be invited to early morning training on Tuesdays at 8.00am.	Tuesdays Yr 5-6 & Thursdays Yr 3-4
<b>TAG RUGBY Clifton Rugby Club:</b> Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm	Thursdays Rec - Yr 6
<b>TEAM FOOTBALL Mr Morgan:</b> Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm	Wednesdays Yr 5 – Yr 6

### EARLY MORNING

<b>BADMINTON Premier Sport:</b> Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6 Book online <a href="http://www.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</a> or call Lee 07917 187771. £20 for Term 2.	Tues 7.45 – 8.30am
<b>CIRCUIT TRAINING Mr Morgan:</b> Thursdays at 7.50am. Circuit training in the Hall for fitness. All abilities welcome including parents. See Mrs McGrath for more information	Thursdays 7.50am Yr 3-6



<b>NETBALL FOR WOMEN:</b> Mondays 9 - 10.00am. All abilities welcome. £1 charge.	Mondays 9 - 10am
<b>RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath:</b> Wednesdays at 7.45am. This club is free and open to all parents, carers and children. Please turn up at school in running clothes with school uniform in a bag.	Wednesdays 7.45am
<b>YOGA Ms Sus:</b> Mondays at 7.50-8.30am in the Hall. All abilities welcome including parents. Please collect a letter from the school office if you are interested.	Mondays 7.50am Yrs 3-6

## LUNCH TIME

<b>BIBLE DISCOVERY Miss Haime / Mrs Woolley: For years 4-6</b> - Monday lunchtimes 12.30-1.15 in 2WR classroom. We do lots of creative activities based around prayer, scripture and reflection.	Mondays Yr 4-6
<b>CHOIR Miss Tudhope: For years 1-2</b> - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 1-2
<b>CHOIR Miss Gray: For years 3-6</b> - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3CG classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 3-6
<b>CHAPLAINCY Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6</b> – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	Thursdays Yr 5-6
<p><b>DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman:</b> For years 5 and 6 - Thursdays 12.15 – 12.50pm. Children do not need to sign a form – just come along. It takes place in 4SA's classroom.</p> <p>Children should bring a packed lunch to eat during the club. If they have school dinners, they can still attend, but will need to leave slightly earlier. We debate issues relating to both school life and the wider world in an age appropriate and relevant way.</p>	Thursdays Yr 5-6

### PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please note that the school accepts no responsibility for any private arrangements that parents make with external after school activities. If you have made arrangements for any other agency to collect your child from school you should inform your child's class teacher so that they know who your child is going home with.

## COMMUNITY SECTION

- The annual St Bon's Church Quiz Night is taking place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November in the school hall. Tickets cost £10 per team (max 6 people) – please contact the parish office on 942 4448 or [bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com)

- **BRISTOL CATHEDRAL HALF TERM ACTIVITIES**

Wednesday 31st October 10:00-12:00 – Crafty Cathedral our theme this term is Amazing Space. Come and drop in to try your hand at some crafts that are OUT OF THIS WORLD! Children can also borrow an explorer bag and have a go at our Wonderful Windows or Robin Route trails. Pay what you think. Suggested donation £2 per family, with all proceeds going towards our Education work. Best suited for under 11s.

Saturday 3rd November 10:30-12:00 - Remembering the First World War. Come and hear the fascinating story of WW1 as seen through the real-life experiences of 32 former pupils of St John's, Bristol.

This will be followed by some themed craft afterwards in our Chapter House. Suitable for children aged 10+.