



St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended yesterday's Book Look – the children thoroughly enjoyed showing you all their work. They have a lot to be proud of.

Our Christmas CD was recorded earlier this week – hopefully the end result will sound as good as the live performance did! We all enjoyed taking part.

Our Year 6 children have returned from their Kintbury retreat. I am very grateful to all the staff who accompanied the children and made this a special time away for them.

We look forward to welcoming parents and other family members to the Reception, year 1 and year 2 Nativity performances next week – please see the green box below for the dates and times.

I would also like to draw your attention to a new format we would like to try out for the Carol Service for years 3-6 this Christmas. A letter has gone home with the children today and has also been emailed.

I had to have a difficult conversation with a local resident during the week as a result of a car being parked in such a way that our returning swimmers' bus caused a traffic jam on King's Drive. We are part of a community here where road space is tight – I would greatly appreciate it if everyone could drive and park responsibly and in ways which show that we respect our neighbours.

Please can I also remind parents that under no circumstances should the staff car park be used at any time, including picking up from clubs or Kidzone. Due to a recent trespassing incident on school grounds, we are being forced to shut our main gates at an earlier time of 4.30pm - if your vehicle is in our staff car park at this time, it will be locked on our premises. You will still be able to access the school, by foot, to pick up your child from clubs or Kidzone through the pedestrian gate next to the main school entrance.

Finally, on another parking matter, I need to remind all our parents that the disabled bays in the church car park are reserved for the exclusive use of those with a blue badge. They are not to be used by anyone else.

Best wishes,

Lucille Charles
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 5th December 2016 (**MENU** no: 3)

Monday 5th:	Year 3 trip to City Museum Whole cast needed for Drama – finish 4.45pm
Tuesday 6th:	RH, 1MS, 2W Nativity Performance – 2pm in the School Hall
Thursday 8th:	RM, 1H, 2T Nativity Performance – 2pm in the School Hall
Friday 9th:	Year 3 cake sale after school
Sunday 11th:	School Christmas Fair 2-4.30pm

Events week commencing: Monday 12th December 2016 (**MENU** no: 1)

Monday 12th:	
Tuesday 13th:	School Christmas Lunch!
Wednesday 14th:	KS2 Carol concert 7pm
Thursday 15th:	
Friday 16th:	Christmas mass 9am LAST DAY OF TERM!

School reopens on Wednesday 4th January (Tuesday 3rd is an INSET day)

Christmas CD

We recorded our Christmas CD last Monday. Thank you to all those who have ordered a CD, they will be available to collect in 2 weeks' time (hopefully).

Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more information about this. If you would like to order one but haven't got round to it we have ordered a few spare ones - please see Mrs McGrath.

Drama - IMPORTANT

Monday 5th December
Whole cast needed 3.15pm – 4.45pm

Please note later finish time.

St Bon's PTFA Christmas Fair



* 11th December 2016 2-4:30pm *

Many thanks to Ji-Han
and Bea in year 5
for designing our two lovely posters!



- Please remember to bring in any good quality, unwanted toys next week for the stall at the fair.
- Please also bring in goodie bags to sell at the fair by Thursday 8th December - the class that brings in the most will win a £20 Amazon voucher for their class.
- Monday 5th – Weds 7th December after school we will be selling tickets for Santa's Grotto by the school gates - £3 each.
- Friday 9th December - bring a bottle of something to drink (alcoholic or soft) for the tombola and your children can dress in their own clothes!
- Raffle tickets - please hand in raffle ticket stubs, payment and any unused tickets into the office drop box by Thursday 8th December.

Many thanks and see you all there on 11th December.

KS2 Carol Concert – new format

This year we are going to try out a new format for our Key Stage 2 carol concert. We have been wanting to do this for a couple of years due to the Church being rather squashed and have decided to take the plunge!

The concert for children in years 3-6 will take place on
Wednesday 14th December at 7pm on the school playground.

We would also greatly appreciate 5 volunteers to help serve mulled wine and mince pies on the day.
Please let the office know if you can help – we may not be able to do it without you!

A letter outlining all the details has been sent home today and is attached with the email that this newsletter was sent out with.

Artificial Christmas Tree shout out!

If anyone has a small to medium sized artificial Christmas tree that they do not need this year, Mrs Ballantine would love to make use of it! From 1st December we would like to display an Advent and Christmas prayer tree on which children can attach their prayers. Please contact the office if you can help.



Congratulations to our pupils playing brass!

On Sunday 20th November Mr Ellis and his school brass band played at the Gloucester Brass band Association annual contest and were given a Gold Award for their performance. They also won the prize for the most players aged 14 and under and Alice N won the prize for the youngest player of the day. Many congratulations to everyone who took part!

On Sunday 27th November the band also played at St George's, Brandon Hill in the closing concert of their "Art of Flight" series celebrating Bristol's links to the aviation industry. This involved playing in a massed band of around 100 brass players and 150 singers performing a world premiere of Innovation 216 by Dr Liz Lane. St Bon's also had a solo spot playing a selection from Les Miserables. Needless to say the girls - Emily R, Annie L and Alice N - and the band were brilliant!

