



Friday 16th September 2022

Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe a week has passed since the announcement of the Queen's death. In school we have been responding to the children's questions but have focused on the celebration of her life.

We praise You Lord, for You are full of love, peace and hope.

Please help us to be people of good news sharing your love, peace and hope in our school.

Please help us to build good relationships with everyone.

Please help us to be peace makers when there is tension and stress.

Please help us to bring hope when there is despair and dejection.

Please help us inspire others to be joyful when there is much to celebrate.

Please help us demonstrate your love.

Amen

Learning to Learn update

As part of our whole school initiative around Learning to Learn, the children have been discovering more about how our brains work. We explored how they can form and strengthen connections and pathways in their brains as they learn new things by challenging themselves.

To encourage this, teachers will be looking for children who choose to challenge themselves in their learning, ready for a praise assembly near the end of term. Each child has been asked to design a certificate that can be used to celebrate those Challenge Champions at the end of Term 1.

Parent and carer information sessions

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the in-person parent and carer information sessions after school this week. I am aware that the timing of these sessions meant it was difficult for some parents and carers to attend. We have therefore included the presentation slides on each class's Google classroom page. Please note that this year we are running a two-week timetable and therefore your child's PE day may change depending on whether we are on week 1 or 2. This is explained in the presentation slides.

Homework consultation

I am currently working alongside staff and pupils to review our homework policy. Please could you take the time to complete the following survey. I will use your feedback to help shape our new homework policy:

<https://forms.gle/S6TRc3uYLHfy2j1k6>

The deadline for all responses is Friday 30th September 2022.

School priorities information session for parents

I will be holding a termly information session for parents and carers to provide you with an update on school priorities and curriculum development. There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to ask questions, talk to other parents and meet school staff.

The first session will be held in the school hall at 9am on Friday 23rd September. At this session, I will be sharing an overview of our annual school improvement plan. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Reception parents and carers information session

Our Reception teachers will be holding their parent and carer information session in the school hall on Tuesday 4th October at 2.30pm. All parents and carers of our current Reception cohort are encouraged to attend. You will be provided with an overview of the year, what to expect and how you can support us to support your child/ren. We look forward to seeing you.

Best,

Mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events w/c 19th September 2022 (MENU week 2)

Thursday 22 nd September:	Vegan bake sale in aid of Dean Farm Trust animal sanctuary – 3.15pm cash only
Friday 23 rd September:	Reception Parents coffee morning at 9am in church Presbytery Level 2 Bikeability bike checks School priorities information session for parents 9am
Monday 26 th September:	Reception children start full time Bikeability Level 2

Roald Dahl Day

Thank you to everyone for making such an event to dress up or wear yellow – or both! – for Roald Dahl Day earlier this week. You all looked fab!



Drama Club – IMPORTANT NOTICE

All those children in KS2 who are interested in joining drama have been given a contract to sign today. Please return these to the drop box by **Wednesday 21st September**. Children for whom we have a completed contract by 3.15pm on Wednesday can attend the first rehearsal on Monday 26th September.

Drama will start on Monday 26th September 3.15 – 4.30pm. All those who would like a main part, please come with a song prepared and a very short poem (or part of a poem) learnt by heart.

Multi Sports club for Y1 and Y2

This will start in Term 2. Please complete a club permission slip by Friday 23rd September if you would like your child to be added to the list. There will be a charge (to be confirmed). Depending on numbers, we may have to split the group into two to give everyone an opportunity. This will be confirmed once we have an idea of numbers.

Secondary school admissions for current Year 6 pupils

Jim Britton, part of the admissions team at Bristol City Council, will be holding a Zoom session about the Secondary School Transfer process for parents. He will outline the process, provide useful information, do's and don'ts etc. Year 5 parents are also welcome to attend.

The session will start at 4-30pm on Wednesday 21st September

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72621353682?pwd=dtXqyeznhns4POBuuuVZoblYPOQ42b.1>

Meeting ID: 726 2135 3682 Passcode: Z694BG

Non-Bristol residents will need to apply through their home Local Authority (e.g. South Glos), but all parents interested in Bristol Schools are welcome to attend as the process is managed in the same way by neighbouring local authorities.

The deadline for applications is midnight on 31st October 2022.

Music lessons

Parents whose children were attending music lessons last year will be sent a letter/contract in a couple of weeks from Bristol Beacon, who are now administering these.

New spaces will be offered to children on the waiting list as well.

It is hoped that lessons will resume after half term.

Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Clubs and sports at St Bon's

Week of 12th September

Drama	STARTS w/c 26 th Sept	Mondays and Thursdays KS2
Premier Sport Football	STARTS w/c 26 th Sept Website to be updated soon	Mondays - Y1, Y2, Y3 Tuesdays - Y4, Y5 Y6
Netball	YES YES	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Gymnastics	YES	Tuesdays – Y3

Debating club	YES	Tuesdays -Y5 & 6
Running club – 7.50am	YES	Wednesday mornings – all welcome
Mr Morgan after school	YES	Wednesdays – Y5 & 6 Girls trials will take place and will finish at 4pm
Tag Rugby	Starts in Term 2	Thursdays - Y5 & 6
Chess	Starts 30 th Sept	Fridays – Y5
Premier Sport Hockey	STARTS w/c 26 th Sept	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays - Y5 & 6

Board game donations

Mrs Garrett will be running a lunch time board game club – she would appreciate donations of board games suitable for years 3 and 4.

