



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had the opportunity to enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

I would like to share with you our new signage in the office entrance area of the school. My thanks go out to Naomi, mum to one of our pupils, who volunteered her time to take on this challenge. We are so incredibly grateful, it looks amazing.



Today we held our Crowning of Mary Service. Thank you to everyone who donated flowers. Please do take a look at our statue of Our Lady, Mary, which is located in the prayer hut in the St Francis garden. Our youngest and oldest pupils crowned her in a service led by Mgr. Bernard.



KS2 pupils took their flowers to the church and presented them to the statue of Mary.



Summer uniform

As we are now into the summer term, I would like to remind all parents and carers that your child is able to wear summer school uniform if they would like to. This is a blue gingham dress or grey/navy/black tailored shorts. This isn't compulsory and children can continue to wear their winter uniform if preferred.

Throughout terms 5 and 6 we are continuing to ask children to come to school in their PE kits on days that they have PE or sport after school. If you don't know when your child has PE, please speak to the class teacher or your class rep.

With all this in mind, you may want your child to wear summer sandals/shoes as opposed to trainers. We will officially return to school shoes in September, but if you do want your child to wear a lighter summer shoe please ensure that they wear socks and that the shoe is enough for outdoor play. Thin, strappy sandals often cause accidents. Trainers should continue to be worn on PE days.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

We are planning to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school on Thursday 26th May. We are inviting all children to make a crown at home which they will wear to school on this day. We are planning to hold a Crown procession first thing on the playground and welcome parents staying after drop off to see this at around 9am. We are planning to have a whole school finale at the end of the day where we invite all parents to join us at 2.45pm on the playground. More details will follow.

Best,

mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events from week commencing: Monday 9th May 2022 (NEW MENU week 1)

Monday 9th May: Y6 SATS WEEK!

Tuesday 10th May: Curriculum information session 4.30pm and 7pm

Run for H2O

Mr Davis will again be raising money for Hope International, an amazing water charity, through their 'Run for H2O' campaign. He aims to raise a massive £10,000. He will be running 34.5 miles on the Pembrokeshire coastal

path on Saturday 11th June. If you would like to donate, please visit
<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/Run4H2O2022>

You can view a video of Pat Lam, Bristol Bears Director of Rugby, here talking about the project and giving a shout out to St Bon's!

http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/bristol_bears_director_pat_lam_talks_to_st_bons/607003

The children will be able to take part in a sponsored run in school on Friday 20th May to raise money to buy pipeline to provide water for a community in Ethiopia. The sponsorship form is attached to the email with this newsletter and copies have also been sent home.

The sponsorship form includes details of the distances applicable for each year group.

Finally, Mr Davis has been given a Bristol Bears rugby ball which has been signed by all the team members. He will be selling raffle tickets so that this fabulous prize can be won by someone here at St Bon's! We will let you know how you can buy raffle tickets nearer the time of the draw.



Drama Club – production dates and ticket sales

Production dates, all in the school Hall:

Tuesday 24th May @ 3.30pm – Cast A

Wednesday 25th May @ 3.30pm – Cast B

Wednesday 25th May @ 6.45pm – Cast A

Thursday 26th May @ 6.30pm – Cast B

Tickets will be on sale in the school playground before and after school from Monday 9th May.

Have your say on the future of our city centre

Bristol City Council wants to hear your thoughts on what you think the future city centre should look like.

Plans to revitalise the centre of Bristol to make it a more family-friendly, safer, healthier, and greener place are set to be developed in the City Centre Development and Delivery Plan (the Plan).

The Plan will cover a large area of central Bristol, extending from Marlborough Street and the St James Barton roundabout in the north, to Castle Park in the south, Bond Street South in the East and St Augustine's Parade in the west.

It will guide the recovery, regeneration, and transformation of Bristol city centre over the period to 2050. The Plan will involve thinking big about the potential long-term changes to buildings, spaces and streets and the

way these are used to support a thriving city centre in the context of the current climate and ecological emergency, economic and social pressures.

You can share your views via the online survey which is open until 23 May 2022, or by adding comments to our interactive map. To find out more and give your views visit: <https://citycentrebristol.co.uk/>

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com



Frozen Fridays are back!

We hope you're enjoying the return of Frozen Fridays. We will be selling ice-creams and ice-lollies (50p-£1) after school every Friday until the summer holidays.

Each class will have a week they are responsible for selling – please contact your class rep if you can help on your class's assigned week.

