



St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Could I encourage everyone to read the letter from our Governing Body which has been sent out with this week's newsletter – it invites new parent governors to run for office. The Governing Body plays a vital role in the effective and efficient running of our school so please do consider putting yourself forward.

Year 6 pupils will be bringing home a letter following the mock SATS this week: the teachers will be identifying targets for each child to work on and sharing these at parents' evening.

We had a very helpful talk yesterday from Margaret at the charity Borderlands for whom we are collecting dried and tinned foods. Thank you to everyone who has already donated items – there is still time to do this. A full list of required items is listed in the newsletter below.

Mrs McGrath, Miss Cousins and their team of helpers have been working hard to get everything ready for next week's performances of The Jungle Book. We are all very much looking forward to seeing it and wish all the performers the very best of luck.

We also have a choir performance happening for year 3 pupils at St Bede's Primary Choir Concert on Thursday – my thanks to Mrs Williams and to David Ogden for getting the children ready for this lovely event.

Finally can I please remind parents about the importance of keeping vigilant about children's gaming and online activities. It has been brought to my attention that children as young as year 4 are playing games such as Grand Theft Auto which has an 18 rating due to inappropriate language and sexual content. Common Sense Media website has this introduction to its description of the game: "Crime, violence, sex, drugs, and alcohol = not for kids."

Best wishes,

L. Charles

Headteacher

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

School drama production 'The Jungle Book' this week

Tues 21st March:

Father Clem's memorial service 7pm

Thurs 23rd:

Year 5 netball tournament at Colston's

Primary schools choir concert at St Bede's

Fri 24th:

Red Nose Day – wear mad hair for a donation. School uniform as usual please!

Charity cake sale after school for endangered animals

Events week commencing: Monday 27th March 2017 (**MENU** no: 1)

Tues 28th: Parents' evening 4-7pm

Thurs 30th: Parents' evening 4-7pm

Fri 31st: **CAFOD fundraising day** – wear non-school uniform for 50p in silver coins!

Parents' evenings

We are currently scheduling the parents' evening slots for all pupils and will return these to parents by mid next week via the class teacher (youngest sibling for those with more than one child at St Bon's).

Drama – performances next week – please read

Mon 20th March 3.15 - 6.30pm Technical Rehearsal cast B

Tues 21st March 9.15am-12noon Dress Rehearsal cast A

Weds 22nd March 3.30 – 6.30pm Matinee Performance cast B

Thurs 23rd March 5.30pm– 8.30pm Evening Performance cast A

Fri 24th March 5.30pm – 9.00pm Evening Performance cast B
and whole cast party (no siblings or friends who are not in the casts).

- All actors need to arrive back at school between 5.30 and 5.45pm. The show will start at 6.30pm. Main characters please arrive at 5.15pm please.
- Please let me know ASAP if your child is ill and won't be at the show so I can organise an understudy
- No parents will be allowed backstage at all before, during or after the show for safeguarding reasons. If your child needs a snack or a drink they will need to bring it with them at 5.30pm
- The play lasts about 2 hours so we should be finished by 8.30pm for pick up
- On Friday cast A are invited back at 8.30pm for an after show party which will now finish between 9.15 and 9.30pm
- No children will be allowed to the after show party without a parent and we cannot accommodate siblings or friends. Parents are asked to help set up the party, supervise the children and clear up afterwards.

Parent Governor vacancies

Would you like to be more involved in your child's education?

If you would, why not consider becoming a school governor? The term of office for our current parent governors comes to an end on 24 April 2017, after which there will be two vacancies on the governing body for parent governors.

A letter has been sent out with this newsletter via email – this includes the nomination form. Hard copies are also available in the school office or you can download a copy from the Latest News section of our website.

The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday 31st March 2017. Please address all applications to Mrs Charles and deliver to the school office.

Jungle Book performance

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

Doors open for audience 15 minutes before each show.
(Only backstage staff will be able to reserve seats.)

Cake Sale – Fri 24th March

Year 3 pupils, Francesca and Matilda, will be holding a cake sale next Friday 24th March, to raise money for Endangered Animals.

Please come along and buy some cakes!
Thank you.

3W – Mrs Williams' maternity cover

We are pleased to inform you that we will be welcoming Mrs Garrett to the St Bon's team to cover for Mrs Williams' maternity cover which will be starting in term 5.

For all After School Club and Breakfast Club users

We are currently reviewing the way our payments on Schoolcomms are processed and hope to have everything finalised in the next couple of weeks, for the start of the new financial year. Until then, please DO NOT make any payments for Terms 5 and 6 either online, or make any new voucher payments for the time being (if you have a standing order for a voucher payment in place then don't worry about this).

You may still submit payments by cheque and cash however, in the normal way.

