



# St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly may I thank everyone for their generosity in donating food items for the Salvation Army during this Harvest Week. We have also collected a huge number of coppers for CAFOD, so thank you all. My thanks also to Joe's Bakery for supplying us with a beautiful harvest loaf which was part of our Mass and has been enjoyed by children and staff today.

Bristol City Council has informed us that they have updated information on their website about Pupil Premium. The Pupil Premium is additional funding for every child who is eligible for free school meals throughout their time at school. The website page can be reached [here](#).

Please could I remind parents that social media apps such as Instagram and Snapchat are only recommended for children aged 13 and above. Whilst I appreciate that parents can come under significant pressure to allow children to sign up to these, it is ultimately up to parents to ensure that their children are using technology responsibly. Please see the NSPCC's useful page about this [here](#).

Finally could I ask parents and children to keep themselves safe when coming into school. The staff car park does get used by visitors all day, so please keep to the pavement and do not scoot or ride bikes past the school gates. These all need to be walked in please.

Best wishes,

*Lucille Charles*  
Headteacher

**Events week commencing: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (menu no: 1)**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>:** Drama finishes at 4.30pm  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>:** 6GW class assembly – parents welcome from 2.45pm  
Parents' evening 4-7pm  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>:** Individual and sibling photos (for non-St Bon's siblings, please arrive 8.15am)  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>:** Year 5 attend Mass in the Church at 9.15am  
END OF TERM 1

INSET DAY MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> October – **NO SCHOOL**. TERM 2 STARTS TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER

**Events week commencing: TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 (NEW MENU no: 1)**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>:** **INSET DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED TODAY**  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>:** Guitar concert 2.45pm

## Secondary school applications

Just a reminder that the deadline for applications for pupils in year 6 starting secondary school next September is midnight on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## Year 6 SATs results 2015-16

We are pleased that our KS2 SATs results for last academic year were above those for Bristol schools overall. Please see below for how this was broken down:

### **St Bon's and Bristol attainment comparison July 2016:**

<i>% of pupils meeting the expected standard</i>	<i>St Bon's</i>	<i>Bristol</i>
Reading (test)	76.3%	65.8%
Maths (test)	76.3%	68%
Writing (teacher assessment)	81.4%	73.2%

## Year 2 parents – curriculum information session

There will be an informal curriculum information session for Year 2 parents on Thursday 10th November from 3.30 - 4.30pm to talk about what we have been teaching in Year 2 and how you can help your child with maths, grammar and spelling at home. This will be the first of our regular update sessions for Year 2 parents.

Stephanie Woolley and Lauren Tudhope

## Polite request

Our teachers are always very happy to discuss any concerns or issues you might have. However, could we respectfully ask that parents catch up with teachers at the end of the school day or book an appointment if more time is needed. Please avoid trying to talk to teachers at morning drop off – once the children are in class, school has officially started. Many thanks for your cooperation.

## Christmas shoe box appeal

Each year we fill shoe boxes with presents for children who don't receive Christmas presents. This year we will be supporting the WEBox appeal. WEBox is organised by the West of England Baptist Association, WEBA. Each year they collect shoe boxes filled with:

**W** - something to Wash with. Soap, flannel, toothbrush and/or paste.

**E** - something Educational. Pens, pencils, notepad, crayons.

**B** - a Bar of chocolate or Bag of sweets.

**O** - something to put On. Hat, scarf, gloves.

**X** - something eXciting. A small toy that a child would like to receive.

The completed boxes are then driven to Albania and distributed to children in need.

I have a supply of flat pack boxes in my office. Please come and collect one so you can start work on your box during half term. A leaflet will be coming home soon providing you with more information. Our boxes will be collected on Friday 11th November: please note that any boxes sent in after this date cannot be sent.

With very big thanks, Mrs Ballantine

## Nativity plays – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2



The nativity dates have been confirmed as follows:

Tuesday 6th December @ 2pm - RH, 1MS and 2W

Thursday 8th December @ 2pm - RM, 1H and 2T

## St Bon's Community Quiz Night



The Inaugural St Bon's Community Quiz will be taking place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Christmas card update from PTFA

All orders have now been sent to Fundraising Creations to be printed. I will call next week for confirmation of a return date. This year you have helped raise £516.20 for PTFA funding to spend on extra facilities at school for your children.

If you didn't get your orders in on time, please forward them to:

"Fundraising Creations"  
20 Beehive Business Centre  
Skelton-in Cleveland  
TS12 2LQ.  
Tel: 01287 654481

It is worth phoning them in advance to confirm details to place on the covering note.

