



St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I must congratulate all the children, staff, parents and other helpers who have worked so hard to produce an absolutely wonderful production of The Jungle Book. This is despite various challenges being thrown at the team, including Mrs McGrath tearing ligaments in her hand after a bike accident.

The costumes, sets, music and lighting were all beautifully put together and have taken many hours of voluntary time by lots of people. The show really is a highlight in the year for many of our children who are given such a wonderful opportunity to showcase their acting and musical abilities. I am assured by parents at other schools that St Bon's productions really are a cut above the rest!

Special mention must of course go to Mrs McGrath and Miss Cousins without whom these shows simply would not happen. Their commitment of time and energy are not to be underestimated.

Could I ask parents to maintain vigilance with children's online activities. Social media and messaging services such as WhatsApp provide lots of opportunities for fun and interaction, but can also be a source of stress. Please remind your children that they should not say anything about another child that may cause upset. This applies whether that child is in a messaging group or not. One child's perceived 'friendly banter' can cause real distress to another child.

On another matter, I have to write again about parking. Could I remind parents that it is illegal to park on the white zig zag lines by zebra crossings – this applies to the crossing at the junction of Birchall Road and Kings Drive near the tennis club. A local resident has reported to us that she saw a car pull onto the pavement where these markings are in order to drop a child at our school.

Best wishes,

L. Charles

Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 27th March 2017 (**MENU** no: 1)

Tues 28th: Parents' evening 4-7pm
No knitting club this week due to parents' evening

Thurs 30th: Parents' evening 4-7pm

Fri 31st: **CAFOD fundraising day** – wear non-school uniform for 50p in silver coins!
Easter Festival auditions

Events week commencing: Monday 3rd April 2017 (**MENU** no: 2)

Fri 7th April: **EASTER FESTIVAL!**

Last day of term 4 – school begins again on Monday 24th April

St Bede's Primary School Music Festival Concert – well done!

Message from Mrs Williams: "Huge congratulations to the members of the school choir who sang at the St. Bede's Catholic Primary Schools Music Festival Concert last night. The evening was wonderful as ever and they sang beautifully. I'm sorry to have missed it but I'm very proud of them all.

Big thank you to Miss Tudhope, Mrs Parry and Mrs Charles for accompanying the children."

Parent Governor vacancies

Would you like to be more involved in your child's education?

If you would, why not consider becoming a school governor? The term of office for our current parent governors comes to an end on 24 April 2017, after which there will be two vacancies on the governing body for parent governors.

A letter has been sent out with this newsletter via email – this includes the nomination form. Hard copies are also available in the school office or you can download a copy from the Latest News section of our website.

The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday 31st March 2017. Please address all applications to Mrs Charles and deliver to the school office.

CAFOD fundraising day

Remember it's non-school uniform day on Friday 31st March – bring 50p in silver coins please



Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who raised money for Comic Relief by coming to school with mad hair! We had some very inventive hair dos indeed...

We will let you know how much we raised next week.

Our office area

Please can we remind parents/carers that as we are an open plan office area, we cannot accommodate people waiting to collect/drop off their children for prolonged periods. The reception area should only be used for short periods of time and when absolutely necessary. The noise created by people/children waiting is very distracting and it also prohibits us from performing many of our tasks because of their confidential nature.

We always try and be welcoming and friendly, so it is awkward for staff to have to ask parents/carers to reduce the noise. It is with this in mind that we politely ask that you do not arrive early to pick up and wait in the school office.

Many thanks for your support.

Jungle Book DVDs now available to order

Slips for ordering DVDs of the show are available in the programme. If you would like to order, but do not have a programme, we have spare copies of the order form here in the office.

Our wonderful Kitchen staff!

Congratulations to Mrs Bryant and her team for again achieving a 5 star rating for hygiene after a council inspection.

Our kitchen team is also extremely creative with their food – as evidenced by these lovely fruit friends!



Help us to help others this Lent

As part of our whole school focus 'Feeding the Hungry' we would like to encourage everyone to do more during Lent. As a result, we will be collecting dried and tinned foods for a Bristol charity called Borderlands. This charity supports asylum seekers and refugees.

