



# St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another good week here in school, with our reception children settling in really well. Next week sees our parent information sessions taking place, as well as two school trips for Year 2 and Year 5.

Please read the newsletter carefully this week as we have included important information about our permission to walk home from school arrangements and our rules regarding mobile phones in school.

I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to attend our E-safety evening on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 7pm. We will be joined by an external speaker who specialises in this important subject. We will also welcome the NSPCC into school next week and the week after for assemblies (years 1-6) and workshops (years 5 and 6 only). A letter outlining the details accompanies this newsletter.

Finally, we have included on our website some useful information from the Local Authority on applying for Pupil Premium. Please take the time to read this to find out if your child may be eligible to benefit from this additional funding.

Best wishes,

*Lucille Charles*  
Headteacher

**Events week commencing:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (menu no: 3)

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Year 2 trip to Tyntesfield Drama club meeting after school 3.15pm
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Year 5 (3.30pm) and 6 (4pm) parent information sessions
<b>Weds 21<sup>st</sup>:</b>	Year 3 (3.30pm) and 4 (4pm) parent information sessions Year 5 trip to Steam <b>Year 6 football trials – no football for year 5 this week</b>
<b>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	Year 1 (3.30pm) and 2 (4pm) parent information sessions
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	SEN parents' meeting with Liz Kurzik, SENCo from 9-10am in the DT Room (see below) Year 6 cake sale after school

**Events week commencing:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (menu no: 1)

<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup>:</b>	European Day of Languages
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>:</b>	6D class assembly – parents welcome from 2.45pm E-safety parents' evening @ 7pm - 8.30pm
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Year 6 attend Mass at 9.15am Whole school disco

## St Bede's – applications for Sept 2017

We were visited by Mrs Hughes this week: if you wish to apply for your child to attend St Bede's Catholic College then you must complete their Application Form and return it to them (not to us please!) by no later than **Monday 31st October** in addition to completing the Council's online Secondary School Application.

## Permission to walk home from school

If you wish your child to walk home on their own from school please can you make sure you have completed the 'Permission to Walk Home from School' form that is available on the website or in the school office.

Please note that we will now be asking all children who are walking home by themselves to come to the school office to sign themselves out so we know that they have left the school premises.

## Mobile phones in school

If your child walks home from school, they may bring a mobile phone into school. Children should hand them into the office on their arrival to the school site and may collect them at the end of the school day when they leave. We suggest that phones are labelled.

Please do not allow your child to come to school with any other devices. Thank you for your support.

## Whole school disco – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September



The 'Back to School' disco will be on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, so do come and join the fun! Please also look out for an email from your class rep and volunteer to help out for a half hour slot.

Reception & KS1 disco: 6pm-7.15pm  
KS2 disco: 7.30pm-9.00pm

Tickets will be on sale in the playground after school from **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September**.

Please note for safety reasons Reception/KS1 aged children cannot attend the KS2 disco and KS2 aged children cannot attend the Reception/KS1 disco.

Many thanks  
The PTFA

## Year 2 topic – life at St Bon's school in the past

Year 2 are finding out what school life at St Bonaventure's was like in the past and would like to interview any parents or grandparents who were at this school to find out what their school days were like.

If you are a past pupil of St Bon's or have any older relatives who spent their school days here, please email Mrs Woolley at [stephanie.woolley@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:stephanie.woolley@bristol-schools.uk) to arrange a visit.

## **SEN Parents meeting**

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that all your children have settled in well to their new classes. For our first SEN parents meeting we will be discussing the theme of transition. We will discuss how well transition between classes has gone for your child- what went well and things we could improve on for next year.

For children in Years 4-6 you may be starting to think about secondary schools and how to choose an appropriate school for your child. We are fortunate to be having two parents of children with specific learning difficulties coming to talk to us about how they chose schools for their children and will answer any questions you have about the process. There will also be the opportunity to get to know each other better and think about what we want the next meeting to be about. I look forward to seeing you all on the 23rd September at 9.00 in the DT room.

With thanks, Mrs Kurzik, SENCO

## **Drama**

All those who filled in a club slip for this should please turn up on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 3.15 – 4.15pm. All adult helpers who would like to be involved are also invited along to this meeting.

## **Italian Club starts on Monday**

Please be aware that Italian Club will start on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

If you have any queries, please contact Maria [m.maniglia76@gmail.com](mailto:m.maniglia76@gmail.com) or 07900 842621

## **Caretaker of the Year – nominations now open**

Our fantastic caretakers, Richard and Bob, have again worked tirelessly over the summer to get the school grounds looking fantastic. They were both extremely proud to be highly commended in the Caretaker of the year competition last year and would love to go one better this year! Please fill out a form available from the office or email [info@tcyct.co.uk](mailto:info@tcyct.co.uk)



## **St Bon's Bakes Recipe book**

There are still a few copies of the St Bon's Bakes recipe book available to buy at a cost of £8 (all profits to CAFOD). Feedback about the book so far has been hugely positive and I have really appreciated the lovely comments from those who have a copy already!

