



St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please could I draw your attention to next Wednesday's Curriculum Information Evening which will be held in school from 7pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. This is relevant for all year groups.

I would like to give my heartfelt congratulations to all the children who put themselves forward for captaincy of their houses. The winners are listed below – everyone involved spoke extremely persuasively and they are all a credit to our school. Well done.

Well done too to all our violin players who performed this afternoon and for Mrs Somerset for organising the concert.

Thank you to everyone who has bought poppies and other Remembrance Day items from school today as we remember those whose lives have been lost due to war. We held a minute's silence at 11am throughout the school.

This week the children were treated to a wonderful performance of the Jungle Book – an inspiration for those of them who are in the Drama club this year! My thanks to Image Theatre for their enthusiastic interpretation of this story.

Best wishes,

Lucille Charles
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 14th November 2016 (**NEW MENU** no: 3)

Monday 14th: Open afternoon for Reception 2017 applicants – 1.30pm
Tuesday 15th: Year 4 trip to Red Lodge Museum

5K class assembly – parents welcome from 2.45pm

Weds 16th: **Curriculum information evening** 7pm in the Hall

Friday 18th: Celebration of topic – parents can visit classrooms to see topic work

Dress up in spots for £1 – Children in Need
Year 4 cake sale after school

Events week commencing: Monday 21st November 2016 (**MENU** no: 1)

Friday 25th: Year 4 mass at 9.15am

Curriculum information evening – all year groups – Weds 16th November

We will be holding a Curriculum Information Evening on Wednesday 16th November at 7pm in the Hall for all year groups.

We will be presenting information on Maths, PSHE (personal, social and health education) and developing a 'growth mindset'. It would be wonderful if as many parents and carers could attend as possible.

Spotty dress up day for Children in Need – Friday 18th November

Children in Need takes place next Friday. All children are invited to come to school dressed in anything spotty in return for a £1 donation. We look forward to seeing spots everywhere!

Freezer problems in the kitchen today

Mrs Bryant, our kitchen manager, wanted to inform parents that some children will have had sausages today instead of fish fingers. This was due to a problem with our freezer. For Monday, Mrs Bryant will use chicken if the catering company is unable to supply sausages in time.

Lottery winners

The following people have won prizes in August's Future Lottery draw. Please come to the office to collect your winnings!

Prize	Recipient
£50.00	Anne Rose
£25.00	Martin Holley
£10.00	Mrs Charles
£5.00	John Lux
£5.00	Astudillo
£5.00	J M Bailey
£5.00	MC Moore

Celebration of Topic – Friday 18th November

Parents are invited to come into school on the afternoon of Friday 18th November to look at the topic work their children have been doing in class. Classrooms will be open from 2pm until 3pm.

Coppers for CAFOD

Many thanks to all the children who donated their coppers – we raised an amazing £90 for CAFOD!

Drama

This club is now full.
Monday 14th Nov 3.15 – 4.30pm - all wolves, Bagheera, Mowgli, Kaa, village dancers

St Bon's Community Quiz Night



The Inaugural St Bon's Community Quiz will be taking place tonight Friday 11th November in the School Hall from 7pm with the Quiz starting promptly at 7.30pm. There will be a bar selling wine/beer/crisps and a raffle. Tickets will be on sale shortly via the Parish Office at £10 per team (maximum of 6 people per team) or £2 per person.

If you can't make up a team, don't worry - we'll sort you out with some brainboxes on the night! If anyone is interested in helping with this event, please contact the Parish Office. A poster advertising the event is also attached with the newsletter email.

Parents in years 1, 2, 3 – info about flu vaccinations

We have had to revise our decision to hold Nasal Flu Vaccinations for consenting children in years 1, 2 and 3 following the receipt of further information about their administration. A letter is therefore coming home tonight to explain the position and if you would like your child to receive vaccination in school, then the consent form will need to be completed and returned to the school office by 9am on Friday 18th November.

Book Fair

We will be holding a book fair in school during the week of 28th November. The books will be on display for you and your children to browse after school in the Hall. Payment is by cash or cheque only.

House Captain Vote

Well done to everyone who put themselves forward for House Captains this year. The speeches were fantastic and you spoke really clearly and confidently to the school.

The results of this year's House Captain Vote are:

Rory Lloyd and Amber Shippey (St. David)
Joseph Lloyd and Carys Wilson (St. George)
Yannick Henney and Maddie Hughes (St. Andrew)
Doyin Kudehinbu and Milly Balla-Davis (St Patrick)

Big congratulations to you!

School Library Reading Challenge

Today we launched our library reading challenge. We would like all children to use the library more and develop their love of reading. We have launched a challenge for all children to read as many books as possible between Monday 14th November 2016 and Monday 6th February 2017.

This is open to all year groups including Reception. To take part in the challenge, children need to borrow a book from the library (ensuring the book is logged out through our library computer system) and then complete a short book recommendation and post it in the box in the library. Reception parents please scribe for your child.

Reception children will visit the library every Friday with their class teachers and can also visit during the after school sessions. Years 1 to 6 can visit the library during any of the times listed below.

The library opening times are:

Mondays 3.15pm – 3.45pm for children and parents

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 12.15 – 12.45 pm for children in Years 1 to 6

Thursdays 3.25pm – 3.55pm for children and parents.

Children can currently borrow one book at a time but during the last week of this term, we will change this restriction so the children can borrow up to 3 books for the Christmas holiday.

Please encourage your child to take part in our school reading challenge and visit the library to change their books. I look forward to reading all of their book recommendations.

Mrs Harris

Piano and brass concerts – date change

Due to an unavoidable clash of usage of the Hall, the piano and brass concerts on the 14th and 21st November respectively will now take place in term 3. The brass concert will be on Monday 23rd January at 2.45pm and the piano concert will be on Monday 6th February at **9.00am** (please note this change in time).