Cash or contactless accepted (minimum £1 for card machine)

Summer Fair 2022 – Date for your diary

This year's summer fair will be on Sunday 26th June

In the weeks to come we will be asking for help to prepare for the fair and asking classes to volunteer to run stalls on the day so please keep an eye out for how you can help.

If you have any ideas you'd like to see please let us know.

Hygiene Bank – Volunteers Needed

Residents of Egerton Road have been coordinating food parcels and a hygiene bank for families requiring assistance at St Bons. This initially started during the pandemic but ongoing support is needed. The current coordinator is asking for someone (or a small team of people) from the school community to assist her.

If you are interested in learning more, we can put you in touch with the current coordinator.

New Secretary Needed!

Our current wonderful secretary Lu Griffiths will be standing down at the AGM next year. It would be great if we would get a new recruit in place now who could shadow Lu from now and learn the ropes ready to take over. Please let us know if interested.

Second-Hand Uniform

If you are in need of uniform or have any donations (branded and in good condition) please email ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

Elephant day charity fundraiser

Last week's dress down day in aid of WWF raised a magnificent £213.84. Well done to the children in Year 6 for organising it.

Community Food Pantry - update

The Community Food Pantry is a way of providing free, nutritious and long-life food for anyone in need in the local area. Anyone can take food from the small shelving unit at the back of St Bonaventure's Church which is kept regularly stocked by volunteers, using donations of food and money given generously by you.

Our partnership with AidBox Community, the Bristol charity which supports refugees coming to the city, is still going strong. We're currently donating over 100 items a week for their 'free shop' down in Montpelier. We've also had an amazing response to our appeal for school uniforms for Ukrainian refugees: more than 175 items have already been donated! A massive thanks to Moira for washing them all, and to Becky and Kate for sorting and storing the donations.

Thanks to your continued kindness and support, as well as collaborating with ABC, we're also able to keep a really good stock of food in the original pantry in St Bon's Church. Food is regularly being taken and in increasing amounts, so it's clear there are people in need who are relying on your generosity to get through difficult times.

How can I help?

We are incredibly grateful for any food you can give. Any amount at all is helpful, even one packet, box or bottle of something - so please consider putting an extra couple of items in your weekly shop.

Here are the items we're most in need of at the moment:

cooking oil (any kind)
coffee
tea
tinned tuna
tinned fruit
sugar
flour
oat cakes
crackers
muesli bars
rice
biscuits
pasta sauce (but not pasta bake)
jam
deodorant
washing up liquid
sanitary towels

Please DO NOT donate:

Fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste)

Tinned meat meals

Tinned meatballs

Where do I leave food donations?

Please put **food donations** either in the **clear box labelled "Community Food Pantry Donation Box"** at the **back of the church** or in the **box outside the front door of the Presbytery**.

How do I donate money?

There is a "Food Pantry" button on the Donation Point inside the church if you would like to make monetary donations by card. Or you can give cash to Mgr Massey or put it in an envelope through Jenny Glester's door at 57 Egerton Road.

How do I donate my time?

If you'd like to get involved in the organisation of the Community Food Pantry, you can join our WhatsApp group by following this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Kq3UpC345FdDOPMnNwQfja>
Thank you all for your support!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Local job opportunity for fitness instructor / personal trainer

Local ladies' gym Trainhers is looking for a new member of staff to join their team. Ideally a personal trainer or fitness instructor but training can be provided for someone who is interested in the business. Find out more about Trainhers here <https://www.trainhers.co.uk/>

St Bon's Brownies has vacancies for new Brownies. If you have a daughter in Year 2 or above and would like your daughter to join the parish Brownie group, please contact stbonsbrownies@gmail.com

Sinead Pelley Health & Wellbeing

Kinesiology is a completely natural and highly effective way to attain optimum mental and physical health.

It uses gentle muscle testing to identify, understand and rectify any imbalance within the body and is suitable for all ages.

Kinesiology is incredibly effective for children and parents are amazed at how quickly results are achieved. I offer various different treatments including Kinesiology, Nutrition & Food Testing, Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT), Targeted Gut Health Support, Wellness Advice and much more.

I offer a free 10-minute phone consultation and 10% off all initial treatments for St Bonaventure's families. Pop in to see me at the Bank Fitness on Henleaze Road – I am offering free 15 minute slots for you to visit my clinic and talk through how I can help either you or your loved ones.

To book, please message me via my 'Contact Sinead' page @ www.healthandwellbeingbristol.co.uk
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