All foods collected will be either used for cooking meals in the charity's kitchens or distributed to those in need directly. A drop off box for items will be in the school office reception area. The charity has requested that we donate items on the following list only:

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| - Rice | - Pasta |
| - Tinned tomatoes | - Tea and coffee |
| - Red lentils | - Biscuits |
| - Chickpeas | - Tinned vegetables |
| - Vegetable Oil | - Vegetable soup |
| - Sugar | - UHT milk |
| - Spices | - Toothpaste and toothbrushes |
| - Shower gel | - Shampoo |



KidZone Playscheme for Easter holidays

KidZone Playscheme will be running during the Easter holidays. KidZone has access to St Bon's resources including the outdoor multi use games area, school gym and Scrapstore PlayPod.

KidZone can offer your children an inclusive and safe place to play between the hours of 8:30am and 5:45pm. Fresh fruit and vegetables, pittas, dips and bread sticks are served daily and children are encouraged to take part in a variety of cooking and craft activities on offer throughout the day. On any given day children will be building dens, playing football, painting, reading, climbing about, running around or engrossed in role play.



Opening

Monday 10th April – Friday 21st April
(not including Good Friday 14th April and Easter Monday 17th April)
Open to all children, not just those who attend St Bon's.

Prices

Full Day (08:30 till 17:45) - £23
Short Day (10:00 till 16:00) - £16
Half Day AM (08:30-13:00) - £12
Half Day PM (13:00-17:45) - £12

Bookings

Can be made online, in club or via the school office.

St Bon's Parish Car Boot and Wheelbarrow Sale

Saturday 25th March 10am to noon in St Bon's Church car park. This event is to raise money for the business centre development. £5 for cars and £3 for wheelbarrows.

We will be serving drinks and cakes. Helpers will be needed and donations of cakes. Please contact Mary Moore mcmoore@blueyonder.co.uk or 07929 399907, Hilary Farey hilary@farey.org or Veronica Swann veronica.swann@hotmail.co.uk to book a car/barrow or to offer help.

SPORTS

Football

Training as usual on Wednesday 29th March.

Circuits club

There is a new early morning fitness club on Thursday mornings from 7.50am to 8.30am. This is open to KS2 children and parents, carers and staff. Please fill in a club slip available from the office. For more information ask Mrs McGrath.

Shin Pads

If you have any shin pads that you don't need any more would you be able to donate them to school please? We will be teaching hockey and it would be great if the children were able to wear shin pads in their lesson. We need a few spare ones in case children don't own any. Many thanks

Tag rugby

Good luck to the team going to the north Bristol Tag rugby tournament next Thursday at Avonmouth @ 1pm. Please get reply slips back ASAP.

Swimming

Congratulations to Amelie, Carys, Amber, Alanna, Izzie and Grace for the girls' team and William, Callum, Borys and Frankie for the boys' team who qualified for the Bristol schools finals on Saturday 25th March 1pm at Horfield pool. All are welcome to come along and watch.

Good luck to the teams who will represent St Bon's at the ESSA championships at Millfield on Monday 28th March. Please get reply slips back asap.

Swim time trials

The last time trials of the year will be on Sunday 23rd April. Letters about this will be going home early next week.

COMMUNITY SECTION

- **After school childcare wanted:** We're looking for a kind, energetic, reliable person to look after our two girls (aged 9 and 11) after school 3 days a week between 3pm and 6pm. April 24 to July 21. We need you to collect them both from St Bon's at 3.15pm and then take them home. You'll walk or cycle through Horfield Common on the way. They get on very well together. We're flexible on days. Please get in touch with Linda if you're interested to find out more – call 07810 898726.
- **Childcare needed** I am looking for someone to drop my children off and pick them up from their schools (my daughter attends St Bon's and my son attends Bishop Road) and look after them after school (roughly 50 hours per month). I am preferably looking for somebody who lives in the Redland area.

Please contact me for more details: Magda 07481 497407.

- **Local grandmother producing iron on labels**

15 Name Labels - £1.99
25 Name Labels - £2.99 + £1.50 Postage and Packing
50 Name Labels - £4.99

Email - labelcreating@gmail.com for your order



- **Language exchange partner wanted!**

Cyprien, a 15 year old French boy from the Lyon area of France, would like to take part in a language exchange this summer - ideally a 2 week stay in Bristol for him, then 2 weeks at his home in the Lyon area for the English speaker. His family are lovely and I know them since I was a teenager myself! His older brother came to stay with an ex St Bon's family a few years ago and the stay went very well. If you or anyone you know (male or female) is interested in a language exchange, please contact me at melanie_m_bunce@hotmail.com or on 07899 657444 and I will put you in touch with the French family. Thank you, Melanie.