If you would like a book, I can meet you after school next Monday, 19th September - I will stand near the gate beside the scooter/bike area. Alternatively you can email me on [melanie\\_m\\_bunce@hotmail.com](mailto:melanie_m_bunce@hotmail.com) and I will arrange to get your copy to you! Payment can be made by cash or cheque payable to St Bonaventures PTFA.  
Thank you, Melanie (mum of Ella, Isaac and Lara Bunce)

### **Reading Volunteers needed!**

Do you enjoy reading with children?

Do you have a spare half hour at the start of the day?

If so, you are invited to become a 'Book Buddy' at St Bon's.

Book Buddies support reading in our school by partnering up with children and reading with them each week. This year we are hoping to have a Book Buddy for each of our KS1 and KS2 classes.

Training will be given in school.

If you are interested please email [sue.rees@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:sue.rees@bristol-schools.uk) for more information.

### **Diocese appeal for Foundation Governors**

The diocese is looking to recruit more Foundation Governors for our Catholic schools. Foundation Governors are essential in protecting and developing the Catholic ethos of the Church's schools.

They also hold head teachers to account, recruit senior leadership, manage the school's admissions criteria and set the school's budget.

There are only two criteria for being a Foundation Governor:

- You must be over 18
- You must be a practising Catholic

If you are interested, please contact Bill McEntee [bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) 0117 9025599 or visit the diocesan website: [www.schools.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.schools.cliftondiocese.com)

### **Lottery winners**

Please come to the office to collect your winnings from the June draw.

Prize	June 2016 – Recipient
£50.00	Dr C Mullan
£10.00	JK Summers
£5.00	Harris

### **Missing scooter**

Eibhlin Ford in 1H has a dark pink scooter with a flower pattern on the base plate. We only bring it on a Friday, and last Friday it wasn't there at the end of the day. There was another scooter with the same colour and pattern left behind but this one has a pink light attached to one of the handlebars. This scooter has remained in the scooter park all week unclaimed. I was hoping that ours would turn up but as this hasn't happened I thought it would be worth mentioning here in the newsletter! Our scooter has Eibhlin's name written on the bottom. If it could be returned, it would be much appreciated.

Many thanks, Colette Ford

## **SPORTS**

### Swimming

The swimming time trials to pick the new swimming team will be held at the Dolphin Pool in Filton on Sunday 25th September 2016 at 3.30pm. Letters about this have been sent home. We need as many adults as possible to help so please sign up for a job. The trials are open to all yr 3 - 6 swimmers (all swimmers should be able to swim 50m). Please see Mrs McGrath if you have any questions.

All reply slips back by 3.30pm today please.

### FREE DANCE WORKSHOP TODAY Friday 16th Sept

There is a free dance workshop today after school in the school hall, 3.15 – 4.30pm. All those who would like to come along and have a go are very welcome. See Mrs McGrath for more details.

### PE kit

Please note the school PE kit is a white round neck T-shirt (no collar) and BLUE shorts. (Long legged track suit bottoms are only allowed in terms 2 and 3) Trainers or daps are also needed.

### Sport clubs

Now that we have such amazing facilities we try to offer as many sport clubs as possible to the children at St Bon's. Some are run by staff and are free and some are run by outside agencies (these will incur a charge). We are always looking for any keen parents who would be interested in running a sport club or offer to help. If you think you can help please see Mrs McGrath.

### Daily Mile

We are hoping to get our children fit by introducing the 'Daily Mile' programme for all. More details to follow.

## COMMUNITY SECTION

- **Prana Vinyasa Yoga - Friday 10.00-11.30am**

Come and join us on the mat for this slow and deep vinyasa flow practice. 'Prana Vinyasa Yoga' is a small group class led in the tranquil and mindful space of Yogasara. Every Friday morning we will explore each pose in depth, going through kramas (developmental stages in yoga) with consciousness and intelligence to find a personal point of stillness. We will work with different props and modifications to identify variations appropriate for each person. This includes individual advice and hands on assist.

This class is suitable for everybody including beginners.

Friday 10.00-11.30am - 10-12 Picton St, Bristol BS6 5QA  
For more details and to book your space please contact Emilia.

Emilia Sus  
07814468238  
emilia@emflow.co.uk  
[www.emflow.co.uk](http://www.emflow.co.uk)

- **Do you, or does someone you know, need support following a relationship breakdown?**  
Over the past 20 years Aquila has helped many people learn to cope and rebuild their lives following separation or divorce.

Our next 8-week self-help course starts on Monday 26th September in Cotham, Bristol.  
The course is facilitated by a group of trained men and women who have all experienced broken relationships or divorce.