Many thanks, Sophie Kidd

## Christmas Fair Committee meeting

When?	Monday 17th October at 8pm
Where?	46a Brynland Avenue. Bishopston, BS7 9DU
Who?	Anyone interested in helping to organise this year's Christmas Fair. No big commitment required. We need ideas people; people to photocopy and put up posters; people to shop for prizes etc. If you have been thinking about getting a bit more involved, now is your chance! All very welcome, Sophie Kidd and Lu Griffiths

## Flu vaccinations - children in Years 1 - 3

The NHS is offering free flu vaccinations to children in years 1, 2 and 3. If you would like your child to receive the vaccination please contact your GP or local pharmacy.

## **Volunteer at St Bon's**

Imaginative Play is excellent for developing lots of skills from creativity to critical thinking – and it's fun!

We need volunteers to actively engage and encourage creative play, making use of the school's playground markings during lunchtime 12.15pm - 1.15pm Monday to Friday. Volunteers can choose which days they are available to offer their free time.

If you are interested, please speak to Penny Southgate in the main office or call 0117 353 2830 for more details.

### **KS2 Boys' choir**

Mr Khanna is launching a new boys only choir for years 3-6. The choir will meet on Tuesday lunchtimes in 5K.  
Please encourage your boys to give it a try!

### **Drama**

This club is now full.

Parts have now been allocated; a copy of the cast list will be on display in the Hall for all to see.  
Monday 17th Oct - rehearsals for whole cast finish at 4.30pm

## **Diocese appeal for Foundation Governors**

The diocese is looking to recruit more Foundation Governors for our Catholic schools. Foundation Governors are essential in protecting and developing the Catholic ethos of the Church's schools.

They also hold head teachers to account, recruit senior leadership, manage the school's admissions criteria and set the school's budget.

There are only two criteria for being a Foundation Governor:

- You must be over 18
- You must be a practising Catholic

If you are interested, please contact Bill McEntee [bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) 0117 9025599 or visit the diocesan website: [www.schools.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.schools.cliftondiocese.com)

## **Ladies back to netball**

Fancy a bit of a run around once you've dropped the children off at school? Then please come and join us for some netball on Tuesdays from 9-10am on the School playground. The session is run for women by Sue Andersen, Netball Development Community Coach for England Netball.

Please don't worry if you haven't played for years or haven't ever played, the aim is just to have fun and all are very welcome. All you need to do is bring a drink and wear comfortable exercise clothes/trainers and join in for a bargain £1 per session (free if it's your first time!) No commitment necessary just come along when you can. For more details, speak to Mrs McGrath or better still meet us in the playground one Tuesday and have a go!

## **SPORTS**

### **Football**

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 team who recently won the ESFA Cup and are into the county finals.

Congratulations also to the Year 4 team who won the St Bede's Cup on Tuesday and who are now Champions!

### Swimming

Well done to the swimmers who took part in the first Percy gala on Wednesday at Horfield pool. We had a lot of new swimmers in the team and they did amazingly well. We came 2nd overall, which was brilliant.

### New Dance club

There is a new dance club starting after school on Fridays 3.15pm – 4.30pm for KS2 children (Y3 to Y6). First session was Friday 30th September. Letters are available from the school office or see Mrs McGrath for more information.

### PE kit

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.

### New Sport clubs

There are two new KS2 after school sports clubs starting after half term - hockey on Fridays and rugby on Thursdays. In order to gauge interest, please fill out a club slip and return it to the drop box by Friday 14th October. Mrs McGrath will contact you by half term if your child has a place.

### Daily Mile

All classes have been taking part in the 'Daily Mile' programme over the last 2 weeks. We are hoping to get our children fit and see if this daily exercise helps with fitness levels and also improved concentration.

### Cross country

Good luck to all those who taking part in the cross country event next Tuesday 18th October at St Bede's school. The first race is at 4pm so all runners need to be there by then. Please note that parking is very difficult in the local area and the school have asked us to share lifts wherever possible and be considerate of local residents.

## COMMUNITY SECTION

- **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.

- **Ballet & Modern Dance Class**

Vaughan Dance is looking for children in school years 4 and 5 to come along and try ballet and modern dance. Classes are held at Bradbury Hall in Henleaze on Saturday afternoons and cost £3.50 per week per genre. Email [vaughandance@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vaughandance@hotmail.co.uk) to book your free trial and to find out more information!

- Are you looking for free children's activities during October? Local children's publisher Book Island is organising a fun **picture book hunt** on Gloucester Road. Join their picture book trail and you could WIN A SET OF PICTURE BOOKS (worth £60) for yourself AND an additional one for your school. For more information about the trail and a downloadable answer sheet visit: [www.bookisland.co.uk](http://www.bookisland.co.uk).