- **Noah's Ark Pre School - nearly new sale Saturday 1st April @ Cairns Road Baptist Church**
Come and grab some bargains at this nearly new sale 11am-1pm. Admission £1 – light refreshments will be available.
- **Free Kings Tennis Club Open Day Saturday 1st April 11-3pm**
Free tennis fun for adults and kids including free kids and adult coaching for all levels, free adult cardio tennis for all levels, fun prizes and competitions, bouncy castle, free family court time and membership discounts to join our friendly club! Everyone welcome.

Book your place now at

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OpenDays/KingsLawnTennisClub/64824a9a-c114-45e9-a9e7-d058d026c185>

Free mini tennis March 18th - come and have some tennis fun with your children playing mini tennis with all equipment provided free! Mini tennis is played on smaller courts with slower balls so everyone can have a go and enjoy it. Book your place now at

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OpenDays/KingsLawnTennisClub/1798699f-8aa4-4999-9e43-26a22dd9998>

Free mini tennis April 12th (during Easter holidays) Come and have some tennis fun with your children playing mini tennis with all equipment provided free. Book your place now at

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OpenDays/KingsLawnTennisClub/5b10142d-374c-41e7-ba9e-850c1e25e745>




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 / before school clubs

	AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS CLUB Bristol School of Gymnastics: Yr 2: Tuesdays 3.15-4.15 at school. Yrs 5-6: Thursdays 3.15 – 4.15 at school. Please contact Victoria Ashworth at BSG on 942 9620 for further information.	Tuesdays Yr 2 Thursdays Yr 5-6
	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
	DANCE CLUB Rise: Fridays at 3.15-4.30pm. Years 3-6. If you would like to join please see Mrs McGrath or fill out a club permission slip.	Fridays Yrs 3-6
	FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm; Tuesdays Year 3-6 3.30-4.30pm. To book please visit www.premiersport.org or call Lee on 07917 18 7771. Places are limited.	Mondays Yrs 1-2 Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
	HOCKEY Laura Coombs: New hockey club for years 3 and 4 ONLY: Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Fridays Yrs 3-4
	ITALIAN CLUB takes place every Monday and Tuesday from 3:15 to 4:15 in the music/language room. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mondays are for years 4, 5 and 6: children walk from their classrooms to Italian Club where they are registered by Maria. • Tuesdays are for years 1, 2 and 3: children are collected from their classrooms by Maria. At the end of each session, Maria brings the children down from the Italian Club so that parents can collect the children from the school reception area at 4.15pm. Please note that Reception children do not start Italian Club until they are in Year 1. For any information about the course, or if you would like your child to join the Italian Club, please contact Mrs. Maria Maniglia on 07900 842621 or email: m.maniglia76@gmail.com	Mondays Yrs 4-6 Tuesdays Yrs 1, 2 and 3
	TEAM FOOTBALL Mr Morgan: Team football training for those who have been selected: Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm	Wednesdays Yrs 5 & 6
	KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews & Mrs Fox: Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm in 3W classroom. This club is NOW FULL . Please fill out a club permission slip to be added to the waiting list.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
	NETBALL Mrs McGrath: Tuesdays after school 3.15-4.15pm for Years 3-4. Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm for Years 5-6. Squad players will be invited to early morning training on Tuesdays at 8.00am.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-4 & Thursdays Yrs 5-6
	TAG RUGBY: for years 3-6: Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Thursdays Yrs 3-6
	RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath: Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesdays 7.50am

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.
	CHAPLAINCY Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.
	CHOIR Mrs Williams: For years 3-6 boys and girls - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3W classroom. New members welcome!
	CHOIR Miss Tudhope: For years 1 and 2 boys and girls- Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom.

	Children are welcome to come along to 2T for a taster session on Tuesday 20th September to see if they like it!
	BOYS' CHOIR Mr Khanna: For boys only in years 3-6 - Monday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 5K classroom.
	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!
	DIGITAL LEADERS' CLUB: For year 6 pupils – Thursdays 12.15-1.00 in 1H classroom.
	ORCHESTRA: 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.
	STORY TIME CLUB: 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.

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.