



St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a very colourful and fun-filled day yesterday with our Roman Day in year 4 and World Book Day with a huge array of book characters coming into school. Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a successful day.

Our Ofsted short inspection monitoring letter is now available for you to read. We have retained our 'Good' status and are making positive progress towards the next level. A copy of the letter is available on our website (School Information / Ofsted) and has been attached with this newsletter email.

I wanted to highlight a couple of the comments in the letter which illustrate both our nurturing school environment and the progress your children are making academically:

"The shared commitment to educating the 'whole child' shines through wherever you step. It is a distinctive feature of the school and was one of the strengths that parents singled out when I spoke to them before school started."

"During our visits to classrooms, we saw pupils developing their stamina as writers, with many producing sustained writing. Others were concentrating hard on mathematics problems, using their reasoning skills to come up with possible solutions. In all lessons, and sessions where adults were working with small groups or individuals, pupils were working hard, persevering and sustaining their interest and concentration."

We hope you enjoy reading the letter – I am extremely pleased to read such an encouraging endorsement of our school community and would like to thank all of you who gave positive comments both online and in person.

Last but not least I would like to give my thanks to all our hard-working staff members for their commitment and contribution to our school and for the way in which everyone responded so calmly to the Ofsted inspection.

Best wishes,

Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 6th March 2017 (**MENU** no: 1)

Monday 6th March:

Year 6 mock SATS this week

Friday 10th:

Colston Hall visit years 5 and 6

Football – final @ Milton Keynes

PGL Year 6 camp - second instalment of £65 due

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

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



Drama Club

Mon 6th March - 3.15 – 5.30pm - Act 2 run through—All lines learnt please - Cast A only - all cast A costumes in today labelled and in a labelled bag

Weds 8th March - 3.15 – 5.30pm - Act 2 run through - All lines learnt please - Cast B only - all cast B costumes in today labelled and in a labelled bag

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

Reception cake sale

Many thanks to everyone who made, bought and ate cakes. You raised a fantastic £200.61!

Parents' evening Tues 28th and Thurs 30th March

Parents evening consultation slips have gone out through classes this week. If you have not received one, please come to the office.

If you are separated and would like to see your child's teacher individually rather than together, please do let us know that your family will need two appointments.

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).

World Book Day – a big thank you!

Many thanks to all our parents and carers who made such an effort to create fantastic costumes for the 20th World Book Day. We had a really lovely day in school and your efforts are much appreciated.



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.

Money matters

Below is a list of some services that help to support families in Bristol regarding money matters. The message we have received from support agencies is 'prevention is better than cure'. We therefore aim to promote local Bristol support and in particular where to gain financial advice, tips for where to get the best deals in Bristol, how to help make your money last longer and/or help to ensure that your family has enough food during periods of crisis.

We can all be struck by challenges from time to time - if you need support but don't know where to turn, please come and talk to us. We may be able to point you in the right direction to help empower you to regain control of your situation.

NORTH BRISTOL ADVICE CENTRE

North Bristol Advice Centre provides free, professional, confidential advice, information & representation to the communities of North Bristol & South Gloucestershire. They hold weekly drop-in sessions across the area. For more information about what is on offer in your area please see their website:

www.northbristoladvice.org.uk/get-advice/community-links

PENNYWISE

Low cost living advice: www.pennywise.org.uk/



FOOD BANK

1. GET IN TOUCH WITH FOODBANK: call 0117 9791399 or email info@northbristol.foodbank.org.uk They can talk through your situation and put you in touch with a relevant local agency.
2. ARRANGE A VISIT TO THE REFERRAL AGENCY: They will discuss your situation and supply you with a foodbank voucher where appropriate.
3. BRING YOUR FOODBANK VOUCHER TO YOUR NEAREST FOODBANK CENTRE: Our local centre is at Ebenezer Church, 286 Filton Ave, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 0BA. When you arrive, you'll be welcomed with a warm drink and trained volunteers to chat with you about your situation. They'll discuss any dietary needs you may have and exchange your foodbank voucher for a parcel of three days' worth of emergency food. They'll also help to support you in any other ways. Most foodbank centres offer a cafe style environment and the aim is to provide non-judgmental support at the point of crisis.



Waiting to collect children in the school office

Please can we remind you that if you need to wait in the school office area to collect your child from after school activities that you wait quietly. The office remains open until 4.30pm and we do require quiet to help us fulfil our essential roles.

Please help by not putting us in the awkward position of having to request for the noise to be kept down.
With many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

100% Attendance

Watch this space – results for house points earned in term 3 for 100% attendance will be announced next week!

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.



Y5 and Y6 – Colston Hall trip Friday 10th March

Thank you to all those who have returned the consent form and payment for the

Colston Hall concert on Friday 10th March. We are missing a lot from 5K in particular.

If you would like your child to attend but have not yet returned the form and payment, please do so as soon as possible. If you do *not* want your child to attend, please also let us know so we can mark you off our chase list!

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 8th March. Tournaments on Monday and Friday – letters have gone home already.

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.

Y5 netball tournament

Well done to the team who took part in the Clifton College Y5 netball Festival last Friday. They played really well and came a very respectable 2nd place.

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

- **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 (mountain 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 father's address: Xavier.ducos

- **1st Bishopston Scouts** are hoping to win some money from a competition being run in the Bristol Post. Please can you collect the tokens which are being printed in the paper from 20th Feb until 20th March. The more tokens we have the more chance we have of winning some money to repair the scout hut on Kings Drive. Please leave all collected tokens in an envelope marked FAO Kate McGrath in the school office Drop Box. Many thanks.

- **Vinyasa Flow Yoga at Kings Tennis Club, Mondays at 6:45-7:45pm**

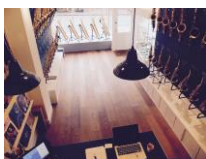
Vinyasa Flow is a dynamic practice which coordinates movement with the breath and combines elements of both Ashtanga and Hatha Yoga.

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



- **Headwind Music on Zetland Road** –a new store specialising in saxophones but also carrying a range of flutes, clarinets, trumpets, cornets & trombones. We deal with the sale, rental and repair of all of these instruments and offer the most comprehensive service in Bristol and the surrounding areas.

- **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
	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
	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.
	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.
	STORY TIME CLUB: Wednesdays 12.45pm RECEPTION children only 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.

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.