If you would like to know more please call Gill on 07807 058479, email [bristol@hope-after-heartbreak.co.uk](mailto:bristol@hope-after-heartbreak.co.uk) or visit [www.hope-after-heartbreak.co.uk](http://www.hope-after-heartbreak.co.uk)

- **Fundraising & Marketing Assistant (16 hours per week, flexible hours)**  
Life Cycle UK, the Bristol-based cycling charity, has an exciting opportunity for a resourceful person with a 'can do' attitude to join our team as a fundraising assistant. This is an ideal role for someone who would like to develop a career in fundraising/communications in the voluntary sector. We are looking to appoint someone who is efficient, organised and able to work independently and has excellent written and verbal communication and IT skills. The successful candidate will have a positive outlook and have an interest in cycling, environmental and social change.

Salary: £17,000 - £19,000 pro rata.  
Hours: 16 hours per week (days/time flexible)  
Location: CREATE Centre, Smeaton Road, Bristol BS1 6XN  
Closing date: 9am Monday 26th September.



For more information and to apply, visit [www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/jobs](http://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/jobs)

- Please come along to a theatre play (Snow Queen magic show) in Spanish where three St Bon's kids will be taking part and which is directed by a St Bon's Mum. The show will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2 and 4pm at the Redgrave Theatre, Clifton. All tickets £10. Online Box Office [www.redgravetheatre.com](http://www.redgravetheatre.com)



# ST BONAVENTURE'S SCHOOL SPORTS & CLUBS SECTION





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

	<b>AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS CLUB</b> <b>Bristol School of Gymnastics:</b> <b>Yrs 5-6:</b> Tuesdays 3.15-4.30 at school. <b>Yrs 3-4:</b> Thursdays 3.15 – 4.15 at school. Please contact Victoria Ashworth at BSG on 942 9620 for further information.	Tuesday Yrs 5-6 Thursday Yrs 3-4
	<b>DANCE CLUB xxx:</b> Fridays at 3.15-4.30pm. Years 3-6. There will be a free taster session on Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September in the hall from 3.15 – 4.30pm. If you would like to have a go please see Mrs McGrath to reserve your place of fill out a club permission slip.	Friday yrs 3-6
	<b>FOOTBALL Premier Sport:</b> Starts w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept: Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm; Tuesdays Year 3-6 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. Places are limited.	Monday Yrs 1-2 Tuesday Yrs 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. <b>For Reception, years 1 and 2</b> - Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm – children are collected from their classrooms by Maria. Please collect your children from the school playground at 4.15pm. For more info please contact Maria on	Monday Yrs 3-6  Tuesday Reception, Yrs 1 and 2
	<b>TEAM FOOTBALL Mr Morgan:</b> Team football training for those who have been selected: Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm	Wednesday Yrs 5 & 6
	<b>KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews &amp; Mrs Fox:</b> Starts w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept: Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm in 3W classroom. Please fill out a club permission slip, even if you have attended before. Slips available from the office.	Tuesday Yrs 3-6
	<b>MATHS CLUB:</b> Thursdays after school starting on Thursday 22nd September.  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
	<b>MULTI SPORTS CLUB Premier Sport:</b> Wednesdays after school 3.15-4.30pm for Years 1 and 2. Please watch out for details as this club is still being finalised – you can complete a permission slip in the office if you would like to express an interest.	Wednesday Yrs 1 and 2
	<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.	Tuesday Yrs 3-4 & Thursday Yrs 5-6
	<b>ARCHERY CLUB Premier Sport:</b> Starts w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Years 3-6 Thursdays 3.30 to 4.30pm. To book please visit <a href="http://www.premiersport.org">www.premiersport.org</a> or call Lee on 07917 18 7771. Places are limited.	Thursday Yrs 3-6
	<b>RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath:</b> Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesday 7.50am

## Lunch time clubs

	<b>BIBLE DISCOVERY Miss Haime / Mrs Woolley:</b> 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.	
	<b>CHAPLAINCY Mrs Ballantine:</b> For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes fortnightly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	
	<b>CHOIR Mrs Williams:</b> For years 3-6 boys and girls - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3W classroom. New members welcome!	

	<p><b>CHOIR Miss Tudhope:</b> For years 1 and 2 boys and girls- Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom.</p> <p>Children are welcome to come along to 2T for a taster session on Tuesday 20th September to see if they like it!</p>
	<p><b>DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman:</b> 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!</p>
	<p><b>DIGITAL LEADERS' CLUB:</b> For year 6 pupils – Thursdays 12.15-1.00 in 1H classroom.</p>
	<p><b>ORCHESTRA:</b> Fridays 12.30pm - starting Fri 16<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>New members are very welcome, pls contact Mr Khanna <a href="mailto:max.khanna@bristol-schools.uk">max.khanna@bristol-schools.uk</a> for more info if your child is interested.</p>

#### 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.