



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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Friday 26th November 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I am very aware that for our year 1 and Reception parents who do not have children higher up the school, you may not have been inside the school building since your child started school. I'm therefore going to be looking for opportunities to share school life with you.

The display featured below has been created by Pat Hardiman, one of our HLTAs, with Year 3 classes. It captures beautifully our whole school theme 'Love Thy Neighbour'.



Parents coming into the school building

Without wishing to contradict my previous paragraph, could I please remind parents that entry into school is via the school office where you can be signed in. Please do not come into school via one of the doors onto the playground. This is to comply with our safeguard responsibilities to the children and to you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Walking home from school for years 5 and 6

All children who walk home must sign out at the school office before leaving at the end of the day. This is to ensure we know what time they have left in case they do not arrive home. Mobile phones must also now be handed in and collected from the school office.

Revised swimming procedure

I want to draw your attention to our revised swimming procedure. All children are expected to go swimming with their class when timetabled to do so. If your child is not able to take part in the swimming lesson, they will accompany their class to the pool and sit poolside with the class teacher. It is no longer the case that children will be left at school with a different class. If your child is not able to take part in the class swimming session, you must email the school office to inform us of the reason why. If your child is anxious about school swimming, please talk to their class teacher and we will identify what we can do to support them to attend.

EYFS/KS1 Nativity performances

With the EYFS/KS1 nativity performances only a week or so away, I'd like to ask all parents/visitors who are planning to attend one of the performances to come prepared with a mask. In order to remain compliant with our COVID risk assessment all visitors must wear a mask for the duration of the performance. I would also ask that parents/visitors do not attend if they feel unwell in any way. It would be my preference that all parents/visitors completed a lateral flow test before attending. Thank you in advance for your support.

Christmas fair bring a bottle day

The staff are looking forward to manning the bottle stall at the Christmas fair on Sunday 5th December. We are therefore asking all pupils to bring a bottle donation to school on Friday 3rd December. Shopping trolleys will be available at the gate for you to donate your bottle. In return pupils can wear festive headwear for the day.

SMSA advert

We are looking for another SMSA to help supervise lunchtimes. Please see more details below.

Best,

Mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 6th December 2021 (MENU week 2)

Reception and Key Stage One Nativity performances this week! See below for details...

Events week commencing: Monday 13th December 2021 (MENU week 3)

Tues 14 th December:	KS2 Carol Concert – outside so please wrap up warm
Weds 15 th :	Reception and KS1 Christmas lunch
Thurs 16 th :	KS2 Christmas lunch
Fri 17 th :	End of Term 2

Nativity performances – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

We are so looking forward to welcoming parents into school to see our Nativity performances. In order to keep the hall less busy, we will be putting on three performances for each class.

Tickets have been sent home this week.



Nativity cast A: RHM, 1HW and 2T

Monday 6th December 2pm, Tuesday 7th December 2pm, Wednesday 8th December 10am - all children do all three performances

Nativity cast B: RH, 1G and 2C

Wednesday 8th December 2pm, Thursday 9th December 2pm, Friday 10th December 10am - all children do all three performances.

Due to social distancing, each child will receive two tickets for one performance. We are not able to issue any more tickets than this, but if you have spares, please return them to the office so that others can use them if needed. Parents are also welcome to swap tickets amongst themselves if they can't make the day given.

Year 1 and Year 2 – Nativity sets

Monsignor Bernard from St Bon's church has kindly lent us nativity sets from his collection. He would like us to send one of these home each night throughout Advent. If your child comes home with an advent set, please ensure that you bring it back the following day so that it can be passed to the next child.

If you would like to take a photo of the nativity set in place at home, please do send these to the school office and we will add them to the class RE book.

Music lessons

We are looking to re-start music lessons in school from Term 3. We have some spaces available for piano, brass and violin lessons. If your child would like to start one of these instruments and is in year 2 or above (year 3 with adult front teeth for brass), please email the office st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk and let us know. Piano lessons will cost £12 per lesson (one to one), brass lessons will cost £10 per lesson (one to one) and violin lessons will cost £6 per lesson (groups of three).

