



Friday 10th December 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I am sure you will join me in saying a huge 'Well done' to our Reception and KS1 pupils who performed their nativity play this week. We are so incredibly proud of them, they sang their hearts out and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you for joining us and complying with our Covid measures.

I also want to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to everyone who was involved in our Christmas Fair last Sunday. Our chairs, Sophie and Aisling, along with a committed team of parent volunteers, worked tirelessly for months planning and organising rotas and one-way systems to ensure the fair could go ahead. Thank you to everyone who volunteered on the day or helped with planning to ensure this event went ahead safely. It was great to experience a school event such as this. Thank you everyone.

Roman day

Year 4 have had a fantastic day making Roman honey biscuits and trying Roman-themed food – olives, cheese and grapes! They have made Roman shields and have learnt about Roman daily life. Learning will carry on into next week. Thank you for all your help!



KS2 carol service

Our KS2 carol service is due to take place at 6pm on Tuesday 14th December. This event takes place outside and, due to Covid restrictions, we do not have a suitable indoor venue as an alternative if the weather is wet or very windy. We will risk assess and make a decision by midday on Monday 13th December as to whether the event can go ahead. Parents will be notified by email. Keep your fingers crossed for dry and calm weather! If this event does go ahead, our lovely PTFA will be providing refreshments. Teachers will be posting information about what the children need to wear on the class Google pages – please check.

Science update

I am delighted to inform you that we have achieved the Primary Science Quality Mark, PSQM. Mr Davis, Science leader, worked throughout 2002-21 engaging in professional development to support improvements in Science at St Bon's. We will be displaying our certificate proudly. You'll notice the PSQM mark on our letter headed paper from now on!

Google classroom

As you are aware we are using Google classroom to share all home learning including weekly homework and important class related information. If you download the Google classroom APP you will automatically receive an alert when your child's Google classroom page is updated.

Best,

Mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 13th December 2021 (MENU week 1)

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

Events week commencing: Tuesday 4th January 2022 (MENU week 2)

Tues 4 th January:	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Weds 5 th :	Start of Term 3



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St Bon's, thank you so much for coming out and supporting the Christmas fair with the enthusiasm you did. We hope you all enjoyed it. A massive thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered and attended (and for your patience with our endless requests and pestering). It absolutely couldn't have happened without every single one of you.

We'd also like to extend a massive thank you to Mrs Ballantine and Miss Simpson for their help with logistics and practicalities, the school office team for all their help with collecting in donations, handing out tickets and so many other aspects of coordination, the teaching staff for having their classrooms and staff room taken over with donations and giving up their time to support the bottle stall and Bob and Ken for helping us get set up and tidied up over the weekend.

With your generosity we raised an absolutely astounding...

£5293.02!!!!

We hope you are all feeling super proud of helping to achieve this for our fantastic school, it really is an incredible amount.

But the fun doesn't stop there....

Check out our amazing silent auction which is running to the end of term. We have absolutely incredible prizes from Elly Sherman tennis, La Campagnuola, The Wave, Bristol Rovers, Gloucester County Cricket, Clifton Lido and Longleat amongst others:

Silent Auction Items | St Bonaventure's Primary School Bristol (stbonsptfa.com)

You can bid on as many items as you like – you only pay if you have the winning bid.

Christmas Tree Decorations

We still have a small number of St Bonaventure's Christmas tree decorations available. You can buy online and collect from the school office:

 Christmas Tree Decorations  | St Bons PTFA

Also look out for members of the PTFA at pick up time who will be selling them – cash/card/contactless

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

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

Reception 2022 – applications for siblings

If you have a child currently at St Bon's and you would like their sibling to join us next September (turning four between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022) you will need to apply on the Bristol City Council website by midnight on the 15th January. You do not automatically get a place without applying even if you have a child here already.

If your child is baptised Catholic, please also provide us with a copy of their baptism certificate before 15th January.

Clubs next week

The following clubs will NOT take place next week:

Netball Y3 and Y4

Gymnastics KS2

Netball Y5 and Y6 with Mrs McGrath

Football with Mr Morgan

Tag rugby Y5 and Y6 with Mr Davis

Hockey club Y5 and Y6 with Mrs Hinkins

Chess Club for Year 5

Multi sports on Wednesday and Drama on Monday and Wednesday will take place as will Premier Sport football and hockey clubs.

