



# St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

May I thank everyone in school for helping to ensure that Wednesday's OFSTED inspection went so smoothly. Although it is nerve-racking for our staff, it was a positive experience for everyone involved. My thanks to our whole staff team for being so supportive of both me and one another and for remaining calm under pressure. My thanks also to the children for their excellent behaviour. Finally, thank you to all our parents and carers who took time to fill in the online questionnaire, send in words of encouragement to us and who spoke to the inspectors on the playground.

We will receive the official report in two to three weeks' time, once the inspector's report has been ratified. It was a very positive inspection and you will of course be able to view the full report once available.

We have had lots of wonderful feedback about the 'sea scape' window display designed by our children for Lynne Fernandes Opticians on Gloucester Road as part of the Window Wanderland community event last weekend. My thanks to Mrs Chakraverty for getting so many of our children involved in making this such a lovely display. Please take a moment to look at the photo on the next page!

Please may I remind parents again that the drop off zone in the church car park is not to be used for parking cars and leaving them unattended – it is very frustrating for those parents trying to use this space legitimately.



I would like to wish all our children, parents, carers and staff a very restful half term. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Best wishes,

*Lucille Charles*  
Headteacher

**Events week commencing:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (**MENU** no: 2)

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb:** First day of Term 4  
**Wednesday 22nd:** Service to officially open and bless St Francis Garden – 2.30pm. Parents welcome IF dry weather!  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>:**  
- Year 2 to Mass at 9.15am in Church  
- Reception cake sale after school

Term 4 begins on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – see you then!

**Events week commencing:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (**MENU** no: 3)

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>:** 3W class assembly – parents welcome from 2.45pm  
**Wednesday 1st March:** KS2 mass for Ash Wednesday  
**Thursday 2nd:** World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character!  
**Friday 3rd:** Bristol School Swimming gala (team)

### **Safe use of the Internet**

A letter will be coming home tonight to parents of children in years 5 and 6 about the use of apps and games on devices at home. We have been made aware of some of our pupils having accounts on social media sites which have not had privacy settings activated.

Please ensure that, if your child is using apps and games, that their privacy – and that of anyone they may mention or include photographs of – is protected.

The NSPCC has some useful guidance on its website here <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

### **St Francis Garden – official opening and blessing**

Father Tom will be hosting a short service in the St Francis Garden to officially open and bless this lovely new addition to our school grounds. The service will take place at 2.30pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Parents and carers will be welcome to attend provided the weather is dry as we will conduct the service outside in the garden. If it is wet, we will move into the school hall and will therefore not be able to accommodate parents or carers.

If the weather is wet that day, please check the school website to see if the service will be held inside. We will make a decision at 12pm and post a 'ticker' announcement on the website.

We look forward to seeing you there, weather permitting! Thank you, Mrs Ballantine

### **World Book Day 2017**

World Book Day is on Thursday March 2nd March 2017. This year, as ever, we are inviting the children and teachers (and parents if you like!) to dress up as their favourite book character!

It is the 20th Anniversary of World Book Day so we want to make it really special. We will be participating in lots of different book activities during the day. Thanks in advance for your help. Mrs Williams

### **Drama Club**

An important letter has gone home today with all members of the cast. Please make sure you have one.

Mon 20th Feb - 3.15 – 5.30pm - Act 1 run through - Cast A only

Weds 22nd Feb - 3.15 – 5.30pm - Act 1 run through - Cast B only

### **2T – change of class assembly date**

The date of 2T's class assembly has been moved from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Parents are welcome to attend from 2.45pm.

## St Bon's Window Wanderland at Lynne Fernandes Opticians



Well done to all the children at St Bon's and to Mrs Chakraverty for creating such a colourful and inspiring window for Window Wanderland last weekend. The message is one that we very much cherish here at St Bon's.

Our thanks to Lynne and Gerard Fernandes for inviting us to create this display.

## KidZone Playscheme for February half term

KidZone Playscheme will be running this February half term. 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**

February 13th till February 17<sup>th</sup> inclusive  
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.

## Lottery winners for December 2016

Please come and collect your winnings from the office!

Dec 2016	
£10.00	Carolyn Morris
£5.00	Robert Banim
£5.00	Geraldine Summers
£5.00	Martin Holley

## **St Bonaventure's Pre-School – Open Evening**

Open evening for new parents 2017 (parents only please – no children)

Venue - St Bonaventure's Early Years (entrance next to St Bon's Church)

Date – Tuesday 21 February 2017

Time - 5.30pm - 6.30pm

We are holding an Open Evening at St Bonaventure's pre-school.

This is a brief opportunity to visit the Pre School and have a look around the setting. You will have the opportunity to have an informal chat with members of staff and gain an overview of the pre-school.

Please email [admin.stbonaventures.ey@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:admin.stbonaventures.ey@bristol-schools.uk) if you would like to attend.

You are welcome to book a separate appointment to bring your child for a visit to see the pre-school in action.

We very much look forward to meeting you all. Best wishes, Louise and the Team

## **SPORTS**

### **Football**

Football training as normal on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb.

### **Y5 netball tournament**

Good luck to the teams taking part in the Clifton College Y5 netball Festival on Friday 24th Feb. All parents are welcome to come along and watch.

### **Year 3 and 4 hockey – after school club on Fridays**

There will be an after school hockey club for years 3 and 4 on Fridays starting on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February and running for seven sessions (finishing 7<sup>th</sup> April). The cost is £4 per session so £28. Letters have been sent home about this club, but we have spare copies in the office if you need one.

