



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 12th November 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Parents curriculum information session

On Tuesday 16th November at 4.30-5.30pm we will be running a live parent information session via Google meet. To log onto the session, please follow this link: <https://meet.google.com/icb-rehi-xhy>

To access this session, you will need to log in using your child's Google log in details.

We will be recording this session and making it available for parents on the website later the same evening. Previously we had advertised a second session at 7.00-8.00pm. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to accommodate a live session at this time. Therefore, the recording will be made available for parents who miss the initial live session.

After watching the session, if you do have any questions please email head.st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk and I will ensure your questions are answered by the appropriate subject leader.

The session will cover an update on our approach to supporting pupils' grit and resilience, an update on the Geography curriculum, and updates from our English and Maths leads. At the live session, there will also be the opportunity to ask questions.

National Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is National Anti-Bullying week. In class, teachers will be talking to the children about the theme: 'One Kind Word'. Odd Socks day marks the start of anti-bullying week and we are encouraging all children to come to school wearing odd socks on Monday.

COVID-19 update

Since implementing the additional control measures as suggested by the local authority, the number of COVID cases in school has significantly reduced. We are therefore going to allow indoor clubs, where pupils in different year groups mix, to re-start from next week. Should COVID rates rise again, we will pause these clubs.

Multi Academy Trust (MAT) consultation

At the end of last term, I wrote to you all to inform you of the consultation which has been launched about the formation of a Catholic Multi Academy Trust with three other primary schools – St Francis, St Theresa's and St Bernard's. If you have not completed the consultation, I would encourage you to do so by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/OTybS5m9iR>

We have also arranged a consultation session on Thursday 18th November for parents between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. This is planned to take place face to face in the school hall. A representative from the Diocese, alongside our chair of governors and myself will facilitate the session. Please email st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk to confirm your attendance at this event. It would also be helpful if you could share any questions you have prior to attending. If you are unable to attend but would like to raise a question please email me in advance. Thank you.

Nativity performances

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been organised into two casts for the Nativity performances. Please see details below.

SEN information on website

Our SENDCO, Liz Kurzik, has been updating the SEN section of our school website and has produced some padlets for parents. Each padlet contains information on a specific topic. Most recently the Autism padlet has been updated. To access this, please follow the link to our website http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/resources_for_parents_/576217

Best wishes,

mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 15th November 2021 (MENU week 3)

Monday 15th November: Wear odd socks to school today – start of National Anti-Bullying Week

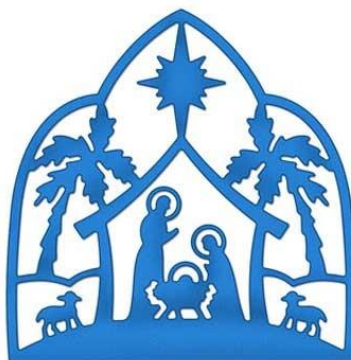
Tuesday 16th November: Curriculum information sessions at 4.30pm on Google Meet (see above)

Events week commencing: Monday 22nd November 2021 (MENU week 1)

Wednesday 24th November: Year 6 trip to Kintbury

Nativity performances – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

We are so looking forward to welcoming parents into school to see our Nativity performances. In order to keep the hall less busy, we will be putting on three performances for each class.



Nativity cast A: RHM, 1HW and 2T

Monday 6th December 2pm, Tuesday 7th December 2pm, Wednesday 8th December 10am - all children do all three performances

Nativity cast B: RH, 1G and 2C

Wednesday 8th December 2pm, Thursday 9th December 2pm, Friday 10th December 10am - all children do all three performances

Due to social distancing, each child will receive two tickets for one performance. We are not able to issue any more tickets than this, but if you have spares, please return them to the office so that others can use them if needed. Parents are also welcome to swap tickets amongst themselves if they can't make the day given.

Spare trousers needed

If you have any spare trousers – black, navy or grey – at home that are no longer needed, we would really appreciate them. We are running low on replacements.

Many thanks, The School Office

Menu change on Tuesday 16th November

The kitchen will be cooking up a Mexican fiesta menu on Tuesday 16th November. The options will be

Chilli Beef, Halal Chilli
or Vegan Chilli Nachos
Topped with Cheese

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

PTFA Meeting Friday 19th November 9am

Next PTFA meeting will be in the church presbytery and we'll be starting to plan events for next year. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Younger siblings also very welcome.



