



# St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to all parents and carers who came to the parent information sessions earlier this week. They were hopefully very useful to you. Class teachers will be updating class pages with any relevant information for those of you who were not able to attend.

We will be holding an information afternoon for parents of Reception children on the afternoon of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm in the school hall.

Attached with this newsletter you will find more information about Pupil Premium from Bristol's mayor including how to find out if your child is eligible. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and receiving Universal Free School meals, you can still apply for Pupil Premium if you meet the criteria.

Can I respectfully remind everyone of the importance of being considerate towards our neighbours. This particularly applies to people's driveways which should not be used to park across under any circumstances. We also need to ensure that we are using the parish car park sensibly to avoid the new gate being closed.

Finally, if parents or carers wish to come into the school building for any purpose, please access the building via the office rather than walking into school from the playground. This is to ensure that we are aware of all visitors in the event of an emergency and to keep our children safe.

Best wishes,

*Lucille Charles*  
Headteacher

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

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>:** European Day of Languages

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>:** 6D class assembly – parents welcome from 2.45pm  
E-safety parents' evening @ 7pm - 8.30pm

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>:** Year 6 attend Mass at 9.15am  
Whole school disco

**Events week commencing: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 (menu no: 2)**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Reception pupils start full time

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>:** Open Day for Reception 2017 applicants

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>:** Open Day for Reception 2017 applicants

Year 6 trip to Blaise Castle

Reception parents' information afternoon 2.30 – 3.10pm in the Hall

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>:**

## Parents' evenings 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October

Many thanks to everyone who has returned their slips to request parent evening appointments (years 1 – 6, not reception). If you have not seen the letter home, please come to the office for a copy or print one from the website under 'Parents / Forms and downloads'. Deadline is today so please complete these as soon as possible.

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



The 'Back to School' disco is next Friday, 30th September, so come and join the fun! Please look out for an email from your class rep and volunteer to help out for a half hour slot at the disco.

Reception & KS1 disco: 6pm-7.15pm

KS2 disco: 7.30pm-9.00pm

Tickets will be on sale in the playground after school on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th September. There will be an opportunity for new Reception parents to buy tickets on Monday morning at the PTFA Welcome coffee morning.

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

## **Volunteer at St Bon's**

Imaginative Play is excellent for developing lots of skills from creativity to critical thinking – and it's fun!

We need volunteers to actively engage and encourage creative play, making use of the school's playground markings during lunchtime 12.15pm - 1.15pm Monday to Friday. Volunteers can choose which days they are available to offer their free time.

If you are interested, please speak to Penny Southgate in the main office or call 0117 353 2830 for more details.

## **Harvest Festival**

We will be celebrating Harvest during the week commencing Monday 10th October. During this week we will be collecting dried and tined goods for our local Salvation Army - they will be coming into school to talk to us about how our donations help local people in need.

We will also be supporting CAFOD by holding our own fundraiser- more details of this to follow. Our local CAFOD representative will be visiting us in school to talk to us about how CAFOD use fundraising to support families across the world. We will conclude our week with a Mass in church on Friday 14th October, all are welcome to celebrate with us.

Thank you in advance for your support, Mrs Ballantine

## **Knitting club**

All those who filled in a club slip for this club have a place. However, this club is now full, so if your child would like to join, their name can be put on the waiting list.

## **Italian Club**

Italian Club has now started. For your information, Monday's lessons take place in classroom 1MS and Tuesday's lessons in class 1H.

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

## **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.

## **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, they will be on sale at the Year 6 cake sale this afternoon. 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.

## **PTFA coffee morning**

**Who?** All parents/carers of new arrivals at school

**What?** Coffee, chat and exchange e-mails (children very welcome)

**When?** After school drop off on Monday 26th September 9am.

**Where?** St Bonaventure's Parish Church Presbytery (next to the Church)

## **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)

## **Drama – auditions next week**

This club is now full. All those who want to audition for a part please come on Monday 26th September 3.15pm with a prepared piece. All those who want to audition for a singing part need to prepare a song as well.

Please see Mrs McGrath if you need a script for ideas or for any other information. Drama ends at 4.30pm. All those adults who can help with the auditions please meet in the hall at 3.15pm.

## **Lottery winners**

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

<b>Prize</b>	<b>June 2016 – Recipient</b>
£50.00	Dr C Mullan
£10.00	JK Summers

<b>Prize</b>	<b>July 2016 – Recipient</b>
£50.00	JK Summers
£25.00	Carolyn Morris
£5.00	Lucinda Griffiths

## **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. All those who replied have been allocated a race. A list of the race order will be up outside the office. Thank you to all the parents who have offered help. You should have received a letter. Please meet at the Dolphin pool at 3.15pm on Sunday.

### **New Dance club**

There is a new dance club starting after school on Fridays 3.15pm – 4.30pm for KS2 children (Y3 to Y6). First session is Friday 30th September. Letters are available from the school office or see Mrs McGrath for more information.

### 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 small cost). 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.

### Cross country trials

There will be cross country trials on Friday 30th September during school time for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6, boys and girls. These trials will be to pick the teams for the cross-country events coming up this term. All those who are interested are welcome. Please see Mrs McGrath for more information.

## 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  
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emilia@emflow.co.uk  
[www.emflow.co.uk](http://www.emflow.co.uk)

- Local music teacher is offering drumming lessons – visit [www.drumlessonsbristol.com](http://www.drumlessonsbristol.com) to find out more. If you have any questions then please feel free to call on 07817 586474 or email on [drumlessonsbristol@gmail.com](mailto:drumlessonsbristol@gmail.com)

- **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)




# 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.	Tuesday Yr 2 Thursday Yr 5-6
	<b>DANCE CLUB</b> <b>Rise:</b> Fridays at 3.15-4.30pm. Years 3-6. This club will start on Friday 30th 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 or fill out a club permission slip.	Friday Yrs 3-6
	<b>FOOTBALL</b> <b>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</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 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</b> <b>Mr Morgan:</b> Team football training for those who have been selected: Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm	Wednesday Yrs 5 & 6
	<b>KNITTING CLUB</b> <b>Mrs Andrews &amp; Mrs Fox:</b> Starts w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept: 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.	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</b> <b>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</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.	Tuesday Yrs 3-4 & Thursday Yrs 5-6
	<b>ARCHERY CLUB</b> <b>Premier Sport:</b> Starts w/c 19th 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</b> <b>Mrs McGrath:</b> Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesday 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 fortnightly 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!	

	<p><b>DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman: For years 5 and 6</b> - 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: For year 6 pupils</b> – 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.