



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to welcome all our new pupils, parents and staff to our school. We are very glad to welcome you to our school community.

I hope everyone has had a restorative summer break and that the children are raring to go! We have a challenging year ahead of us, but will be working hard to provide our children with the best learning environment possible.

This term we will be focusing on a healthy school and would ask that you would support us by not giving sweets on birthdays but consider giving a book to share with the class or some other small gift.

Could I please remind all parents to come to the office and get signed into school before coming into the building. This applies even if you are 'just nipping to the toilet'! This is to safeguard all our children.

Finally, we always welcome help from parents and carers in a voluntary capacity. If you do have any spare time and would like to offer some help, please do let me know via the office and we can certainly make use of your time!

Best wishes,

L. Charles

Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 11th September 2017 (MENU no: 1)

Mon 11th: Reception pupils start school (part time)
Weds 13th: Roald Dahl Day – children can wear yellow or dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl character
Fri 15th: Start of year Mass

Events week commencing: Monday 18th September 2017 (MENU no: 2)

Tues 19th: Parent information meetings years 1 and 2 - 3.30 and 4pm
Weds 20th: Parent information meetings years 3 and 4 – 3.30 and 4pm
Thurs 21st: Parent information meetings years 5 and 6 – 3.30 and 4pm

Year 2 and 3 parents – please read!

Swimming lessons start next Wednesday 13th September for classes 3H, 3CG and 2W. A copy of the rota has been emailed to parents and sent home in hard copy so you can see the dates for the rest of Terms 1 and 2.

Class 2W will swim for 5 sessions – class 2T will start on Weds 18th October for five sessions.



Music lessons 2017-18 - PAYMENT

Payment for music lessons for Terms 1 and 2 is now overdue. Brass, violin and guitar lessons are £81.62 and piano lessons are £136.62. You can pay online using School Gateway, by cheque (payable to Bristol City Council) or by cash.

Drama Club

This will resume on Monday 18th September. 3.30pm – 4.15pm. All those in KS2 who are interested need to fill out a club slip and hand it into the drop box. Please note this club cannot be relied on to replace childcare as changes sometimes have to be made. We also need parents to be involved with this so if you have a skill to offer please let Mrs McGrath know.

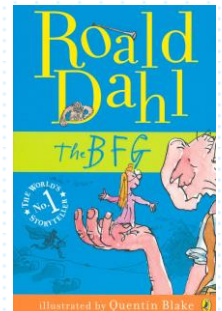
St Bonaventure's Church – new website

The Church has launched its new website which is a really fantastic resource. Please do take a look at www.stbonsbristol.co.uk

Father Tom is particularly keen to encourage people to sign up for the email newsletter – you can do this at the bottom of the homepage.

Roald Dahl Day – celebrate this wonderful author!

Children and staff can dress up in yellow to celebrate Roald Dahl's birthday next Wednesday 13th September. Yellow was his favourite colour! Alternatively, children can dress as any character from one of Roald Dahl's amazing stories.



Reading volunteers

We would love to add to our group of reading volunteers this year. Training is provided. If this is something you would be willing to consider, please do let the office know as soon as possible.

Music lessons – spaces available

We have spaces available for children from year 2 (violin) and year 3 (brass) to have a go at starting these instruments if they would like to. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Benians in the school office via the school email: st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk

Dates for music lessons are available on the school website under Parents/Music. PLEASE CHECK THESE REGULARLY AS THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON TEACHERS' AVAILABILITY

The PTFA needs a new chair and needs you

Thanks to everyone who has helped run the fairs over the last year. As I mentioned before and at last year's AGM I will be stepping down as chair of the PTFA this November after doing it for 3 years.

The PTFA therefore will need a new chair or joint chairs from November. Without a chair the PTFA as a charity cannot be run from a legal point of view, which means no possibility of fundraising from our side.

We have a very strong and wonderful committee who will support the new chair (or chairs as it can be a joint role) in their new role and I will also be there to help with all learning of the role etc.

