



Friday 29th April 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to term 5. It has certainly been a busy start to our new term.

We've re-opened all water fountains in school for the first time in over two years and the children have been incredibly excited by this. Don't worry the children have all been shown how to use them safely!

Year 5 went away on a two-night residential at the start of the week to Greatwood Camp. On behalf of all the year 5 parents I would like to express our thanks to the staff who accompanied the children - Mr Davis, Mrs Garrett, Mrs Fox and Mr Morgan. We can't thank you enough!

Well done to a group of year 6 pupils who led an assembly for KS2 pupils this week about endangered elephants. They also organised today's non-uniform day to raise money for the WWF. We'll let you know how much they raised for their chosen charity in next week's newsletter.

I would also like to say well done to Rocco and Rafaella who held a toy sale in the Easter holidays, raising £42 for the British Red Cross appeal. Well done!

Finally, congratulations to Pauline, our kitchen manager, who has reached her 30 years of service in school kitchens. We couldn't run the school without you!



Congratulations

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Williams, who currently teaches in year 1, and her husband are expecting their second child in September. I would like to pass on my congratulations to them both and know that Emily, their first child, is incredibly excited to be a big sister!

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.

EAL parent support group

Mrs Preisner is restarting coffee mornings in school for any parent or carer for whom English is not their first language. The group is very informal and welcoming – coffee and biscuits and an opportunity to talk with other parents about school life and living in Bristol. The dates are on the poster below:

English not your first language?

Join our support group for parents and carers!



TUESDAY 3rd MAY @ 0900 in the DT room
MONDAY 9th MAY @ 0900 in the DT room
TUESDAY 17TH MAY @ 0900 in the DT room
MONDAY 23RD MAY @ 0900 in the DT room

- Meet and have a cup of tea/coffee and talk about school life, living in Bristol and more
- Join other parents and carers from around the world
- To find out more, please email Tiba Preisner on ratiba.preisner@bristol-schools.uk

Parent focus group

Our parent focus group is continuing to meet each term. I would like to thank parents who attend this group for the feedback they provide which is so incredibly valuable. This term we have discussed and made suggestions for the pupils' end of year reports.

If you have a non-urgent issue that you'd like discussed at our next meeting please email parentfocusgroup@stbons.uk

Dates for your diary

- Year 6 cake sale to raise money for Leavers activities, Thursday 5th May 3.15pm.
- Our annual Crowning of Mary service will take place on Friday 6th May. All children are invited to bring in flowers which we will use to crown a statue of Our Lady Mary. We are also asking pupils to come dressed 'as a garden' on this day. Colourful and floral clothes are encouraged.

Best,

mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events from week commencing: Tuesday 3rd May 2022 (NEW MENU week 3)

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| Monday 2 nd May: | School closed today for May Day Bank Holiday |
| Thursday 5 th May: | Y6 cake sale after school – raising money for the leavers' fund |
| Friday 6 th May: | Crowning of Mary service: wear colourful and floral clothes! Dress as a garden. |

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>

Mr Davis also gave an assembly to the whole school today about how they can get involved.

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 – next week

Please remember there is a rehearsal on TUESDAY 3rd MAY for cast A.
Please refer to the schedule for timings.

Please also note that tickets for the show will be on sale from the end of next week.

Please keep an eye out for details. Cast members will get priority then they will go on general release the following week. Details to follow.

Netball – new Y2 club

Mrs Hinkins would like to invite Y2 children – boys and girls – to join the Monday netball club after school.

If your child would like to join, please email the school office st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk and we will add them to the register. The club runs on Mondays after school until 4.15pm.

Covid vaccinations for 5-11 year olds

We have received the following information from the NHS:

The NHS is now offering COVID-19 vaccines to children aged 5 to 11 years. Appointments are being held in dedicated children's clinics across our area and can be booked online via the [National Booking Service](#) or by calling 119. Some walk-in clinics are also available and details of these, along with information about all the vaccination options in our area, can be found at www.grabajab.net

Children's clinics are being run by GPs, community pharmacies and the Vaccination Centre @ UWE Bristol, where themed child-friendly pods have been created to make the Centre feel welcoming for young children.

Younger children receive a lower (paediatric) vaccine dose. More information about the vaccination and the effects of COVID-19 in young children can be found [here](#).

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

Frozen Fridays are back!

- From Friday 29th April and every Friday until the summer holidays we will be selling ice-creams and ice-lollies (50p-£1) after school.
- 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
- There will be a planning meeting in the presbytery at 9am on Friday 6th May – everyone welcome. We had a great team at Christmas who were invaluable in making the fair happen.
We need your help again for this.
- In the weeks to come we will be asking classes to volunteer to run stalls at the fair so please keep some time aside to help on Sunday 26th June.

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.

Easter Festival Doughnut and Daffodil Sale

- Thank you all for your support at the end of term Easter festival doughnut and daffodil sale. We raised an awesome £308.

Second-Hand Uniform

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

Community Food Pantry - update

The Community Food Pantry in St Bon's Church is available for all those who are in need, regardless of their circumstances, and we are starting to see increased usage as food and living cost rises are kicking in. We want to make sure that anyone who needs food or toiletries knows about it - so please do keep spreading the word amongst anyone you know.

With the help of our fantastic volunteers, we've added an extra shelving unit in the basement storage room so that we can keep your very generous food gifts stored safely and securely. We're also continuing our partnership with AidBox Community, who have successfully distributed almost all the donations we sent over to them to refugees in Bristol. The gifts you give are making a real difference to people in need in the local area.

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

tinned tuna
cooking oil
rice
dates
salt
sugar
flour
vegan milk
coffee
tea and herbal tea
jam
honey
biscuits
muesli bars
oat cakes
crackers
cleaning sprays
shaving foam
shampoo
deodorant

Please **DO NOT** donate fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste).

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!

Lost ring



Please let the school office know if this ring belongs to you.

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/>

Babysitting

Hi, my name is Faye. I am 16 and the daughter of Mrs Benians who works in the school office. I'm currently at RGS and am looking for babysitting work. I really enjoy working with children and helped at St Bon's with Mrs Hinkins for my DofE. If you need any babysitting help, please pop into the office and speak to my mum.

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

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