Clubs next term

The following clubs will continue to run with the same children next term – please see below for the start date:

Drama – Monday 10th January
Netball Y3 and Y4 – Monday 10th January
Gymnastics KS2 – Tuesday 11th January
Netball Y5 and Y6 – Tuesday 11th January
Multi-sports Y1 – Wednesday 5th January
Football with Mr Morgan – Wednesday 12th January
Tag rugby Y5 and Y6 – Thursday 13th January
Yoga for Year 2 – Friday 7th January

After School Club and Breakfast Club – bookings now open

Bookings for term 3 can now be made for both after school club and breakfast club. Please book using School Gateway in the usual way. Any credits from Term 2 have already been moved forward and will automatically be used up on booking.

If you are not able to see the term 3 clubs, this may be because you have an outstanding balance to pay on term 2 – please check your balances in the Clubs tab of School Gateway. Once the balance has been settled, please let the office know and we can add your child(ren) into the club.

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.

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

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

Babysitting

Hi, my name is Amelie Paul. I am 15 and an old St Bon's pupil. I'm currently at RGS and am looking for babysitting work. I have two younger sisters, one of whom is still at St Bon's, and I have been volunteering at St Bon's Brownies as part of my DofE. If you are interested, please text my mum on 07766 366569.

Job opportunity - Magic Dragon Preschool

JOB VACANCY: Part-time Preschool Practitioner

A rare opportunity has arisen to work with a great team of long-standing practitioners.

Magic Dragon is a well-established preschool in Bishopston. We provide a wonderfully safe and stimulating environment where children can play, explore and grow.

We are open four mornings a week (Monday–Thursday) 9-1 for children aged 2 ½ to 4 years.

We are looking for a friendly and enthusiastic person who likes to work hard and play even harder to join our team. If this sounds like you, then please get in touch.

We are looking for:

- An energetic and enthusiastic hard-working person
- Someone with a passion for Early Years play and working with children
- A team player with a desire to inspire and contribute to our team
- A reliable person with motivation, commitment and a belief that every child deserves the best early education possible.

For an application pack please contact Niki on 07971 421 834

Guinea pigs

We have had baby guinea pigs which will be looking for new homes in the next few weeks. They need to live in pairs (or more!) as they like company and are very easy to handle/care for.

Please email me or text for more details.

Ali - alivaz.ab@gmail.com

07962 263 243



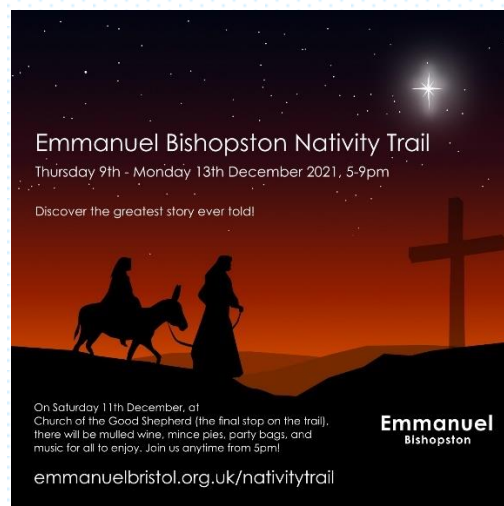
Pantomime!

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>



Emmanuel Bishopston Nativity Trail

Follow the trail to see eight decorated windows and discover the greatest story ever told!

Thursday 9th - Monday 13th December 2021, 5 - 9pm

On Saturday 11th December at Church of the Good Shepherd (the final stop on the trail), there will be mulled wine, mince pies, party bags and music for all to enjoy. Join us anytime from 5pm.

For more information and to see the map visit: [www. emmanuelbristol.org.uk/nativitytrail](http://www.emmanuelbristol.org.uk/nativitytrail)

Sinead Pelley Health & Wellbeing

I would like to thank all the wonderful St Bonaventure's families that visit my clinic - it has been so rewarding to see the improvement in both children and parents, greatly benefiting from my Kinesiology and well-being sessions. Kinesiology is incredibly effective for children and parents are amazed at how quickly results are achieved.

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

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

I will continue to offer a free 10 minute consultation and 10% off all initial treatments for St Bonaventure's families.

For a chance to win a FREE initial consultation and appointment in January- please like and follow my Facebook page. The winner will be contacted before Christmas!! Good luck!!

<https://www.facebook.com/Sinead-Pelley-Health-Wellbeing-107579514955197/>

The essence of health is inner balance.