Guitar lessons are likely to be full already with the children who previously had lessons and those on the waiting list, but if your child is interested please email the office anyway and let us know so they can be added to the waiting list.

Our ability to provide lessons is dependent on tutor availability and having sufficient numbers of pupils wanting to take part. Please email the office if you have any questions.

Flu nasal spray vaccination

Flu vaccines are being offered to all Primary school aged children through the vaccination programme managed by Sirona Care and Health CIC on Thursday 9th December.

Please find attached the information provided by Sirona and ensure you fill out the consent forms before the deadline at midnight on Tuesday 7 December.

The link to the online consent form is below. Printable versions have been emailed home.

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2021/consent>

Please note that St Bonaventure's is not involved in the vaccination process and all queries must be sent to Sirona as per the contact details they have provided in the letters attached.

Please also note that this is entirely your choice should you choose to have the vaccine offered. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact the School Immunisation Team on 01275 373104 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

Vacancy for Breakfast Club worker

We are looking to recruit a new member of the Breakfast Club team 5 mornings a week between 7.45am and 8.45am.

Please contact the school office if you are interested in finding out more.

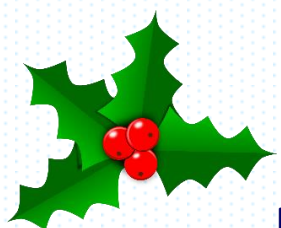
Vacancy for School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA)

We are looking to recruit an SMSA to work every lunchtime (12.15pm to 1.15pm). This involves supervising the children in the school hall and on the playground as part of a team of SMSAs.

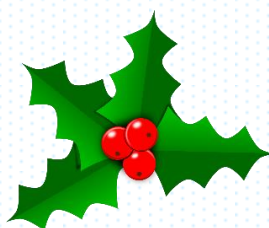
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My Fair Lady – DVD available to order

If you would like a copy of the recent My Fair Lady school community production on DVD, please collect an order form from the school office. DVDs will cost £6 each or £10 for 2 (and £5 for any additional copies).



PTFA News



www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com



Christmas Fair Countdown – 9 days to go!

(stbonsptfa.com/news)



This week

- **VOLUNTEER FOR YOUR CLASS STALL**

The fair is not possible without parents (mums and DADS) giving a small part of their day to help run their class stall. This is the first opportunity in a very long time for an in-person event where the school community can come together. The PTFA committee is tiny and the fair can not happen without you. Please volunteer with your class rep.

- **Return raffle tickets**

Please fill in stubs clearly and return filled in part and money (cash ideally please) to the dropbox or school office by 3rd December. Tickets are £1 each. More tickets are available at the office.

- **Get your bake on** for the refreshments stalls - no nuts please and please give an ingredients list for allergies info
- **Pre-buy your entry ticket.** You can pay for entry on the day but knowing numbers in advance will help us ensure we have enough mulled wine!

- **Pre-buy your fair payment tokens** (the fair will be cashless) at drop off and pick up all week from the Christmas Fair team. Card/contactless payment are preferred but we will also be taking cash payments.

Friday 3rd December

Crazy Christmas headwear with a donation for the bottle stall

This is a massively popular stall so your donations are really needed. We ask that what you donate fits 3 criteria – is something you'd drink yourself, is full and is in date!



Donate any further Christmas jumpers or goodie bags.

Drop off any completed hampers or baked goods ready for Sunday.

Sunday 5th December



It's the fair – come and enjoy mulled wine, mince pies, games and more! We'll also have personalised St Bonaventure's Christmas decorations for sale.

An utterly amazing raffle with fantastic prizes from generous local businesses including:



A bespoke occasion cake by Charlotte Toffolo

The secret present room



And pies from Pieminster, goodie bags, Christmas jumpers, uniform sale...

Please bring any baked goods on the morning of the fair.