It is a very rewarding role and a great opportunity to meet new people and make a really positive influence and contribution within the school. I have really enjoyed it but now have other commitments so I cannot fully dedicate myself to this role anymore.

Please do think about it, and if you want to know any more about becoming the new chair or running the role as a joint venture, contact me at sophie.kidd3007@gmail.com



PTFA meeting

There will be a PTFA meeting on Monday 11th September at 9am after school drop off, in the DT room/ after school club room.

Everyone is welcome – it's time to sort out this year's calendar of events and go through new projects for enhancing our children's lives at the school whilst also enjoying coffee and cake!

Attention: parents of children with asthma

We have received advice for parents of children with asthma. GPs are advising parents and carers of children with asthma to check and start using their inhalers now, before the weather changes. The advice comes at the start of a new school year when children are exposed to the usual increased risk of infection as they join hundreds of other pupils after the summer break.

Evidence shows that using inhalers preventatively, i.e. before symptoms of wheezing occur, reduces the risk of becoming unwell. Using spacers, the plastic tube or cone-shaped devices, also significantly increases effectiveness.

SPORTS – please see the clubs section below as well

Team Football: Mr Morgan will be holding trials next Wednesday 13th September for any child in year 5 or 6 who would like to be considered for the school football teams (boys and girls). The trials will take place between 3.30 and 5pm.

Swimming: The swimming time trials to pick the new swimming team will be held at the Dolphin Pool in Filton on Sunday 24th September 2017 at 3.30pm. Letters about this have been sent home. We need as many adults as possible to help so please sign up for a job. The trials are open to all KS2 swimmers (all swimmers should be able to swim 50m). Please see Mrs McGrath if you have any questions.

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.

Sport clubs: Some sports clubs will be run by St Bon's staff and will be free and others are run by outside

professionals: there will be a small charge for the latter. If any parents would be interested in helping with any of the sports clubs or running a club please do let Mrs McGrath know.

Yoga: This will resume on Monday 11th September in the school hall 7.50 – 8.30am. If you would like to attend this class please see Mrs McGrath or turn up on Monday. There will be a small charge for this club. It is open to parents/carers and children in KS2. Year 6 children ONLY can attend unaccompanied - all other children need to be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Netball: This will resume this year on Tuesdays for Y5/6 and Thursdays for Y3/4. 3.15pm – 4.15pm. All those who would like to take part need to fill in a club slip and hand it in to the drop box. Please see Mrs McGrath if you have any questions.

Hockey: We are hoping to run another Hockey club this year but we are currently without a coach. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for updates.

Running club: Will resume on Wednesday mornings at 7.50am. This club is free and open to all parents, careers and children. Please turn up at school in running clothes (school uniform in a bag) All are welcome, any ability is catered for.

Rugby: We are hoping to start a new tag rugby club on Thursdays after school 3.15 – 4.15pm. All those who are interested need to fill in a club slip and return it to the drop box. The start date for this is not confirmed yet.

Dance: There will be a dance class on Wednesdays for KS2 and Fridays for KS1 after school in the hall from 3.15 – 4.30pm. This club is being run by RISE Dance Company and there will be a small charge. Letters about this will be going home next week.

Please fill out a club permission slip if your child is interested in attending a club – these are available from the school office.

COMMUNITY SECTION

- Do you, or does someone you know, need support following a relationship breakdown?

Over the past 12 years Aquila Bristol has helped many people learn to cope and rebuild their lives following separation or divorce. Our next 7-week self-help course starts on Monday 25th September in Cotham, Bristol. The course is facilitated by a group of trained men and women who have all experienced broken relationships or divorce.

If you would like to know more please call Gill on 07807 058479, email bristol@hope-after-heartbreak.co.uk or visit www.hope-after-heartbreak.co.uk / www.facebook.com/hopeafterheartbreak

- Travel back in time this Autumn with Monkey Trousers Theatre.

