



St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a great deal of concern about the Government's proposed new funding arrangements for schools. With this newsletter is a letter from Jonathan Rogers, Vice-chair of Governors and Chair of the Finance Committee updating you on the current situation.

Could I bring to your attention a note below about the online music app 'Musical.ly' which lots of children are now using. This is a matter of importance as an incidence of online grooming using this app has been reported at a primary school in Bristol. Please remember to monitor your children's online activity.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated items for our 'Feeding the Hungry' collection for Borderlands. The full list of required items is given on page 2. Please could I encourage you to contribute to this collection with whatever you can manage.

Our Year 6 pupils had their SATS mocks this week in preparation for May's tests. They showed resilience and focus and were able to get a really good idea of what to expect for the real thing. My thanks to the whole year 6 team for ensuring that this all ran smoothly.

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a trip to the Colston Hall today to hear the wonderful Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra perform a medley of music from film and theatre. My thanks to Mrs McGrath for making this opportunity become reality.

Best wishes,

Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 13th March 2017 (**MENU** no: 2)

Weds 15th March: Netball tournament @ St Bede's
Swimming gala 7.30pm

Thurs 16th March: Cross Country 2-3.30pm @ Colston's School
Swimming gala 7-8pm Easton Penguins

Thurs 23rd March: Primary schools choir concert at St Bede's

Events week commencing: Monday 20th March 2017 (**MENU** no: 3)

School drama production 'The Jungle Book' this week

Thurs 23rd March: Year 5 netball tournament at Colston's
Primary schools choir concert at St Bede's

Drama Club

Mon 13th Mar - 3.15 – 6pm - Run through Act 1 & 2- Cast A only - all costumes in today labelled and in a labelled bag

Weds 15th Mar - 3.15 - 6pm - Run through Act 1 & 2- Cast B only - all costumes in today labelled and in a labelled bag

Fri 17th March – 9.00 - 4.30pm – whole cast day rehearsal



Online safety : Musical.ly

Parents and carers have been warned after an incident of online grooming using popular music app musical.ly in a Bristol primary school.

Parents are being asked to be "extra vigilant" and monitor their children's use of the app and making friends online. This comes after parents around the country warned that online predators were targeting young children through this app.

Please discuss the safety rules around using apps such as musical.ly and YouTube with your children and make sure they are clear of the action that needs to be taken if they are concerned or unsure about something.

The music app, musical.ly, allows users to be followed and contacted by strangers. Users create a 15-second music video and choose the music from a song list. They are then shared online. The app has no minimum age for users, and many children make their videos public to get followers.

Musical.ly has encouraged parents to closely monitor their child's account, and to report any suspicious activity, as well as having an open dialogue about staying safe online.

Help us to help others this Lent

As part of our whole school focus 'Feeding the Hungry' we would like to encourage everyone to do more during Lent. As a result, we will be collecting dried and tinned foods for a Bristol charity called Borderlands. This charity supports asylum seekers and refugees.

All foods collected will be either used for cooking meals in the charity's kitchens or distributed to those in need directly. A drop off box for items will be in the school office reception area. The charity has requested that we donate items on the following list only:

- Rice
- Tinned tomatoes
- Red lentils
- Chickpeas
- Vegetable Oil
- Sugar
- Spices
- Shower gel
- Shampoo
- Pasta
- Tea and coffee
- Biscuits
- Tinned vegetables
- Vegetable soup
- UHT milk
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes



BORDERLANDS
from exclusion to
BELONGING

Jungle Book performance

St Bon's drama club will be performing The Jungle Book this year. Tickets are still available from the school office for Wednesday 22nd March at 3.30pm and Friday 24th March at 6.30pm

Year 4 cake sale for Cafod

Many thanks to everyone who made, bought and ate cakes. You raised a fantastic £181.13!



Parents' evening

Thank you to everyone who has already returned the parents' evening reply slip. If you have not seen a copy come home, please come to the office and we can provide you with another. The form is also attached with this newsletter's email.

Parking

Please could parents/carers refrain from double parking and blocking Cornwall Road to drop off children. Today a blue camper van registration plate YE08 WPF blocked Cornwall Road to let their son out of the car whilst there was a space available which they could have parked in and avoided causing traffic build up on the road.

