



# ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Striving to be the best we can,  
guided by the light of Christ

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 5! I hope you all had a peaceful break.

I would like to give the year 5 pupils and teachers my huge congratulations for reaching the national finals of the Bloodhound Racing project today! Ian, Zuriel, Cameron and Theo from 5P will be taking part in the next stage at the end of June in Northampton. We also came second and fourth as St Bonaventure's fielded 3 of the 8 teams which took part. The competition was held today at Monmouth Castle and was supervised by the Army. Thank you also to the PTFA for funding some of the resources for this project. South Africa is the next venue if our team get through the national final!

We also had several teams competing in the county finals this week. 34 children from St Bon's represented the school across four different sports; tag rugby, netball, hockey and archery. All the children played amazingly well with the tag rugby team making it to the finals and only just being beaten with a golden try at the end. They came home with silver medals. We are very proud of all the children who competed.

Finally I would like to say thank you to everyone who has been making an effort to avoid driving up to school. We have noticed an improvement and would ask parents and carers to remain aware of this issue. I would also like to remind everyone that the staff car park should not be used either for parking or as a turning circle.

Best wishes,

**Headteacher**

**Events week commencing:** Monday 1st May 2017 (**NEW MENU** no: 2)

Mon 1st May: **NO SCHOOL TODAY** – first May Bank Holiday  
Fri 5th: Guitar concert @ 2.45pm – parents welcome

**Events week commencing:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (MENU no: 3)

Tues 9th May: RH Class assembly – parents welcome from 2.45pm

## Borderlands charity – Lent collection

Many thanks to everyone who donated food during our Lent collection. The charity collected the goods earlier this week and were extremely grateful for your generosity.

## Old style £5 notes

Please note that we will no longer be able to accept old style £5 notes from next Thursday 4th May.

## Parent Governor election – PLEASE READ

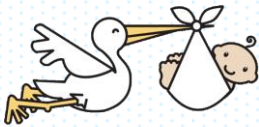
We will be holding an election to choose two parent governors for our Governing Body. The three candidates are Marie Harkin, Jonathan Kidd and Jenny Kittow.

Letters have either been handed out in class today or sent in the post where we have dual residence information for parents.

The deadline for returning your voting slip is Monday 8th May. You can bring these into the office, send in with your child or post back to school using the envelope provided.

We would encourage everyone who is entitled to vote to do so as these governors represent the parent body of our school.

## Congratulations to Mrs Williams!



We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Williams gave birth to a healthy baby girl on Wednesday this week.

We would like to send our congratulations to the whole family and look forward to meeting the newest member!

## Photos from today's county finals...

Here are some pictures of the children who took part in today's county finals...



## Safety of children at school pick up time

Could we request that parents and carers picking children up from school remain vigilant about supervising the children in their care. It is all too easy for young children to wander off and then find themselves separated from their carer. This is particularly the case by the school entrance gates on Friary Road where there are multiple exit points. Thank you.



## May – the month of our Lady, the Virgin Mary

May is the month of our Lady, the Virgin Mary. On Tuesday 3rd May we will be celebrating by holding a special service in school to crown Mary with flowers. We are inviting everyone to bring in a bunch of flowers so that we can decorate and present our statue of our Lady, Mary with flowers. Although we cannot invite parents to this event we do encourage you to take a look at our statue of Mary at the end of the day.

With thanks, Mrs Ballantine

## Fundraising by staff members

We have three members of staff who are raising money for three fantastic causes in the next few weeks.

Miss Lloyd and Miss Cousins will both be running the Bristol 10K.

Miss Lloyd is running for Bristol Down Syndrome Trust [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Vanessa-Lloyd1](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Vanessa-Lloyd1)

Miss Cousins is running for Shelter [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Samantha-cousins](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Samantha-cousins)

Mrs Benians is going to walk 125 miles in May for One25 [www.virginmoneygiving.com/ClareBenians](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/ClareBenians)

Any money you would like to donate would be much appreciated.

## Living your faith – residential weeks for children

The Diocese is holding two 'Living Your Faith' residential weeks in August.

Week One 7 - 11 August (Age 7 - 11) and Week Two 14th - 18th August (Age 12 -16)

The weeks are intended to encourage children and young people to engage in their faith through fun, games and spiritual input. They take place in the beautiful surroundings of the Marist Convent in Nympsfield. For more details contact Stephen Spurrell on 07860 849460 or at [livingyourfaith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:livingyourfaith@hotmail.co.uk)

## SPORTS

### Football

Training will be held next week for years 5 and 6 team football. Letters will be coming home today about a match next Thursday.



### Circuits

Early morning fitness club on Thursday mornings will continue this term 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.

### New Athletics club

There is a new afterschool athletics club starting on Wednesdays. Ben Santamaria will be running this club. All those who are interested please fill out a club slip and hand it into the drop box by Wednesday 3rd May 9am.

### Swim time trials

Well done to all the swimmers who took part in the swim time trials last week and thank you to the parents who helped. Individual times have been handed out to the children and letters about the next gala will be given out shortly.

### New - after school cricket club

There is a new cricket club starting on Thursdays after school run by Shine sports coaching. This club is now full.

### Hockey

Y5/6 hockey club is starting after Easter on Fridays. Letters have been given out and are available from the office.

