



# ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Striving to be the best we can,  
guided by the light of Christ

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, I wanted to include a message from our office staff:

"Here at school, we recognise that this is a tough time of year for families in our community. We know that financially this is the worst month of the year. You may be disappointed that you've broken your new year's resolutions already; your child has got yet another cold but you need to go to work as you had time off at Christmas; and when you leave the house to go on the school run it tips down with rain and you've forgotten your brolly. Let's not even mention after school activities, preparing meals, homework; 'yes you do need to have a bath at least once a week!' and you still have to submit your tax return by midnight! Being a parent in 2018 is a tough job. We're all trying to keep lots of plates spinning.

"Despite all this, it is important to remember that your children don't see the world in this way. We are blessed here at St Bonaventure's with wonderful pupils full of energy - happy to grab those opportunities and run with them, filling our corridors with laughter and life.

"We do our best to make it all run as smoothly for you as we can. Unfortunately, though it doesn't always go smoothly, good communication between us and kind understanding helps us to get through those little blips that are sent to try us.

"We know that you are doing the hardest job in the world, especially as your child did not come with a user-manual! We would like to ask that you take the opportunity this weekend, having survived what is reported to be the 'blue-est' week of the year, to take five minutes to breathe and congratulate yourself... you're doing a fantastic job!"

We were delighted to welcome John Atkinson (Education Lead) this week on behalf of Bristol Council's One Tree Per Child Project. A multitude of trees and shrubs have been planted in the school grounds by Year 5 children. John wanted to say how impressed he was by the attitude of our children so well done to everyone involved.

Could I please ask everyone to be mindful of these new trees and shrubs – please ensure small children do not remove any of the plastic protection around them. In the long run we will all benefit from them developing and looking great for many years to come.

Best wishes,

*Lucille Charles*  
Headteacher

**Events week commencing:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 (MENU no: 2)

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>: Y1 phonics drop in @ 9am

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>:** **Y1 phonics drop in @ 9am**

Y4 trip to Caerleon

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>:** **Phonics information session for parents 3.30pm-4pm**

**Events week commencing:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (MENU no: 3)

Mon 29<sup>th</sup>: Sports hall county finals at UWE  
Tues 30<sup>th</sup>: **4W class assembly – parents welcome from 2.45pm**  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb: 9am performance of Beowulf in school  
**Year 2 cake sale after school**

### One off payment – deadline today!

Just a reminder that the annual one off payment is due today **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January**. Amounts can be found on our website [here](#).

### Electronic devices

Please remember that no electronic devices (including mobiles) are allowed in school. Mobiles can only be brought in by children walking to school and should be handed into the office at the start of the day.

### PTFA news and important dates for your diary!

The PTFA has already planned several events for 2018 to raise funds for our lovely school. This year we would like to buy essential school equipment, such as a new smartboard for one of our classrooms, as well as maintaining and making further improvements to our outdoor spaces, and responding to funding requests from the school.

#### Dates for your diary:

**Monday 5th February** - PTFA meeting. Please come along to the PTFA meeting, 9am in the DT room, everyone welcome, the more the merrier!

**Monday 26th February** - Bag2School. Donate your good quality unwanted clothes for re-use in areas of the world reliant on second hand clothing. The last Bag2School raised over £300 for our school.

**Friday 2nd March** - Rock and Roll Bingo, 7.45pm in the school hall! This is a new event for parents/carers. Rock and Roll bingo gives a new twist on bingo by replacing the standard bingo format with much loved music clips! Get together with friends and grab a table for bingo with a difference. £15 per table (6 people per table so £2.50 pp), licensed bar - more information and tickets to follow.

**Friday 20th April** - Spring Disco Time for the children to show off their dance moves!

**Saturday 30th June** - St Bon's Summer Fair. This year the summer fair will take place earlier than usual and will be on a Saturday afternoon. We need to set up a summer fair committee to help plan this event. The initial planning meeting will take place in week commencing 19th March (exact date TBC).

None of these events can happen without a lot of organisation and work so please offer to help in any way you can. We are very grateful to everyone already involved in planning these events but we do always need more help! Your Class Rep will send out further information about the events nearer the time. Thank you,

Melanie Bunce and Hilary Wilcox  
(Joint Chairs of the PTFA)

## Drama

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> January – finish at 5.30pm **WHOLE CAST NEEDED**

Weds 24<sup>th</sup> January – finish at 4.30pm **FOLLOWING NEEDED:** Act 2 Belle, Act 2 narrators, Beast, Mrs Potts, Chip, Lumiere, Cogsworth, Madame LGB, Babette, Maurice, Monsiuer D'Arque.

**PLEASE READ THE LETTER SENT OUT WITH THIS EMAIL ABOUT COSTUMES – THIS TELLS YOU WHAT COSTUME ITEMS ARE NEEDED FOR YOUR CHILD**

If any more parents could help with providing the props it would be much appreciated. There are lots of small things on the list, so it doesn't have to be too time consuming!