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

Future meeting dates are:

Tuesday 11th October – evening, online

Thursday 17th November – evening, online

Reception Parents Coffee Morning Friday 23rd September 9am

To all new parents! The PTFA would like to invite you along for refreshments and treats as our way of saying welcome! This is a chance to have a nice cuppa and a chat, ask any questions about school life and meet other new parents! Meet in the Presbytery (door to the left of St Bon's church entrance)

Discos for KS1 and KS2 14th October

The discos are back with Mr Morgan on the decks! More information and tickets available soon.

Bag2School Collection 7th November

Advanced notice to get clearing those cupboards, The first collection of the year will be in November.

Ceilidh 11th November

A chance for parents and carers to let their hair down and enjoy a good reel. See you on the dance floor!

Christmas Fair 4th December

Put it in your diaries now, the Christmas fair will be on Sunday 4th December! We're already getting ideas together. If you're interested in helping us plan this year's fair please get in touch.

Join the Committee!

We're looking for a new secretary to take over when our current secretary steps down later this year. Full handover will be given and Lu would be happy to support the incoming volunteer while they find their feet. If you'd like more info on the role please get in touch.

Shop and Support

Raise money for the PTFA while doing your shopping.

- **STICKINS**

Need new name labels for next year? Using code 19021 at checkout and Stickins will donate to the PTFA.

- **AMAZON SMILE**

Set up your Amazon Smile account and select St Bonaventure's PTFA as your chosen charity and every time you shop with Amazon the PTFA receives a donation.

- **EASYFUNDRAISING**

Download the app (available through the Apple and on android), check if your chosen retailer is on Easyfundraising , click through, shop as normal and the PTFA gets a donation

None of these options change the price you pay so please consider using them the next time you're shopping as an easy way to raise money without costing you a penny more.

Uniform Shop

Kids had a sudden growth spurt? Realised you could do with a couple of extra bits of uniform? The preloved uniform shop has plenty of good quality stock in so just get in touch: ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Babysitter available: My name is Ella Bunce and I am a former St Bons pupil, now in 6th form at Redland Green. I have lots of experience with young children, I am reliable and responsible, and I am available for babysitting! I can be contacted on 07401 342599. Many thanks.

OPEN EVENINGS AND MORNINGS AT REDLAND GREEN SCHOOL

Our RGS Open Evening event on Tuesday 20 September quickly sold out. We have now released an additional limited number of tickets [here](#).

We also have tickets still available for the RGS Open Mornings taking place on the 20th, 21st, 22nd, 26th, 28th and 29th September for any parents and prospective students looking to visit the school [here](#).

OPEN EVENTS FOR PROSPECTIVE YEAR 7 STUDENTS – TRINITY ACADEMY

We are delighted to invite you to attend one of our Open Events. These events are designed for parents and children considering applying for a Year 7 place for September 2023.

The dates are:

TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2022

Visits last an hour and will include an address by the Headteacher and an opportunity to tour the school. To attend one of our visits please book onto either the 5pm, 6pm or 7pm slot. We advise that you arrive 10 minutes before your chosen start time. These events are likely to be very popular and we expect to receive a large number of visitors. Booking is essential to attend one of these Open Evenings. Please click [HERE](#) to book.

Teachers and many of our current students will be available during the open events and will be happy to answer your questions.

Please [click HERE](#) to view our welcome video or visit the school [website](#) to find out more.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch via email to

admissions@trinityacademybristol.org.

I very much look forward to meeting you

Mr Eiron Bailey, Headteacher

St Bon's Church creation mass

There is going to be a Creation Mass to celebrate God's Creation and highlight our responsibilities in caring for it, at 5pm on Sat 1st October in St Bon's Church.

There will be a plants and produce stall and food afterwards. All welcome. Any children who have participated in growing things or caring for nature would be welcome to speak during the Mass, contact hfarey@blueyonder.co.uk to volunteer.

Interested in your daughter joining Brownies?

Brownies is about trying new things that teach girls aged seven to 10 about themselves, their community and their world. Brownies introduces girls to a world of new opportunities, challenges and fun.

Girls go along to holidays, day trips and sleepovers. They get together with their friends at regular meetings where they learn new hobbies, get creative, develop skills and have outdoor adventures.

As well as trying activities in their meetings, girls choose from interest badges related to things they want to know more about.

Spaces are currently available at 106th Brownies who meet at St Bonaventure's Parish Hall.

Visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> to sign up.

Job Opportunity

We are looking for a retrofit assistant to join our growing team. As a company VOR Group are at the forefront of decarbonisation and retrofit of both social housing and the private market.

We work with social landlords and homeowners on their journey to Net Zero, reducing energy bills for residents, reducing carbon and also creating a better living environment for residents.

The role will involve reviewing reports, issuing documents, assisting the team with reporting etc. There is an opportunity to grow for the right person such as training to be a PAS2035 retrofit coordinator or assessor.

We are super flexible - term time/ school hours and we have a lovely new office in the old North Bristol baths on Gloucester Road.

Please send CV to Kelly.brown@vorgroup.co.uk