



Friday 4th February 2022

Dear parents and carers,

We have seen a slight increase in the number of Covid cases amongst our pupils and staff this week. As a result, we have introduced some additional control measures. These include identifying close contacts of anyone who tests positive and asking them to carry out lateral flow tests for 7 days. Thank you to everyone who is supporting us with this. We have also seen an increase in the number of tummy and stomach upsets. Please note that our stay at home guidance following a bout of tummy or stomach upset is 48 hours from the last bout.

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 8th February

We will be celebrating Safer Internet Day next week and my assemblies will focus on how we behave when we are online. Attached to this newsletter are some useful posters providing tips about how we can show respect online. This links to our new school rules Be Respectful, Be Kind, Be ready and is a good way in for you to start a conversation about online safety with your children.

I would also like to remind you about the online safety session we have planned for parents on Thursday 24th March at 6pm. This session is going to be led by Andri Nicolaou, a Prevention Officer for Child Sexual and Criminal Exploitation. This is an online session and you do not need to book a place beforehand. I will share the link with you nearer the time.

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

I am keen to reintroduce our parent support group for parents for whom English is an additional language. This would be a weekly session which parents 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. We will then be in touch to arrange an initial meeting.

Best,

mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 7th February 2022 (MENU week 1)

Tues 8 th February:	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 9 th February:	No Mr Morgan Football after school – Basketball trials for Years 5 & 6 instead 3.30pm-4.30pm

February Playscheme

Our Kidzone team will be running a Playscheme this February half term from Monday 21st to Friday 25th. Bookings are now being taken and need to be made by Friday 11th February. The prices remain £28 for a full day and £21 for a short day.

**Mr Morgan's Football After School replaced by Basketball Trials next week –
Wednesday 9th February 3.30pm-4.30pm**

There will be no after school football with Mr Morgan on Wednesday 9th February. Instead, Mr Morgan will be holding the Basketball Trials for Years 5 & 6.

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

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!

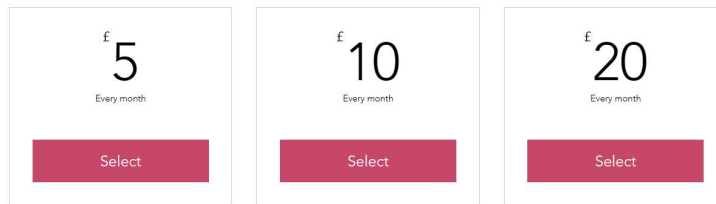
Details to follow!

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



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

HomeStart

Please find attached with this newsletter an advert from HomeStart about their upcoming volunteering training course.

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 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 February - please like and follow my Facebook page. Good luck!!

The essence of health is inner balance.