



Friday 4th March 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I know that all of you will have been affected by the situation taking place in Ukraine. For some of you, you may be worried about family and friends who have been impacted. A lot of our children have wanted to talk about this in school. Class teachers are spending time listening to the children's concerns and acknowledging that in times where there is conflict, people might be feeling anxious or worried.

I am going to be introducing a Book of Hope with the children next week and would like to invite you to contribute to it. Children will be given the opportunity to write their hopes, blessings and prayers for the people who have been affected by the conflict in Ukraine and Russia. I will put the book outside on a table at the end of each day for you to write in. If you do not come on to the school site but would like to contribute, please email the school office st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk and we will add your message.

My assemblies next week, through the use of a children's book, will focus on what it means to be a refugee and flee conflict. I will be sharing the following prayer which I hope will provide you with some comfort and you which you may wish to share at home with your family:

Dear Jesus,

Please comfort the people of Ukraine and keep them safe.

Help and protect the people in Russia who are protesting against the war.

Change the hearts of world leaders who want war.

Bring your peace, love and understanding into the rooms where decisions are being made.

Jesus, please be merciful to the world.

Shine your light of love and hope.

Help us seek peace and bring an end to war.

Amen.

Many of our children have asked me if we can fundraise for the people of Ukraine. For our dress down day on Friday 18th March we would invite children to bring a suggested donation of £1.



Mgr. Bernard has donated this cuddly bear and we are inviting children to suggest a suitable name for it in return for a £1 donation. For example, suggesting the name Peace. The money raised will be donated to help the people in Ukraine.

Class teachers will facilitate opportunities for pupils to name the bear and collect donations next week. The child who suggests the name which we think is most appropriate will win the bear!

Parents Evening

This afternoon at 4pm, you will receive an email from school letting you know the dates for parents evening. This will include information about how to book. Bookings will open from 9am on Saturday 12th March – you will receive another reminder next week.

Help with some decorative writing please...

We are looking for a parent or friend of the school to help us. We'd like to write the school's vision statement on a wall in the office reception area and need someone who is skilled at writing using a decorative script. If you think you can help please can you email me on head.st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk

Parent curriculum session

Our parent curriculum information session will take place from 4-5pm on Tuesday 15th March. This will be a virtual event and will take place using Google meet. To access the session please log in using your child's Google log in.

Best,

mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 7th March 2022 (MENU week 1)

Mon 7 th March:	2.30pm Spelling information session KS1 and KS2 (contact the office to book a space)
Fri 11 th March:	9am Spelling information session KS1 and KS2 (contact the office to book a space) Second hand uniform sale after school
Tues 15 th March:	4-5pm Parent curriculum information session on Google Meet (use child's login)
Thurs 17 th March:	St Patrick's day – children in this house can wear green home clothes to school

World Book Day – thank you for your support!

We had a wonderful day in school yesterday celebrating World Book Day. The costumes and words you came up with for our Vocabulary Parade were fantastic! Thank you for all your support.



Max, Tallulah, Natalia and Lucia

Window Wanderland

Window Wanderland is this weekend. Year 4 have designed and made a window for Lynne Fernandes Opticians on Gloucester Road, so please do go and take a look when you're out and about.

Parent support group for parents/carers for whom English is an additional language

We are keen to reintroduce our parent/carer support group for parents/carers for whom English is an additional language. This would be a weekly session which parents/carers could attend and meet with a cup of tea/coffee to talk about school related events. If you would like to find out more about this, please email Tiba Preisner on ratiba.preisner@bristol-schools.uk. We will then be in touch to arrange an initial meeting at the start of term 4.

Message from Mgr Bernard at St Bon's church

Dear parents and carers,

I need your help please. As I'm sure you're aware, every year the children in Year 3 have a special course to prepare them to make their First Holy Communion. We are hoping to start this in February after half term.

I need a group of adults (male and female) to help with this programme. Ideally what I need is about six or more people, with one or two being prepared to take the main lead. This number of people means that you shouldn't need to be there for every session and given the busy lives that you have, this can often make it a lot easier for people to volunteer.

The course has three books – one for the child, one for the parents (so they can follow and help their children) and finally one for the team leaders (to show them what they need to do).

The course will run on a Saturday (whether this is morning or afternoon will depend on what the volunteers decide.)

