



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear parents and carers,

It has been yet another very busy term and I would like to thank you all for your support. The feedback we have received from our recent parents' evenings has been positive and we would like to build upon this and identify other opportunities for parents to come into school to look at what their children have been learning. More details will follow next term.

Today we celebrated our annual Easter Festival. It has been wonderful to welcome parents onto the playground at the start of the day for the Easter bonnet parade and at the end of the day for the presentation of the trophy. We saw some fabulous performances and are really proud of our children's creative efforts.



Freya with her  
amazing Easter  
garden cake

It was also a real delight to welcome back Mrs Charles, Mrs Molloy, Mrs Noto and Mr Harrison as judges! They did a terrific job – our thanks to them all for giving up their time to come back to St Bon's.

#### **Term 5 Covid operating guidelines**

As you are probably aware, the government has updated their guidance on living with Covid: [next steps for living with COVID-19](#).

From the start of term 5, if your child is unwell and displays any symptom of illness please do not send them to school. In this instance, I would ask that you carry out a lateral flow test.

If your child tests positive for Covid and they are unwell they should return to school when they are better and not have a temperature. This should be no sooner than 3 full days.

If your child has Covid and is not unwell, they should still stay at home for 3 full days and only return if they do not have a high temperature.

#### **Cantonese translator required**

I am looking for someone to translate some Maths assessments for me in school. We do have a small budget to pay for this. If you are able to help please email me on [head.st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:head.st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk)

#### **Additional spelling and early reading information sessions**

We are running additional sessions for parents who were not able to join us this term. Sessions are as follows:

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm Spelling information session for all parents
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 9am Early Reading workshop for parents of Reception and KS1 pupils

Please do try to attend as feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive. We look forward to seeing you in person in the hall for these sessions. Remember to bring your mask.

### Scarlett in year 2

Well done to Scarlett who has completed her challenge to swim 5km in March for Great Ormond Street Hospital. We are so proud of her. She has shown great grit and determination to complete this challenge, raising £500 for the charity which she is most proud of.



### St Bonaventure's Community Food Pantry

I want to remind everyone that the St Bon's community food pantry situated in the Church is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8am-11am during term time. If you find yourself in a position where you need a food parcel, please drop into the Church. There are parcels made up for families with options of vegetarian, vegan or meat.

We also have a smaller selection of non-perishable items in school if you find yourself in need. Please pop into the school office and speak to Mrs Ward who is more than happy to help you.

I hope you all have a great Easter and find time to have a rest and recharge. We look forward to seeing you in term 5.

Best,

*Mrs Ballantine*

Sarah Ballantine  
Headteacher

### Events from week commencing: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 (NEW MENU week 2)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April: 2.30pm Spelling information session – all year group parents

**ST GEORGE'S HOUSE – wear RED home clothes today if you are in this house**

Y5 residential trip to Greatwood

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April: 9am Reading information session – Reception and KS1 parents

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: School closed today for May Day Bank Holiday

## After School and Breakfast Clubs Term 5

Bookings can now be made for after school and breakfast clubs for Term 5.

Please note that school will be closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for the Bank Holiday and on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May which is an INSET day.

Any credits accrued during Term 4 have been moved forward so will automatically be put towards any bookings made.

## Easter Playscheme – bookings open

Our Kidzone team will be running a Playscheme during the Easter holidays.

The Playscheme will be open from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April and from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April but closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday (15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April).

A full day runs from 8.30am until 5.45pm and costs £28. A short day runs from 10am until 4pm and costs £21. You can book now using School Gateway.

## Covid vaccinations for 5-11 year olds

We have received the following information from the NHS:

The NHS is now offering COVID-19 vaccines to children aged 5 to 11 years. Appointments are being held in dedicated children's clinics across our area and can be booked online via the [National Booking Service](#) or by calling 119. Some walk-in clinics are also available and details of these, along with information about all the vaccination options in our area, can be found at [www.grabajab.net](http://www.grabajab.net)

Children's clinics are being run by GPs, community pharmacies and the Vaccination Centre @ UWE Bristol, where themed child-friendly pods have been created to make the Centre feel welcoming for young children.

Younger children receive a lower (paediatric) vaccine dose. More information about the vaccination and the effects of COVID-19 in young children can be found [here](#).

## PTFA News

[www.stbonsptfa.com](http://www.stbonsptfa.com)

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – [ptfa.stbons@gmail.com](mailto:ptfa.stbons@gmail.com)

## Second-Hand Uniform

If you are in need of uniform or have any donations (branded and in good condition) please email [ptfauniformrep@gmail.com](mailto:ptfauniformrep@gmail.com)

*A big thank you to everyone who has supported us this term in lots of different ways! Please do get in touch if you have any ideas or feedback for us.*

## 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](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

I am Georgina, a mum from Reception class RH. I am making 🥕 Handmade Easter Carrots 🥕 for charity, please email me if you are interested in ordering. I will arrange to get them to you by the end of term:

The perfect Easter gift and Easter hunt accessory!!



I am making and selling these awesome carrots to raise funds for Joe, my cousin who has been diagnosed with Leukaemia in the States. Each carrot has been lovingly made from felt, filled with sweets and secured with green ribbon. Much like organic carrots, each one is slightly different but still fab!

Size approximately 25cm tall and 10cm wide.

Contact me on the email address below to arrange collection/delivery.

Suggested donation £4 per carrot 🥕 Payment by PayPal or cash on collection

PayPal and contact email: [gsimpson2010@googlemail.com](mailto:gsimpson2010@googlemail.com)

### **Babysitting**

Hi, my name is Faye. I am 16 and the daughter of Mrs Benians who works in the school office. I'm currently at RGS and am looking for babysitting work. I really enjoy working with children and helped at St Bon's with Mrs Hinkins for my DofE. If you need any babysitting help, please pop into the office and speak to my mum.

**St Bon's Brownies** has vacancies for new Brownies. If you have a daughter in Year 2 or above and would like your daughter to join the parish Brownie group, please contact [stbonsbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:stbonsbrownies@gmail.com)

### **Sinead Pelley Health & Wellbeing**

I would like to thank all the wonderful St Bonaventure's families who visit my clinic - it has been so rewarding to see the improvement in both children and parents, greatly benefiting from my Kinesiology and well-being sessions.

Kinesiology is incredibly effective for children and parents are amazed at how quickly results are achieved.

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

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

I will continue to offer a free 10-minute consultation and 10% off all initial treatments for St Bonaventure's families. For a chance to win a FREE initial consultation and appointment in March - please like and follow my Facebook page. The winner will be contacted at the end of the month. Good luck!

<https://www.facebook.com/Sinead-Pelley-Health-Wellbeing-107579514955197/>

*The essence of health is inner balance*