- Two young female guinea pigs, with cage and all equipment, free to a good home. We had them for about 4 months but my daughter developed an allergy, so we are now looking to re-home them.

The guinea pigs are of the fluffy variety – they are very cute, white and light brown, and are nice to hold and cuddle (they don't bite). If you are interested, please contact me at [antoniasilvestri@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:antoniasilvestri@blueyonder.co.uk) or 07798 652 635. Thanks, Antonia (mum of Alessia Cook 3W)

- Below, please see information about how the money raised for the Red Cross in Ecuador is being used:

Thanks to your support the Ecuadorian Red Cross has been able to continue their work in the communities most affected in the provinces of Esmeraldas and Manabi by the earthquake that took place on April 16th, 2016. The Red Cross is working in the affected populations with three major lines of action: livelihoods, health promotion and water and sanitation.

They have completed the immediate response phase and are now working to increase the capacity of local communities and civil society to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.

Please share this link through social media to help raise awareness and funds:

<https://www.ammado.com/community/terremotodeecuador> Thank you.




# 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

	<b>AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS CLUB</b> <b>Bristol School of Gymnastics:</b> 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.	Tuesday Yr 2 Thursday Yr 5-6
	<b>DANCE CLUB</b> <b>Rise:</b> Fridays at 3.15-4.30pm. Years 3-6. This club will start on Friday 30th September in the hall from 3.15–4.30pm. If you would like to have a go please see Mrs McGrath to reserve your place or fill out a club permission slip.	Friday Yrs 3-6
	<b>FOOTBALL</b> <b>Premier Sport:</b> Starts w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept: Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm; Tuesdays Year 3-6 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. Places are limited.	Monday Yrs 1-2  Tuesday Yrs 3-6
	<b>ITALIAN CLUB</b> <b>Maria Maniglia:</b> Held in the Music/Languages Room <b>For years 3, 4, 5 and 6</b> - Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm - children walk from their classrooms. <b>For years 1 and 2</b> - 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.	Monday Yrs 3-6  Tuesday Reception, Yrs 1 and 2
	<b>TEAM FOOTBALL</b> <b>Mr Morgan:</b> Team football training for those who have been selected: Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm	Wednesday Yrs 5 & 6
	<b>KNITTING CLUB</b> <b>Mrs Andrews &amp; Mrs Fox:</b> Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm in 3W classroom. This club is <b>NOW FULL</b> . Please fill out a club permission slip to be added to the waiting list.	Tuesday Yrs 3-6
	<b>MATHS CLUB:</b> 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
	<b>MULTI SPORTS CLUB</b> <b>Premier Sport:</b> Wednesdays after school 3.15-4.30pm for Years 1 and 2. Please watch out for details as this club is still being finalised – you can complete a permission slip in the office if you would like to express an interest.	Wednesday Yrs 1 and 2
	<b>NETBALL</b> <b>Mrs McGrath:</b> 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.	Tuesday Yrs 3-4 & Thursday Yrs 5-6
	<b>ARCHERY CLUB</b> <b>Premier Sport:</b> Years 3-6 Thursdays 3.30 to 4.30pm. To book please visit <a href="http://www.premiersport.org">www.premiersport.org</a> or call Lee on 07917 18 7771. Places are limited.	Thursday Yrs 3-6
	<b>RUNNING CLUB</b> <b>Mrs McGrath:</b> Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesday 7.50am

## Lunch time clubs

	<b>BIBLE DISCOVERY</b> <b>Miss Haime / Mrs Woolley:</b> 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.	
	<b>CHAPLAINCY</b> <b>Mrs Ballantine:</b> For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes fortnightly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	
	<b>CHOIR</b> <b>Mrs Williams:</b> For years 3-6 boys and girls - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3W classroom. New members welcome!	
	<b>CHOIR</b> <b>Miss Tudhope:</b> 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!	

	<b>BOYS' CHOIR</b> <b>Mr Khanna:</b> For boys only in years 3-6 - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 5K classroom.
	<b>DEBATING CLUB</b> <b>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 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!
	<b>DIGITAL LEADERS' CLUB:</b> For year 6 pupils – Thursdays 12.15-1.00 in 1H classroom.
	<b>ORCHESTRA:</b> Fridays 12.30pm.  New members are very welcome, please contact Mr Khanna <a href="mailto:max.khanna@bristol-schools.uk">max.khanna@bristol-schools.uk</a> 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.