



Friday 19th November 2021

Dear parents and carers,

It has been an incredibly busy week in school following the huge success of our My Fair Lady performance over the weekend. I want to express my thanks to everyone who was involved but my particular thanks go to Kate McGrath who worked tirelessly to ensure the show went ahead. This was a tricky performance this year, largely because of the 20-month delay due to Covid: I want to thank Kate on behalf of the cast, pupils and St Bon's school community - you went above and beyond and we are so incredibly grateful to you for what you do at St Bon's.

Bob's retirement

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Bob Shortman, one of our caretakers, is going to be retiring at the end of this term. This has not been an easy decision for Bob who is well known, pre-Covid, for high fiving the children at the gate as they arrive each morning. We are arranging a collection for Bob and although he has told me he doesn't want a fuss, we would like to present him with a gift on behalf of our school community. If you would like to contribute please put your donation in a clearly marked envelop 'Bob retirement' in the drop box. Nearer the time I'll let you know our plans for his last day.

Curriculum information session

Thank you to the parents who joined us remotely on Tuesday afternoon for our Curriculum information session. We experienced a few technical difficulties but managed to record the session so parents who couldn't join live could access the information at a later date. Please follow this link for the recordings and a copy of the presentation http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/november_2021/583600

Parents MAT consultation session

Thank you again to the parents who joined us in person and remotely at our formal parent consultation session yesterday. I received a lot of questions both in advance of the meeting and during the meeting by parents attending remotely. These questions have been shared with the diocese and I will receive answers next week which I will share with you as soon as I receive them. If you have any questions following the session please see Mrs Woolley or myself on the gate in the morning or afternoon. The session was recorded and a link to the recording will be put on the MAT page of the website shortly.

Attendance update

I would like to bring to your attention school attendance. Regular school attendance has always been a priority for me as head teacher, however I am sure you will agree it is even more important following the interruption our children have experienced over the past 20 months. I understand that as we enter the winter months our children will pick up cold viruses and will not be well enough to be in school at these times. I also do not want to contradict what I have previously said to parents about not sending children to school if they are unwell. However, I must ask that you support me in ensuring that if your child is well they must come to school every day. If you are concerned or need support to ensure your child attends school each day, please email me on head.st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk

Best wishes,

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

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

Wednesday 24th November: Year 6 trip to Kintbury

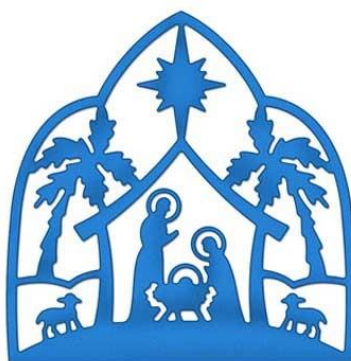
Events week commencing: Monday 6th December 2021 (MENU week 2)

Reception and Key Stage One Nativity performances this week! See below for details...

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.

Tickets have been sent home this week.



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.

Consultation questionnaire on the Multi Academy Trust

Just a reminder that the deadline for interested parties to respond to the questionnaire on the consultation about the multi academy trust is 3pm on Friday 26th November.

The link to the questionnaire is here <https://forms.office.com/r/OTybS5m9iR>

Vacancy for Breakfast Club worker

We are looking to recruit a new member of the Breakfast Club team 5 mornings a week between 7.45am and 8.45am. Please contact the school office if you are interested in finding out more.

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com



Christmas Fair Countdown (stbonsptfa.com/news)



22nd-26th November

VOLUNTEER FOR YOUR CLASS STALL

The fair is not possible without parents giving a small part of their day to help run their class' stall. This is the first opportunity in a very long time for an in-person event where the school community can come together. The PTFA committee is tiny and the fair cannot happen without you. Please volunteer with your class rep.

Another opportunity to donate Christmas jumpers or any further goodie bags – PTFA will be collecting at the playground gate at drop off and pick up on Friday 26th November.

Return raffle tickets - Please fill in the stubs clearly and return the filled in part and money (cash ideally please) to the drop box or school office by 3rd December. Tickets are £1 each. Please could any unneeded tickets also be returned.

Think about what to bake for the refreshments stall

Pre-buy your entry ticket. You can pay for entry on the day but knowing numbers in advance will help us ensure we have enough mulled wine!

29th November - 3rd December

Pre-buy your fair payment tokens (the fair will 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.

Friday 3rd December

Donate a bottle for the bottle stall. This is a massively popular stall so your donations are really needed. We ask that what you donate fits 3 criteria – is something you'd drink yourself, is full and in date!

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

Sunday 5th December



It's the fair – come and enjoy mulled wine, mince pies, games and more! We'll also have personalised St Bonaventure's Christmas decorations for sale.

Please bring any baked goods on the morning of the fair.

As COVID precautions we would ask all grown-ups to do a lateral flow on the day, if anyone (any age) show symptoms that may be attributable to COVID that not attend and that grown-ups wear a mask indoors.

PTFA Meeting 19th November

Minutes: <https://www.stbonsptfa.com/post/minutes-ptfa-meeting-19th-nov>

Thank you so much to those who were able to make this morning's meeting. So great to chat in person, hear some new ideas and see a few new faces!

Key points:

- Gift Aid Registration
 - Ensuring we get enough help for the Christmas Fair!!!
- Please help the PTFA sleep easier at night by signing up to help on the day (and if you do volunteer please check with your employer to see if they have a matched fundraising policy that you can apply for)
- Increasing transparency of what PTFA is funding/planning to fund and understanding the school's, teachers' and pupils' wish list.

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.



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.