Many thanks for your support.



KidZone – online bookings

Online booking is now available for our current After School and Breakfast Club pupils. If your child does not attend either club, but if you would like to be able to book places for the Playscheme online, please contact Penny Southgate in the school office.

Father Clem's memorial service

There will be a memorial service for Father Clem at St Bonaventure's Church on Tuesday 21st March at 7pm.

After school club and Breakfast club

OUTSTANDING FEES:

All fees for both clubs for Terms 3 and 4 should have been paid, unless you have made arrangements with me personally to delay for some reason. If your child's account is in debt, please pay the amount owed as soon as possible. Please also check all other after school and breakfast club and playscheme accounts to make sure you don't owe money elsewhere. There are still quite a few people who owe money for previous terms, and it takes a lot of time to chase up these debts!

AD HOC BOOKINGS:

If you send in a request for an ad hoc session using the paper form, please assume that you have the booking unless you hear otherwise. I will always contact you as soon as possible if your child is not able to attend the session because we are full. (Please bear in mind that I do not work on Thursdays and Fridays. Please ask someone else in the office to check bookings on those days if you need an answer straightaway).

Year 6 – PGL camp payment plan



We have now collected in deposits from all families whose Year 6 children will be attending camp – many thanks for your help with this.

Please note that, if you are paying by instalments, the second payment of £65 is due by Friday 10th March.

The total payment is £225.50 (less £40 deposit).

Music lessons - payment for Terms 5 and 6



For children who have guitar, brass, piano or violin lessons in school, payment can now be made for Terms 5 and 6. The deadline for payment is the end of term, Friday 7th April.

You can pay using School Gateway or by cash or cheque (payable to Bristol City Council please). Please include your child's name and instrument on the back of any cheques and get a receipt from us for cash payments.

Families with English as an additional language – help with reading at home with your children

Our school would like to encourage parents to read more with their children at home as it really makes a big difference to their progress in all subjects.

Mrs Charles has offered the idea of more practical sessions/workshops in literacy and maths during our Thursday meetings and Mrs Ballantine is happy to organise sessions for parents to learn English phonics so they can feel more at ease to teach/help their children with reading at home.

The phonics workshops can be arranged in small friendly groups after drop off or before pick up and of course during our Thursday meetings.

If you are interested in attending one of these workshops, please send an email to ratiba_preisner@yahoo.co.uk with your availability. Many thanks.

KidZone Playscheme for Easter holidays

KidZone Playscheme will be running during the Easter holidays. KidZone has access to St Bon's resources including the outdoor multi use games area, school gym and Scrapstore PlayPod.

KidZone can offer your children an inclusive and safe place to play between the hours of 8:30am and 5:45pm. Fresh fruit and vegetables, pittas, dips and bread sticks are served daily and children are encouraged to take part in a variety of cooking and craft activities on offer throughout the day. On any given day children will be building dens, playing football, painting, reading, climbing about, running around or engrossed in role play.



Opening

Monday 10th April – Friday 21st April
(not including Good Friday 14th April and Easter Monday 17th April)
Open to all children, not just those who attend 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

Bookings

Can be made online, in club or via the school office.

St Bon's Parish Car Boot and Wheelbarrow Sale

Saturday 25th March 10am to noon in St Bon's Church car park. This event is to raise money for the business centre development. £5 for cars and £3 for wheelbarrows.

We will be serving drinks and cakes. Helpers will be needed and donations of cakes. Please contact Mary Moore mcmoore@blueyonder.co.uk or 07929 399907, Hilary Farey hilary@farey.org or Veronica Swann veronica.swann@hotmail.co.uk to book a car/barrow or to offer help.

Lottery winners for January 2017

Please come and collect your winnings from the office!

Jan 2016	
£50.00	Sean Galvin
£25.00	Maria Gonzalez Astudillo
£5.00	Sarah Bushell
£5.00	Anne Rose

SPORTS

Football

Training on Wednesday 15th March.