Christmas Fair Countdown

(stbonsptfa.com/news)



From now



You can buy Santa's grotto tickets now at stbonsptfa.com/events

- Grotto tickets are selling quickly!



Sign up with your class rep to help make the fair happen. We only need 30 minutes of your time but the fair is not possible without you!

15th-19th November – next week!



Bring in hamper donations (glass and alcohol to go directly to class reps)



Bring in filled goodie bags – fill as many as you can



Find those outgrown Christmas jumpers and donate on Friday 19th



Hamper raffle tickets will be coming home with children next week, there will be one set per family. Tickets are £1 each. Please fill in the stubs clearly and return the filled in part and money to the drop box or school office by 3rd December.

26th November



Another opportunity to donate Christmas jumpers or any further goodie bags

29th November -3rd December



Pre-buy your fair payment tokens (the fair is aiming to be cashless) at drop off and pick up all week from the Christmas Fair team. Card/contactless preferred but we will also be taking cash payments.

3rd December

🎅 Donate a bottle for the bottle stall. This is a massively popular stall so your donations are really needed.

🎅 Drop off any completed hampers or baked goods ready for Sunday.

5th December



It's the fair – enjoy mulled wine, mince pies, games and more!

Please bring any baked goods on the morning of the fair

Personalised tote bags

Was your child reception or key stage one in 2017-2018? If so we found a limited number of gorgeous tote bags in the PTFA cupboard. If you missed one at the time, or have relative who would like one, please pick one from the school office. A small donation (suggested £2) would be very much appreciated.



My Fair Lady – production at St Bon's!

Please note that there will be a **CASH ONLY** refreshments stall at all performances.

My Fair Lady: It's here, the long-awaited parish production of the classic Lerner and Loewe musical, My Fair Lady! Wouldn't it be lovely to see it?

Three performances will be taking place in St Bon's School Hall on Friday 12th November 7.30pm, and Saturday 13th November at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. WE HAVE VERY FEW TICKETS LEFT. Tickets available from Neta at St Bon's Church or by e-mailing stbonsdrama@outlook.com

Adults £5, Children £3. Proceeds to St Bon's Church and St Bon's School.

If you bought tickets for last year's cancelled performances please email stbonsdrama@outlook.com with details of the total number of tickets bought, ticket number (s) and whether adult or child. New tickets will be issued at the same price.



North Bristol Foodbank

North Bristol Food Bank can be reached on 0117 979 1399.

For areas covered see here: <https://northbristol.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

Up to date information for these outlets is available here - <https://northbristol.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>

Have you had a change of circumstances due to COVID-19?

There are lots of schemes that you could be eligible for to support your child and your wider family:

- **Pupil premium and/or Free School Meals** - Financial support that is provided to schools to help support your child and Free School Meals http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/pupil_premium_and_sports_premium/270945
- **Council Emergency Payment** - To help you pay off one-off bills like heating, electricity <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/benefits-financial-help/emergency-payments-local-crisis-and-prevention-fund>
- **North Bristol Advice Centre:** The advice centre can help signpost you to initiatives that you could be eligible for to get support: <http://www.northbristoladvice.org.uk/>
 - **The Money Advice Service** - For help to manage your money during the pandemic <https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/articles/coronavirus-and-your-money>

If you are struggling to access these services and would like help, please contact the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kinesiologist

My name is Sinead Pelley and I have recently retrained as a nutritional advisor and kinesiologist. Kinesiology uses muscle testing to identify, understand and rectify any imbalance in the body and is suitable for all ages.

Kinesiology is incredibly effective for children and parents are amazed at how quickly results are achieved. With regards to children, the main conditions I deal with are anxiety, depression, fears/phobias, digestive issues, emotional issues, dyslexia, poor concentration, behavioural issues, skin problems, allergies, sleep issues etc.

Kinesiology looks at the physical aspects causing the problem but very much focuses on the emotional aspects also.

Please do have a look at my website should you wish to understand a bit more....

<https://www.healthandwellbeingbristol.co.uk/>

Due to the huge response and volume of enquiries to this post a few weeks ago, I would like to offer St Bonaventure families a free 10-minute phone consultation to ask any questions you may have and to understand how I can help you and your loved ones improve your health and well-being. I would also like to offer 10% off all initial treatments.