As COVID precautions we would ask all grown-ups to do a lateral flow on the day, if anyone (any age) show symptoms that may be attributable to COVID that not attend and that grown ups wear a mask indoors. There will be hand sanitiser available throughout the fair.

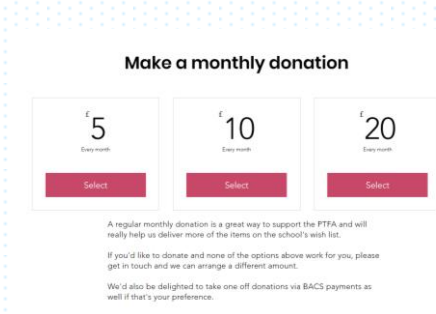
Can't make the fair? Can't get enough of the fair?

More fantastically awesome prizes to come in the 12 days of Christmas Silent Auction starting Monday 6th December... more details to come...

Bored of hearing about the fair? Too much on your plate already? Not enough time in the day?

But still love your kid's school and want them to have the best school experience through projects and equipment the PTFA can fund?

Check out the PTFA monthly donation scheme at stbonsptfa.com/supportus



Make a monthly donation

£5 Every month	£10 Every month	£20 Every month
Select	Select	Select

A regular monthly donation is a great way to support the PTFA and will really help us deliver more of the items on the school's wish list.

If you'd like to donate and none of the options above work for you, please get in touch and we can arrange a different amount.

We'd also be delighted to take one off donations via BACS payments as well if that's your preference.

This also makes a great suggestion for a Christmas present suggestion if you just don't want more 'stuff' in your life!

North Bristol Foodbank

North Bristol Food Bank can be reached on 0117 979 1399.

For areas covered see here: <https://northbristol.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

Up to date information for these outlets is available here - <https://northbristol.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>

Have you had a change of circumstances due to COVID-19?

There are lots of schemes that you could be eligible for to support your child and your wider family:

- **Pupil premium and/or Free School Meals** - Financial support that is provided to schools to help support your child and Free School Meals http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/pupil_premium_and_sports_premium/270945
- **Council Emergency Payment** - To help you pay off one-off bills like heating, electricity <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/benefits-financial-help/emergency-payments-local-crisis-and-prevention-fund>
- **North Bristol Advice Centre:** The advice centre can help signpost you to initiatives that you could be eligible for to get support: <http://www.northbristoladvice.org.uk/>
 - **The Money Advice Service** - For help to manage your money during the pandemic <https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/articles/coronavirus-and-your-money>

If you are struggling to access these services and would like help, please contact the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Pantomime!

Guide panto 2021 - "The Emperor's New Clothes"

Performances will take place on Saturday 11th December at St Peter's Church in Henleaze at 2:30pm and 7:00pm. Adult tickets are £5 and children's are £3.

The Guide Panto started in 2002 and has raised over £18,000 so far. This year the money raised will be donated to the Stroke Association and Guide Dogs.

You can buy tickets online using the following link <https://guidepanto.wixsite.com/guidepanto>

Crafting evening fundraiser at Cairns Road Baptist Church



Kinesiologist

My name is Sinead Pelley and I have recently retrained as a nutritional advisor and kinesiologist. Kinesiology uses muscle testing to identify, understand and rectify any imbalance in the body and is suitable for all ages.

Kinesiology is incredibly effective for children and parents are amazed at how quickly results are achieved. With regards to children, the main conditions I deal with are anxiety, depression, fears/phobias, digestive issues, emotional issues, dyslexia, poor concentration, behavioural issues, skin problems, allergies, sleep issues etc.

Kinesiology looks at the physical aspects causing the problem but very much focuses on the emotional aspects also.

Please do have a look at my website should you wish to understand a bit more....

<https://www.healthandwellbeingbristol.co.uk/>

Due to the huge response and volume of enquiries to this post a few weeks ago, I would like to offer St Bonaventure families a free 10-minute phone consultation to ask any questions you may have and to understand how I can help you and your loved ones improve your health and well-being. I would also like to offer 10% off all initial treatments.