Dance

We are still recruiting new members for this club as it is in danger of closing. Boys and girls welcome. Fridays 3.15pm – 4.30pm. £4 a session.

New early morning club....circuits

There is a new early morning fitness club on Thursday mornings from 7.50am to 8.30am. This is open to KS2 children and parents, carers and staff. Please fill in a club slip available from the office. For more information ask Mrs McGrath.

Shin Pads

If you have any shin pads that you don't need any more would you be able to donate them to school please? We will be teaching hockey and it would be great if the children were able to wear shin pads in their lesson. We need a few spare ones in case children don't own any. Many thanks.

Netball tournament

Good luck to the netball team playing at St Bede's on Wednesday morning. All parents are welcome to watch.

Swimming

Good luck to the teams taking part in the galas next week. Percy Smith on Wednesday 15th March 7.30pm at Horfield sports centre and Penguins gala 7pm on Thursday 16th March

Cross Country

Good luck to all the runners taking part in the Cross country event at Colston's School on Thursday 16th in the afternoon. All reply slips in ASAP please.

Scout leader wanted

The very successful 1st Bishopston Scout group which is affiliated to St Bonaventure's Church is looking for a new leadership team to run a brand new Scout troop on Monday evenings at the scout hut. We need to open a 3rd scout troop in order to cope with the demand as the group is now so popular. Any new recruits don't need any experience, just a sense of humour and a desire to help the young people reach their full potential. All training will be given and support from the established leadership team. for more information please talk to Mrs McGrath

COMMUNITY SECTION

- **JULIA MCDADE** Drama, Performance and Voice Tutor

I am an experienced and dynamic drama teacher who offers drama and vocal training in all aspects of performance including acting, public speaking, poetry, prose and improvisation. Sessions are tailored to suit each individual – from students wishing to develop their self-confidence and self-esteem, to those preparing for LAMDA examinations, festivals or Drama School auditions. Group sessions also available

All ages welcome. FFI contact Julia McDade LLAM (dip) ALAM (dip) juliamcdade1@gmail.com or call 07771 634060.

- **Childcare needed** I am looking for someone to drop my children off and pick them up from their schools (my daughter attends St Bon's and my son attends Bishop Road) and look after them after school (roughly 50 hours per month). I am preferably looking for somebody who lives in the Redland area.

Please contact me for more details: Magda 07481 497407.

- I am a French girl, my name is Agathe Ducos and I'm 15 years old.
I'm looking for an exchange with a correspondent for two to three weeks during this summer (July or August 2017). I live in a village in the Alps close to Grenoble (30 minutes' drive) in south-east France. I practise cross country skiing in competition and many other sports (mountains biking, running, swimming, trekking, climbing, skiing...). I also like movies, books, nature, shopping and many other things. I also play guitar. I have studied English for 5 years.

If you are interested, you can use one of the ways below to contact me:

Email: titducos@gmail.com

Number mobile: 00 33 783220293

Number phone: 0476263118

On facebook I am: Agathe DUCOS

You can also contact me by Skype with my fathre's address: Xavier.ducos

- **Vinyasa Flow Yoga at Kings Tennis Club, Mondays at 6:45-7:45pm**
Vinyasa Flow is a dynamic practice which coordinates movement with the breath and combines elements of both Ashtanga and Hatha Yoga.

Vinyasa Flow Yoga provides a strong physical practice and has all the calming effects of a moving meditation. The postures increase coordination, strength and flexibility, whilst easing tension and creating space in both the mind and body.

5 weeks for £45 or £10 drop-in

For more details or to book your place contact Emilia at emilia@emflow.co.uk or 07814468238
www.emflow.co.uk

- **Free Kings Tennis Club Open Day Saturday 1st April 11-3pm**
Free tennis fun for adults and kids including free kids and adult coaching for all levels, free adult cardio tennis for all levels, fun prizes and competitions, bouncy castle, free family court time and membership discounts to join our friendly club! Everyone welcome.