I will notify you as soon as we can start taking payments online again.

Many thanks, Penny Southgate, Clubs Administrator

Hand washing in school

We have had a lot of sickness in school and would like to ensure that the children all know how to wash their hands properly. Soap can sometimes go on and then just gets washed off before it has been able to do its magic!

Please do encourage your children to rub their hands together with the lather before washing it off. The diagram below is helpful. Many thanks.



Fundraising events coming up



Please be aware that we have two Friday fundraising days coming up:

Friday 24th – Red Nose Day – mad hair for a donation (uniform as usual please)

Friday 31st – CAFOD non uniform day for 50p donation in silver

Thank you.

CAFOD
Just one world

Term dates and INSET days 2017-18

We have now set four of our five Inset days for next academic year.
There will be one other Inset day which will be confirmed at a later date.

Term dates are therefore as follows:

Term 1: Tuesday 5th September to Friday 20 October 2017

Inset: Monday 4th September 2017 (children do not attend school on Inset days)

Term 2: Monday 30th October to Friday 15th December 2017

Term 3: Wednesday 3rd January to Friday 9th February 2018

Inset: Tuesday 2nd January 2018 (children do not attend school on Inset days)

Term 4: Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd March 2018

Term 5: Monday 9th April to Friday 25th May 2018 (Monday 7th May is a bank holiday)

Term 6: Monday 4th June to Friday 20th July 2018

Inset: Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July 2018 (children do not attend school on Inset days)

Attendance: letting us know why your child is absent from school

ATTENDANCE LINE: 0117 353 2831

As you know, it is our legal obligation to know why a child does not attend school. We would like to thank our parents as you really do a fantastic job of letting us know if your child is not going to be in school – leaving a message on our attendance line, texting and emailing). This saves us an incredible amount of time chasing for reasons, so we really appreciate your efforts.

Please can we ask that when you do let us know that your child will not be in school that you also provide us with the reason for your child's absence. This helps us to monitor what illnesses the children are suffering with so we can take appropriate action if necessary (e.g. increase time limits to return to school following sickness if there are lots of children being sick in school, or have a push on 'catching a sneeze on a tissue' if children are suffering lots of colds!).

Please do not assume that, because you have let a teacher know that your child is absent, the reason will make it to the office! Many thanks for your continued support.

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.

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:

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



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.

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.

SPORTS

Football

No training on Wednesday 22nd March.

Circuits club

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.

Netball tournament

Well done to the netball team who played at St Bede's last Wednesday morning. They won all their matches and made it to the finals against Elmlea!

Cross Country

Well done to all the runners who took part in the Cross country event at Colston's School yesterday. They all did really well. Daniel (Y4) got a prize for 3rd place and the girls' Y3/4 team came 1st overall.

Swimming

Well done to the teams who took part in the galas this Wednesday and Thursday. We had some great swimming. Congratulations to Carys, Amber, Alanna, Izzie and Grace who qualified for the Bristol schools finals next Saturday 25th March at 1pm at Horfield pool. All are welcome to come along and watch.

Good luck to the teams who will represent St Bon's at the ESSA championships at Millfield on Monday 28th March. Letters about this will go home early next week.

Swim time trials

The last time trials of the year will be on Sunday 23rd April. Letters about this will be going home early next week.

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.

COMMUNITY SECTION

- **After school childcare wanted:** We're looking for a kind, energetic, reliable person to look after our two girls (aged 9 and 11) after school 3 days a week between 3pm and 6pm. April 24 to July 21. We need you to collect them both from St Bon's at 3.15pm and then take them home. You'll walk or cycle through Horfield Common on the way. They get on very well together. We're flexible on days. Please get in touch with Linda if you're interested to find out more – call 07810 898726.
- **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.

- **Language exchange partner wanted!**

Cyprien, a 15 year old French boy from the Lyon area of France, would like to take part in a language exchange this summer - ideally a 2 week stay in Bristol for him, then 2 weeks at his home in the Lyon area for the English speaker. His family are lovely and I known them since I was a teenager myself! His older brother came to stay with an ex St Bons family a few years ago and the stay went very well. If you or anyone you know (male or female) is interested in a language exchange, please contact me at melanie_m_bunce@hotmail.com or on 07899657444, and I will put you in touch with the French family. Thank you, Melanie

- **Noah's Ark Pre School - nearly new sale Sat 1st April @ Cairns Road Baptist Church**

Come and grab some bargains at this nearly new sale 11am-1pm. Admission £1 – light refreshments will be available.

- **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>






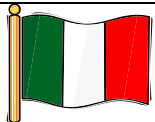





Free mini tennis April 12th (during Easter holidays) Come and have some tennis fun with your children playing mini tennis with all equipment provided free. Book your place now at

<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.