We were also delighted to hear that ex-St Bon's pupils Matthew E, Katie And Joseph W, James and Lily T and Frauke H are all still playing with the band.



Calling potential brass instrument pupils

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Christmas services at St Bonaventure's Church

Christmas Mass Times:

Saturday 24th December: 6pm and 12am (midnight) with Carols at 11.30pm
Sunday 25th December: 9.30am only (no evening Mass)

Christmas Nativity: please come and enjoy a celebration of Jesus' birth at our traditional Christmas Nativity Service on **Saturday 17th December** at 3pm. The event has been loved by hundreds of families over the years and this time we want to make it even bigger and allow for more families to attend who would not normally be able to as they are away from Bristol over Christmas. Children are encouraged to come dressed up in nativity costumes to join in with the service but that's not all! There will also be mulled wine, refreshments and mince pies after the service together with face painting, a lucky dip and a piñata! We really do hope that you will be able to make it and stay afterwards for our Christmas celebration!

Christmas Eve Mass: We have made Christmas Eve Mass earlier this year (6pm) and we invite children who have costumes made for the Nativity to wear them to this Mass to celebrate the arrival of Jesus. All are warmly welcome!

SPORTS

Football

Training as normal on Wednesday – match at St Bede's on Monday.

New early morning KS2 Yoga class

There is a new early morning Yoga class on Mondays from 7.50am to 8.30am. There is a small charge for this club. Please see Mrs McGrath for more information.

Hockey

Good luck to the hockey team who are taking part in a Hockey festival next Tuesday at Colstons from 10am – to 2.30pm.

Swim time trials

The next swim time trials will be on Sunday 8th January. It is for children in years 3-6 who can swim 50m. Letters about this will be sent home this week. For more information please see Mrs McGrath.

Tag Rugby Club

Thursday Tag Rugby club has now finished for the year. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more information about start dates in the New Year.

COMMUNITY SECTION

- **Redland Green Choir** Christmas Concert Programme including A Ceremony of Carols (Benjamin Britten) Christmas Day (Holst), O Magnum Mysterium (Laurisdén) plus more. Saturday 10th December, 7.30pm at St Albans Church, Westbury Park, BS6 7NU. £8 (£6 con) under 16 free.
- Andrews Estate Agents on Gloucester Road is holding two **colouring and drawing competitions** to raise funds for Project 70 – a charity raising money to provide accommodation for young care leavers. There are prizes for the winner and runner up of the two competitions in two age categories and a raffle – all you need to do is print out one of the attachments, draw or colour in a picture and take it into the Andrews branch on Saturday 10th December.
- One of our St Bon's families is looking for 2 bedroom accommodation as a matter of urgency. Please contact Sayo on 07714 464560 if you know of any accommodation which may be available.
- Free kids Christmas party @ Kings Tennis Club!! Saturday 3rd December 11.30am - 2pm
All welcome!! Tennis games, prize hitting, music, fun, cupcake sale. Free food for kids, hot food on sale for adults...
<https://goo.gl/forms/vhyx2tp5pwdj3mnb3> Contact Elly with questions ellytennis.kings@hotmail.com
- Xmas holiday courses @ Kings Tennis Clubs!
Dec 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th, 29 - 9am - 1pm

Please book online

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ellyshearmancoaching/coaching/junior?programme=junior&timefrom=00%3a00%3a00&timeto=11%3a59%3a59&time=0%7c431990000000>

Contact Elly for more details: ellytennis.kings@hotmail.com

- **Babysitter available:** Hi, my name is Isobel Kealey. I am nearly 16 years old and live locally. I am in Year 11 at St Bede's and have sisters in years 6 and 4 at St Bon's. If you would like to get in touch call 07935 265362.


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
	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 3-6: Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm. Please see Mrs McGrath if you would like to join.	Fridays Yrs 3-6
	ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia: Held in the Music/Languages Room For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm - children walk from their classrooms. For years 1 and 2 - Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm – children are collected from their classrooms by Maria. Please collect your children from the school office at 4.15pm. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Mondays Yrs 3-6 Tuesdays Reception, Yrs 1 and 2
	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
	MATHS CLUB: Thursdays after school Maths club will be running on Thursday afternoons after school with Mr Harrison and Mrs Parry. Any existing members of the club are welcome to join us on that afternoon. Invitations for new members to join will be sent out after half term.	Thursdays Yrs 4-6 by invitation
	MULTI SPORTS CLUB Premier Sport: Wednesdays after school 3.15-4.15pm for Year 2.	Wednesdays Yr 2
	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
	ARCHERY CLUB Premier Sport: Years 3-6 Thursdays 3.30 to 4.30pm. To book please visit www.premiersport.org or call Lee on 07917 18 7771. Places are limited.	Thursdays Yrs 3-6
	TAG RUGBY: New tag rugby club for years 3-6: Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm. This has now finished for the term – pls keep an eye on the newsletter for the new term start date.	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 fortnightly 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.

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.