Please let Tiba or Tony know if you can help, or email [tonykate@waitrose.com](mailto:tonykate@waitrose.com)

## Reception, Y1 and Y2 parents – phonic info sessions

The year one team would like to invite KS1 and Reception parents into their classrooms on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 9.00-9:30 to watch a phonic lesson. You do not need to attend both.

We will also be holding an information session for parents on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 3:30pm in class 1H to discuss the phonic test that year 1 will take in term 6 - we will be happy to answer any questions parents may have.

We look forward to seeing you!

## KidZone Playscheme for February half term

KidZone Playscheme will be running during February half term. 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 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

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.

## KS2 choir

Please note that the KS2 choir has now moved to a Tuesday lunchtime.

## SEND parent support meeting

Last term Mrs Harvey held a SEND parent support meeting - all of the information from that meeting can be found on the school website under Information / SEND.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st February at 9am. The agenda will be confirmed closer to the time. If you would like to attend or have requests/ideas for the agenda then please do email Mrs Harvey at [lisa.harvey@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:lisa.harvey@bristol-schools.uk)

## Lottery winners – November 2017

Please come and collect your cheques from the school office!

£50.00	Penny Crook Jones
£25.00	Sarah Bushell

## SPORTS NEWS THIS WEEK – please see the table below for all club information

**Team football:** training as normal on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

### PE kit

Please ensure all PE kit is in schools from Monday to Friday, Children can now wear blue tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE. 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.

### Swimming

Well done to the team who swam in the Percy Smith gala last Wednesday. Amazing swimming by the whole team. The next swim time trials will be Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

### Sportshall county finals

Will be on Monday 29th January in the morning at UWE sports complex.

We will need a few parents to drive to this event so if your child is part of the Y6 sports hall team and you can drive that morning please let Mrs McGrath know ASAP. Thank you.

### 1st Bishopston Scouts

Are still looking for more adult volunteers. If this is something you would like to do please see the flyer attached with this newsletter.

# 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 KS1 3.30-4.30pm (5pm finish until 2 <sup>nd</sup> March)	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.premiersport.org">www.premiersport.org</a> or call Lee on 07917 18 7771.	Mondays Reception, Yrs 1-2
<b>ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia:</b> Held in St Francis Room. Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm – children are collected from their classrooms by Maria. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Tuesdays Yrs 1, 2 and 3
<b>MULTI SPORTS CLUB Premier Sport:</b> Fridays 3.15 - 4.15pm. This club is open to Reception children and begins on 12 <sup>th</sup> January. To book please visit <a href="http://www.premiersport.org">www.premiersport.org</a> or return the paper form in January. Spaces are limited.	Fridays Reception only

### YEARS 3-6

<b>CLUB FOOTBALL Mr Morgan:</b> Yrs 5 and 6	Weds 3.15 – 4.30pm
<b>DRAMA Mrs McGrath:</b> Mondays and Wednesdays – please check finish time in main newsletter as this varies from week to week. This club is now FULL.	Mondays and Wednesdays Yrs 3-6
<b>FOOTBALL Premier Sport:</b> Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit <a href="http://www.premiersport.org">www.premiersport.org</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 CLUB Premier Sport:</b> For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Fridays 3.15 - 4.30pm. Forms will be coming home after Christmas. Club will start on Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Fridays
<b>ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia:</b> Held in St Francis Room For years 4, 5 and 6 - Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm - children walk from their classrooms. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Mondays
<b>KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews &amp; Mrs Fox:</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 CLUB Ben Santamaria:</b> Thursdays 3.15 – 4.15pm.	Thursdays

### EARLY MORNING

<b>CIRCUITS CLUB 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
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<b>NETBALL FOR WOMEN:</b> Tuesdays at 9.10am. All abilities welcome. £1 charge.	Tuesdays 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 CLUB 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>STORY TIME CLUB Mrs Widdowson:</b> Wednesdays 12.45pm <b>RECEPTION children only</b> 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.	Wednesdays Reception only
<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 1.15 – 1.50pm. 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

- **New Job Share Vacancy at St Bon's Church:** Are you gifted in communications? Do you love social media? If so, Fr Tom needs you! We are looking to employ a new communications co-ordinator to work alongside our parish administrator to help people get to know about St Bon's and learn about all the amazing things that are happening here. The job would be 9 hours a week, including school holidays. Flexible hours and opportunity to work some hours from home. If you are interested and would like to apply, please email the Parish Office at [bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com) and we will send you a detailed job description and application form. Deadline for submission Monday 19th February 2018.
- Admin/secretarial position available at Lynne Fernandes Optometrists, based at the Gloucester Road practice, though you will on occasion be required to deliver items between the three practices, so a car is essential. Some office experience preferred. School hours 9am-3pm Tuesday to Friday. 28 days holiday including bank holidays, pro-rata. To apply, please send a CV to [LynneFernandes@hotmail.com](mailto:LynneFernandes@hotmail.com)
- **For Sale:**  
Stentor Student II 1/2 size violin (valued by Bristol Violin Shop at £170) £140ono including chin rest.  
  
Prima 3/4 size violin (valued by Bristol Violin Shop at £100) £75ono including chin rest.  
  
Ffi contact Becky 07811 825386.