Mr Gotalot's Gotalot Shop: The Crystal Cheese

The Timemaster has hidden Mr Gotalot's magical shop somewhere in time and space! Join Ms Barnet and Sidney the shop boy as they battle their way through history to bring Mr Gotalot - Back to the Future! A time travel adventure for the whole family. Tickets now on sale!

Sundays 24th September and 1st October 2017

10.30am, 1.00pm and 3.30pm

Kelvin Players Studio Theatre, Gloucester Road, BS7 8NY.

Tickets £7 each, £25 family of four, under 3s free, (booking fees apply).

Buy online at www.monkeytrouserstheatre.com

- After-school piano tuition

Piano teacher, Patrick Hammerman, has after school vacancies available for the new term. With over twenty years' experience of teaching in the local area, Patrick can offer 1:1 lessons for complete beginners to more advanced learners including ABRSM grade level exam entries. All styles covered from jazz improvisation and blues to classical and theory. The emphasis is on the enjoyment of music! If you'd like to come along for an introductory lesson and find out more please contact 0117 904 8648.

- French Club is now on Mondays AND Tuesdays! Come and learn French through games, songs and silliness. Classes are designed for Reception children up to year 6 and beyond... For more details, visit: www.frenchclubbristol.com or email alice_m_watson@msn.com. Starting 11th and 12th September.

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 activities

YEARS 1 and 2

FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit www.premiersport.org or call Lee on 07917 18 7771.	Mondays Yrs 1-2
ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia: Held in the Music/Languages Room. Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm – children are collected from their classrooms by Maria. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Tuesdays Yrs 1 and 2

YEARS 3-6

CLUB FOOTBALL Mr Morgan: This club is for Years 5 and 6.	Wednesdays Yrs 5 and 6
DANCE CLUB Rise Wednesdays KS2 3.30-4.30pm Fridays KS1 3.30-4.30pm	Wednesdays Yrs 3-6 Fridays Rec – Yr 2
DRAMA Mrs McGrath: Mondays 3.30-4.30pm Please fill out a club permission slip if your child would like to take part in the drama club this year.	Mondays Yrs 3-6
FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit www.premiersport.org or call Lee on 07917 18 7771.	Tuesdays
GYMNASTICS Bristol School of Gymnastics: Yr 4 Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm Yr 5 and 6 Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm Please contact Vicky Ashworth at BSG on 942 9620 for further information.	Tuesdays Yr 3 Thursdays Yr 4
HOCKEY TBC: We are hoping to run another Hockey club this year but we are currently without a coach. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for updates. Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Fridays TBC
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 more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Mondays
KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews & Mrs Fox: Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm in 3W classroom. Please fill out a club permission slip if your child would like to rejoin or start this club.	Tuesdays – will start 26 th Sept
JAGUAR MATHS CLUB Mrs Parry and Mr Harrison: This will start in term 2. Day to be confirmed.	From TERM 2
NETBALL Mrs McGrath: Tuesdays after school 3.15-4.15pm for Years 5 and 6. Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm for Years 3 and 4. Squad players will be invited to early morning training on Tuesdays at 8.00am.	Tuesdays Yr 5-6 & Thursdays Yr 3-4
RUGBY CLUB TBC: Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm. Please complete a club permission slip if you are interested in your child joining this club. This will be an expression of interest only at this stage.	Thursdays

EARLY MORNING CLUBS

RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath: Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesdays 7.50am
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 Yr 3-6
YOGA CLUB Ms Sus: Mondays at 7.50-8.30am in the Hall. All abilities welcome including parents.	Mondays 7.50am Yrs 3-6

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.	Mondays Yr 4-6
CHOIR Miss Tudhope: For years 1-6 - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 1-6
STORY TIME CLUB Mrs Widdowson: 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.	Wednesdays from TERM 2 Reception only
CHAPLAINCY Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	Thursdays Yr 5-6
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!	Thursdays Yr 5-6
ORCHESTRA Mrs Graham??: 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.	Fridays All ages

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.