



Friday 22nd October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

You will be aware that I launched a Google survey last Friday to find out if parents thought face masks should be worn when dropping off and collecting their children on the school premises. The survey closed at midday on Thursday 21st October. In total, 187 parents completed the survey. 59% of parents voted no they should not wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting, and 41% voted yes, they should.

Since launching this survey, the local authority only yesterday shared some information with all Bristol schools about an increase in local Covid rates and the re-introduction of additional control measures in the first two weeks of term 2. I am not in a position to share this information with you today but will update you via letter on Monday 1st November.

Covid update

The DfE have published some FAQs regarding isolation of sibling close contacts. One of these is:

"Should siblings of positive cases (or household contacts) self-isolate?"

Self-isolation of close contacts is no longer required, meaning that children and pupils can attend their setting unless they have symptoms or a positive test result. We strongly encourage all close contacts to take a PCR test. Bristol City Council PH would recommend that sibling / household contacts (identified by NHS Test & Trace) take daily lateral flow tests while awaiting the results of a PCR test."

I am therefore making the recommendation from Term 2 that all children in a household where there is a positive case of COVID-19 complete a daily lateral flow test whilst awaiting the PCR test outcome. They should also continue to take daily lateral flow tests in the following days to ensure children do not attend school before symptoms are displayed (which is when they are most infectious).

Mr Harrison

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Ross Harrison will be leaving St Bon's at the start of term 2. Ross has worked at St Bon's for the past seven years. He is going to be missed by both the children and staff. We would like to wish him every happiness in his new role as IT technician at St Mary Redcliffe School. We're going to miss you Mr Harrison!

I hope you all have a relaxing half term and look forward to seeing you next term.

Best wishes,

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 1st November 2021 (MENU week 1)

Monday 1st November: INSET day – school is closed to children today

Tuesday 2nd November: Start of Term 2: Bags2School collection 9am.

Secondary school admissions – deadline 31st October

For all year 6 children starting secondary school in September 2022, please be aware that the deadline is midnight on Friday 31st October (next week).

There is more information about how to apply online (and on paper if you need to) here
<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions>

There are lots of Open Days taking place so do keep an eye on the school websites for dates and times.

House captains chosen – congratulations!

We are really excited to announce that the following Year 6 pupils have been elected as house captains:

St David's : Felix and Elin
St Andrews: Isabel and Summer
St George : Benjamin and Gouri
St Patrick's : Adam and Jeslyn

CAFOD fundraising

Thank you so much to everyone who wore green and donated to CAFOD recently.

We raised an amazing £ 279.19!

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com



Virtual Disco

Friday 22nd October at 4pm or 5pm

We still have places left and it's not too late to get tickets.

Zoom details are sent out as soon as you register for the event so if you're free, then join us for this fantastic fun!

We're also opening this up to year 3 and 4 as well as KS1 and Reception.
(A full KS2 event will be held next term.)

Tickets, with suggested donation amounts, are available for both sessions on the website at
<http://www.stbonsptfa.com/events>

Bag2school

Clear some space before Christmas!

We will be having a Bag2school collection on **Tuesday 2nd November** at morning drop off at the main gate
(first day back after half term).

Start gathering those unloved but good condition clothes together!
Collection bags have been sent home this week but please feel free to use your own bags too. There will be a prize for the class who donate the most bags so please write your child's class on the bag.

✓ Yes please: Wearable Clothing, Paired Shoes, Handbags, Belts

✗ No thanks: Workwear, Uniforms (including School Uniforms), Wet/Soiled Clothes, Curtains, Towels, Duvets or Duvet Covers, Pillows or Pillow Cases, Blankets, Table Cloths, Linens, Cushions, Carpets, Suitcases, Books, Bric a Brac, Clothes Hangers, Electricals



Save the Date – Christmas Fair



The Christmas Fair will be on the afternoon of **Sunday 5th December**. We're hoping to make it a super magical event so please save the date.

More details about how your class can help on the day coming soon.

Christmas fair support and sponsorship

Do you work for or own a business that could provide a raffle prize eg. a voucher, a meal, tickets, a day out, a signature from a famous person?

We're seeking sponsorship to see if we can make something really special happen for the fair. Do you think your company could provide some financial sponsorship?

If the answer to either of these is yes please, please **get in touch** with the PTFA either via email or through the website (details above)

In search of...

Do you have a cricut?

Do you own or have access to a large marquee?

Are you a professional or keen amateur photographer?

If the answer to any of these is yes please, please **get in touch** with the PTFA either via email or through the website (details above)

Usborne Bookshop

Thinking about your Christmas shopping? Does your child have a birthday coming up? If you're considering buying a book for their class or for Christmas presents why not order through the PTFA bookshop?

You can order directly through the website or save on delivery and let the PTFA know what you would like to order and we'll do it for you. We'll be putting in an order on **12th November**.

Putting in combined orders helps us earn more free books for the school library and more commission that goes directly back to the school and our children so please do consider doing your Christmas shopping with us.



My Fair Lady – production at St Bon's!

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. 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.

Job Opportunity:

Pooh Corner Nursery and Preschool is looking for an Office Administrator for a job share 2 days per week. The vacancy is ideal for a local school parent.

- Working days: Thursday and Friday 9.00am – 2.00pm

Professional Skills needed:

- Good ICT knowledge and ability to learn how to work with our administration software
- Very good communication skills
- Some HR experience or looking to be trained in the field

Personal Skills needed: You must have a positive I can do attitude, be supportive, empathetic to others needs, reliable, have good time management and organisation skills. If interested, please contact Pooh Corner Nursery and Preschool at: info@poohcornernursery.co.uk

Hatha Yoga Course

Intro to Mindful Hatha Yoga Course. Starts Monday 1st November, 2-3pm at Horfield Quaker House. The cost is £50/£35 (concessions) in total, payable in advance. The class is limited to 10 people.

People are welcome to come to the first session to see how they feel (£5). For more information or to sign up, please email me at info@yogawithden.com or visit www.yogawithden.com