Book your place now at

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OpenDays/KingsLawnTennisClub/64824a9a-c114-45e9-a9e7-d058d026c185>

Free mini tennis March 18th - come and have some tennis fun with your children playing mini tennis with all equipment provided free! Mini tennis is played on smaller courts with slower balls so everyone can have a go and enjoy it. Book your place now at

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OpenDays/KingsLawnTennisClub/1798699f-8aa4-4999-9e43-26a222dd9998>






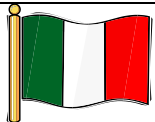





Free mini tennis April 12th (during Easter holidays) Come and have some tennis fun with your children playing mini tennis with all equipment provided free. Book your place now at

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OpenDays/KingsLawnTennisClub/5b10142d-374c-41e7-ba9e-850c1e25e745>





ST BONAVENTURE'S SCHOOL SPORTS & CLUBS





Please check the school website or your email for news of club cancellations. Alternatively, please ring the school on the day.

After school / before school clubs

	AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS CLUB Bristol School of Gymnastics: Yr 2: Tuesdays 3.15-4.15 at school. Yrs 5-6: Thursdays 3.15 – 4.15 at school. Please contact Victoria Ashworth at BSG on 942 9620 for further information.	Tuesdays Yr 2 Thursdays Yr 5-6
	CIRCUITS CLUB Ms Wynn: 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
	DANCE CLUB Rise: Fridays at 3.15-4.30pm. Years 3-6. If you would like to join please see Mrs McGrath or fill out a club permission slip.	Fridays Yrs 3-6
	FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm; Tuesdays Year 3-6 3.30-4.30pm. To book please visit www.premiersport.org or call Lee on 07917 18 7771. Places are limited.	Mondays Yrs 1-2 Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
	HOCKEY Laura Coombs: New hockey club for years 3 and 4 ONLY: Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Fridays Yrs 3-4
	ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia: Held in the Music/Languages Room For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm - children walk from their classrooms. For years 1 and 2 - Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm – children are collected from their classrooms by Maria. Please collect your children from the school office at 4.15pm. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Mondays Yrs 3-6 Tuesdays Reception, Yrs 1 and 2
	TEAM FOOTBALL Mr Morgan: Team football training for those who have been selected: Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm	Wednesdays Yrs 5 & 6
	KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews & Mrs Fox: Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm in 3W classroom. This club is NOW FULL . Please fill out a club permission slip to be added to the waiting list.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
	NETBALL Mrs McGrath: Tuesdays after school 3.15-4.15pm for Years 3-4. Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm for Years 5-6. Squad players will be invited to early morning training on Tuesdays at 8.00am.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-4 & Thursdays Yrs 5-6
	TAG RUGBY: for years 3-6: Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Thursdays Yrs 3-6
	RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath: Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesdays 7.50am

Lunch time clubs

	BIBLE DISCOVERY Miss Haime / Mrs Woolley: For years 4-6 - Monday lunchtimes 12.30-1.15 in 2WR classroom. We do lots of creative activities based around prayer, scripture and reflection.
	CHAPLAINCY Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.
	CHOIR Mrs Williams: For years 3-6 boys and girls - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3W classroom. New members welcome!
	CHOIR Miss Tudhope: For years 1 and 2 boys and girls- Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom. Children are welcome to come along to 2T for a taster session on Tuesday 20th September to see if they like it!
	BOYS' CHOIR Mr Khanna: For boys only in years 3-6 - Monday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 5K classroom.

	<p>DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman: For years 5 and 6 - Thursdays 1.15 – 1.50pm. Children do not need to sign a form – just come along. It takes place in 4SA classroom and children should bring a packed lunch to eat it during the club. We debate issues relating to both school life and the wider world in an age appropriate and relevant way. The club will start on Thursday 15th September – please come along to find out more!</p>
	<p>DIGITAL LEADERS' CLUB: For year 6 pupils – Thursdays 12.15-1.00 in 1H classroom.</p>
	<p>ORCHESTRA: Fridays 12.30pm.</p> <p>New members are very welcome, please contact Mr Khanna max.khanna@bristol-schools.uk for more info if your child is interested.</p>
	<p>STORY TIME CLUB: Wednesdays 12.45pm RECEPTION children only</p> <p>Mrs Widdowson leads story-telling and singing for our Reception classes. If your child would like to take part, please speak to their class teacher.</p>

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.