### **New early morning KS2 Yoga class.**

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

### **Dance**

We would like to actively recruit for this club as it is in danger of closing. Fridays 3.15pm – 4.30pm. £4 a session.

### **New early morning club....circuits**

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

### **Scout leader wanted**

The very successful 1st Bishopston scout group which is affiliated to St Bonaventures is looking for a new leadership team to run a brand new Scout troop on Monday evenings at the scout hut. We need to open a 3rd scout troop in order to cope with the demand as the group is now so popular. Any new recruits don't need any experience, just a sense of humour and a desire to help the young people reach their full potential. All training will be given and support from the established leadership team. For more information please talk to Mrs McGrath.

## COMMUNITY SECTION

- **Bristol Pound** comes to Gloucester Road - roll up and sign up!

The Bristol Pound is coming to the Gloucester Road this month! From 6th February to 17th March the team will host a series of community events aimed at helping people in the area make the most of Bristol's own currency. The team will be focusing on different areas throughout Bristol in 2017 and Gloucester Road is their first stop.

Activities will include:

- A workshop at the Amitabha Buddhist Centre on how to use Bristol Pound more
- Pop up stalls at local businesses to sign up and learn more
- All ending in a party in the Gallimaufry on 9th March.

See the website for all upcoming events <http://bristolpound.org/events> Come along to find out more about Bristol Pounds and how you can be involved in changing our city for the better.

- **Need support with pickup/dropping off children at school or childcare during the day?**

I am a local 18 year old on a gap-year before studying psychology at Manchester University. I live very close to St Bonaventure's and have worked for parents with children at the school while I was studying for my GCSEs and A levels. I collected children from school, walked them home, prepared dinner, played sports, offered support with homework and taught the piano. I have excellent references.

Please phone Harvey on 07758 091 505 if you would like to find out more.

- **French Club Bristol** is opening a new class after half term specifically for reception children, Tuesday evenings after school at the Quaker Meeting House on Gloucester Road. Children learn French through fun and games. The established Key Stage 1 and 2 classes also have a couple spaces available for anyone interested, please see the website for details <https://frenchclubbristol.com/>
- **Life Cycle UK** are running Bikeability level 2 & 3 courses during the February half term break – this is an ideal way to catch up for anyone who has missed the training in school. <https://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/childrens-holiday-course>
- **FEBRUARY @ KINGS TENNIS CLUB**  
TOTS & CARDIO - EVERY FRIDAY MORNING 9.30AM - 10.30AM  
UNTIL END OF FEB JUST £10 for you and your child.

You get exercise, fun and tennis in the fresh air and your child gets a great intro to tennis. It's an easy way to get exercise and get your child using up some energy as well. No need to book. Contact Elly with questions [ellytennis.kings@hotmail.com](mailto:ellytennis.kings@hotmail.com)

FEB 1/2 TERM HOLIDAY COURSES

9AM - 1PM; £15 FEB 14TH, 15TH & 16TH

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME AGES 4 -15 YRS OLD

FUN, TECHNIQUE, EXERCISE, TENNIS GAMES, MATCHES, FRIENDS - BOOK ONLINE

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/EllyShearmanCoaching/Coaching/Junior>

ORDER HOT LUNCHES ON THE DAY

- The Bristol Bake Off competition launches on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March, in partnership with the Bristol Post and Wyke Farms and supported by Tesco.







Children are being encouraged to get passionate about their food so Tesco will be donating £5,000 of cooking equipment to the winning school.

Register at Tesco Golden Hill on **Tuesday 29th March, 10.30am-4.30pm**




# 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

	<b>AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS CLUB</b> <b>Bristol School of Gymnastics:</b> 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
	<b>CIRCUITS CLUB</b> <b>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
	<b>DANCE CLUB</b> <b>Rise:</b> 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
	<b>FOOTBALL</b> <b>Premier Sport:</b> 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.	Mondays Yrs 1-2  Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
	<b>HOCKEY</b> <b>Laura Coombs:</b> New hockey club for years 5 and 6 ONLY: Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Fridays Yrs 5-6
	<b>ITALIAN CLUB</b> <b>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 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 office at 4.15pm. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Mondays Yrs 3-6  Tuesdays Reception, Yrs 1 and 2
	<b>TEAM FOOTBALL</b> <b>Mr Morgan:</b> Team football training for those who have been selected: Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm	Wednesdays Yrs 5 & 6
	<b>KNITTING CLUB</b> <b>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 Yrs 3-6
	<b>MATHS CLUB:</b> 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
	<b>NETBALL</b> <b>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 Yrs 3-4 & Thursdays Yrs 5-6
	<b>TAG RUGBY:</b> for years 3-6: Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Thursdays Yrs 3-6
	<b>RUNNING CLUB</b> <b>Mrs McGrath:</b> Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesdays 7.50am

## Lunch time clubs

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

	<b>BOYS' CHOIR</b> <b>Mr Khanna:</b> For boys only in years 3-6 - Monday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 5K classroom.
	<b>DEBATING CLUB</b> <b>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!
	<b>DIGITAL LEADERS' CLUB:</b> For year 6 pupils – Thursdays 12.15-1.00 in 1H classroom.
	<b>ORCHESTRA:</b> Fridays 12.30pm.  New members are very welcome, please 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.
	<b>STORY TIME CLUB:</b> 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.