Please email me if you can help or want more information at bernard.massey@cliftondiocese.com

Thank you in advance, Mgr Bernard

School wish list



Government funding to schools has been cut hugely in recent years. In light of this, and to help ease the burden on St Bon's, the school Governors have set up an Amazon wish list of items which would be useful to the school. This provides a straight-forward, practical way for members of the school community to give their support if they can afford to do so.

One of the objectives on the School Improvement Plan for this year is to provide more opportunities for play to support pupils as they recover from the Covid pandemic. The wish list for this term includes a selection of games and puzzles, chosen by staff at St Bon's.

Please click on the link below to see the list. Items can be posted directly to the school (St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary School, Egerton Road, Bishopston, Bristol, BS7 8HP). Alternatively, you can have items delivered to your home and take them into the school reception. Even better than buying new – if you have any of these things at home or can buy them second hand, you can still mark the item as purchased on the wish list!

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/159AR9UKDHR3K?ref=wl_share

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

Form an orderly queue – the Doughnut and Hot Choc Sale is today!

- Don't forget to pop along to our doughnut and hot choc sale today, on the school playground from 3.15pm!
 - All pre-orders can be collected from there.
- Doughnuts are £1 each, Hot Chocolate is 50p. Cash or contactless payment accepted. Vegan options for both available.
- Full list of ingredients and allergens can be found here: [Krispy Kreme Nutritionals and Allergens | Krispy Kreme](#)



Second-Hand Uniform

- Once again, many thanks to Ellie Eakins who will be joining us as our PTFA Uniform Rep!
 - We will be holding a table top second hand uniform sale in a few weeks (date tbc)
 - So, save yourself money and a trip to the shops, and buy from your PTFA!
- If you have BRANDED items in good quality you can donate, particularly for ages 7+ please let us know via ptfauniformrep@gmail.com
- **As always, if anyone needs uniform and finds themselves in financial difficulty, do not hesitate to contact the school who will anonymously pass on requests.**

Notice of AGM, Wed 30th March 8pm, Zoom details TBC

- The PTFA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Wed 30th March 8pm via Zoom.
- The AGM is an obligatory meeting held once a year and allows all members (that's you dear reader!) to receive information about our financial performance over the past 12 months, our activities, and confirm/nominate committee posts.
- We MUST have a minimum attendance of twice the number of committee positions so PLEASE dial in! We would really appreciate it! You don't have to participate (although we would love that), you can simply turn up.

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

St Bon's parent who needs help with transport

One of our parents with two children here at St Bon's has recently moved to Lawrence Weston. The family does not have a car and the bus journey is really difficult (multiple buses across different bus companies). If you would be interested in earning a small amount of money to go and collect the girls at about 8am and bring them to St Bon's, please get in touch with Mrs Benians in the office clare.benians@bristol-schools.uk Even if you could only help on a few days a week, that would be great.

Fundraising by one of our pupils

One of our 2C pupils is taking part in some fundraising for Great Ormond Street Hospital. She will be taking part in the challenge to swim 5km (200 lengths of our local pool) in March to raise money for charity. If you would like to donate, please use the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/234373738907429/>

Job opportunity #1 - St Bon's Church

Mgr. Bernard has a vacancy for an Office Administration Manager based in the Presbytery at St Bon's church. This new role combines the 2 previous roles of Admin & Media.

The necessary skills required are,

- a good knowledge of Computing and the Microsoft packages of Word, Excel, Access and Publisher;
- along with an ability to use the major media platforms of Twitter, Instagram & Facebook.

The successful candidate will be the first point of contact with parishioners and the public and so needs good communication skills.

The job is for Term time only and is for 20 hours per week made up of a 4 or 5 day week.

The rate of pay is £10.00 per hour.

For further information please email Mgr. Bernard at bernard.massey@cliftondiocese.com

Job opportunity #2 – sport and social club

A local sport and social club is looking to appoint a part time administrator to manage the general business of the club. The position would require a flexible 16 – 20 hours per week with a competitive remuneration package. Own transport is desirable. The successful candidate will need to be well organised and ideally experienced in bookkeeping and other business packages associated with the requirements of this role.

Further information can be requested by e-mail to bristolcssc@virginmedia.com
Applicants CVs should also be sent to this e-mail address.

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.

Sinead Pelley Health & Wellbeing

I would like to thank all the wonderful St Bonaventure's families who 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 March - please like and follow my Facebook page. The winner will be contacted at the end of the month. Good luck!

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

The essence of health is inner balance