Parents of piano pupils should also note that Mr Salmon will not be in school on Monday 21st November due to an overseas work commitment – we will ensure that this day's lessons are included elsewhere in the school year.

Christmas CD

We have been given a fantastic opportunity to make a CD for Christmas. All the children from FS to Y6 will be involved in making the CD and it will be available to buy. It will be a professional recording and an amazing memento of our children's talents. If you would like to order a CD (£7.99 each) please read the letter attached with this newsletter.

We are also running a competition to design the cover of the CD case. A template for this is also attached to this newsletter and is also available from the school office. Please get all cheques and reply slips back to the office by MONDAY 14th November. We cannot accept late orders so please act promptly.

If you have any questions please ask Mrs McGrath.

St Bon's Bakes charity recipe book update - £266 raised so far for CAFOD!

Profits from the sale of the St Bon's Bakes recipe book amount to £266 so far, all of which will be donated to CAFOD to help with their work around the world, such as providing emergency relief for the people of Haiti dealing with the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew last month.

The book contains recipes submitted by St Bon's families and staff and is professionally printed and bound, in a wipe clean format. There are still around 20 copies of the book available to buy at a cost of £8 per book and all profits go to CAFOD - the perfect Christmas gift for family and friends! If you would like to buy a copy, please contact me on melanie_m_bunce@hotmail.com or find me in the playground at drop off/pick up, near the 2T classroom.

Thank you, Melanie Bunce

SPORTS

Football

NO TRAINING on Wednesday – there are matches on Monday and Wednesday. Letters have gone home to all those who will be involved.

KS2 Rugby club

Please note this club will finish at 4.30pm

Y2 multi-sport club

This club is now full.

New early morning KS2 Yoga class

There is a new early morning Yoga class on Mondays from 7.50am to 8.30am. There is a small charge for this club. Details are on the letter that was emailed to KS2 parents last week. Please see Mrs McGrath for more information.

Cross country

Well done to the teams who took part in the cross country event at QEH last week. The Y3 team came 1st, the Y4 team came 2nd and the Y5 team came 4th. The runners were all amazing we were very proud of them

Swimming

Good luck to the team taking part in the next Percy Smith gala is on Wednesday 16th November . Please meet at the pool at 7.15pm.

COMMUNITY SECTION

- One of our St Bon's families is looking for 2 bedroom accommodation as a matter of urgency. Please contact Sayo on 07714 464560 if you know of any accommodation which may be available.
- George Rogers Loreda, former St Bonaventure's School student, will be taking part in the North Bristol Art Trail www.northbristolartists.org.uk/ which will take place 26th-27th Nov.

At 17, George is the youngest member of the North Bristol Art Trail www.northbristolartists.org.uk/members-2/georgeloreda/ and for the second time he will show his work and invite everyone to come and see it (Venue number 7 @ 77, Kellaway Avenue).



- **Babysitter available:** Hi, my name is Isobel Kealey. I am nearly 16 years old and live locally. I am in Year 11 at St Bede's and have sisters in years 6 and 4 at St Bon's. If you would like to get in touch call 07935 265362.
- St. Bon's children are invited to join Shine's Cricket coaching programme held at the Shine Community Sports Hall, Brecon Road, BS9. Come and improve your cricket over the Winter with our ECB qualified coaches at a level appropriate for your child.

Intermediate Cricket: Mondays from 5-6pm for children in Years 2-6. Will benefit those who wish to improve on their soft ball cricket skills and techniques.

Advanced Cricket: Mondays from 6.15-7.15pm for children in Years 4-6. Shine Cricket Academy's Advanced Cricket programme gives enthusiastic young cricketers a positive introduction to hard ball cricket. Sessions will feature both hard and soft practice balls to improve an individual's skills, techniques and cricketing knowledge.

Girls' Cricket: Tuesdays from 5-6pm for girls in Years 3-7. For girls of all abilities and experience who have an interest in the great team game of cricket. Coach Andy and team will deliver an innovative soft ball programme that will challenge newcomers, as well as those who already possess some knowledge.

Club Cricketer: Thursdays from 6.15-7.15pm for children in Years 5-7. Hard ball sessions that focus on match based scenarios as much as technique. An ideal choice for children ready to make the step up into a competitive club or school cricket team.

These sessions can easily be booked online - www.shinesportscoaching.com/term-time-activities


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
	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 3-6: Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm. Please see Mrs McGrath if you would like to join.	Fridays Yrs 3-6
	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
	MATHS CLUB: Thursdays after school Maths club will be running on Thursday afternoons after school with Mr Harrison and Mrs Parry. Any existing members of the club are welcome to join us on that afternoon. Invitations for new members to join will be sent out after half term.	Thursdays Yrs 4-6 by invitation
	MULTI SPORTS CLUB Premier Sport: Wednesdays after school 3.15-4.15pm for Year 2.	Wednesdays Yr 2
	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
	ARCHERY CLUB Premier Sport: Years 3-6 Thursdays 3.30 to 4.30pm. To book please visit www.premiersport.org or call Lee on 07917 18 7771. Places are limited.	Thursdays Yrs 3-6
	TAG RUGBY: New tag rugby club for years 3-6: Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm. All those who have filled out a club permission slip have a place. Please see Mrs McGrath if you are interested and have not returned a slip.	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 fortnightly 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.
	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!
	DIGITAL LEADERS' CLUB: For year 6 pupils – Thursdays 12.15-1.00 in 1H classroom.
	ORCHESTRA: Fridays 12.30pm. New members are very welcome, please contact Mr Khanna max.khanna@bristol-schools.uk for more info if your child is interested.

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.