### County finals

Well done to the children who took part in the county finals on Thursday this week. 34 children from St Bon's represented the school in 4 different sports; Tag rugby, netball, hockey and archery. All the children played amazingly well with the tag rugby team making it to the finals and only just being beaten with a golden try at the end. They came home with silver medals. We are very proud of all the children who competed.

### Street dance club

This club will continue for KS2 children on Fridays after school 3.30 – 4.30pm. The theme this term will be 'Carnival'. All those who are interested please fill out a club slip and hand it to Mrs McGrath, there will be a small charge for this class.

We are hoping to start a KS1 class too, please keep an eye out for an announcement about this.

### Early morning swimming club

This has stopped until next week. Letters about this will be sent home shortly.

### Early morning yoga

This club will resume on Monday 24th April. Letters about this have been handed out and are available from the school office.

### Gymnastics

Well done to the Y4 gymnastics team who came third in the north Bristol Gymnastics competition today.

## COMMUNITY SECTION

- Car boot and wheelbarrow sales to raise money for the small business development will be held on Sat 13th May, Sat 10th June and Sat 15th July 2.00 - 4.00pm in St Bon's car park.

It costs just £5 for cars and £3 for wheelbarrows to have a pitch - you keep all the takings!  
We will be serving drinks and cakes.

Helpers will be needed as well as donations of cakes. Please contact Mary Moore [mcmoore@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:mcmoore@blueyonder.co.uk) 07929 399907. Veronica Swann [veronica.swann@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:veronica.swann@hotmail.co.uk) or Hilary Farey [hilary@farey.org](mailto:hilary@farey.org) for a car/barrow or to offer help.

- We are a new kind of Drama School for children as we are not focused on singing, dancing and acting but on new styles of theatre such as puppetry and mask work which is great for those children who want to perform but find the whole musical theatre genre a bit daunting.

Do check out our website which gives you a little more info about what we are all about.

<https://bristolacademydrama.wixsite.com/website>

- Mr Coulson-Wright, PGCE student at St Bonaventure's, is offering babysitting and childminding services for all ages. James has been regularly babysitting families in Bristol for the last two years, has excellent references, an enhanced DBS certificate and paediatric first-aid training. £7 p/h, evenings and weekends. Please text 07952 739487 or email [james.coulson-wright15@bathspa.ac.uk](mailto:james.coulson-wright15@bathspa.ac.uk)
- 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.

# 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 activities

### YEARS 1 and 2

<b>FOOTBALL Premier Sport:</b> Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit <a href="http://www.premiersport.org">www.premiersport.org</a> or call Lee on 07917 18 7771.	Mondays Yrs 1-2
<b>GYMNASTICS Bristol School of Gymnastics: Yr 2</b> Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm Please contact Victoria Ashworth at BSG on 942 9620 for further information.	Tuesdays Yr 2
<b>ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia:</b> Held in the Music/Languages Room. Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm – children are collected from their classrooms by Maria. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Tuesdays Yrs 1 and 2

### YEARS 3-6

<b>ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia:</b> Held in the Music/Languages Room <b>For years 3, 4, 5 and 6</b> - Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm - children walk from their classrooms. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Mondays
<b>KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews &amp; Mrs Fox:</b> Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm in 3W classroom. This club is <b>NOW FULL</b> . Please fill out a club permission slip to be added to the waiting list.	Tuesdays
<b>NETBALL Mrs McGrath:</b> 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 Yr 3-4 & Thursdays Yr 5-6
<b>FOOTBALL Premier Sport:</b> Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit <a href="http://www.premiersport.org">www.premiersport.org</a> or call Lee on 07917 18 7771.	Tuesdays
<b>TEAM FOOTBALL Mr Morgan:</b> Team football training for those who have been selected: Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm	Wednesdays Yr 5-6
<b>GYMNASTICS Bristol School of Gymnastics: Yrs 5-6</b> Thursdays 3.15 – 4.15pm Please contact Victoria Ashworth at BSG on 942 9620 for further information.	Thursdays Yr 5-6
<b>CRICKET CLUB Shine Sports Coaching:</b> Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Thursdays
<b>DANCE CLUB</b> Fridays at 3.15-4.30pm If you would like to join please see Mrs McGrath or fill out a club permission slip.	Fridays
<b>HOCKEY Laura Coombs:</b> New hockey club for years 5 and 6 ONLY: Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Fridays Yr 5-6

### EARLY MORNING CLUBS

<b>RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath:</b> Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesdays 7.50am
<b>CIRCUITS CLUB Ms Wynn:</b> 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 Yr 3-6

## LUNCH TIME CLUBS

<b>BIBLE DISCOVERY</b> 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.	Mondays Yr 4-6
<b>BOYS' CHOIR</b> Mr Khanna: For boys only in years 3-6 - Monday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 5K classroom.	Mondays Yr 3-6 boys
<b>CHOIR</b> Miss Tudhope: For years 1-6 - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3W classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 1-6
<b>STORY TIME CLUB</b> Mrs Widdowson: Wednesdays 12.45pm <b>RECEPTION children only</b>  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.	Wednesdays Reception only
<b>CHAPLAINCY</b> Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	Thursdays Yr 5-6
<b>DEBATING CLUB</b> 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!	Thursdays Yr 5-6
<b>DIGITAL LEADERS' CLUB:</b> For year 6 pupils – Thursdays 12.15-1.00 in 1H classroom.	Thursdays Yr 6 only
<b>ORCHESTRA</b> Mr Khanna: 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.	Fridays All ages

### 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.