



Friday 11th March 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone who wore water themed coloured clothes today and donated £1 which will be donated to MADLACC who undertake clean water and tree planting projects in Uganda. We will let you know how much we raised next week.

Well done to our year 4 pupils who prepared the Window Wanderland display in the window of Lynne Fernandes Opticians on Gloucester Road.



Special thanks to Mrs Chakraverty and Mrs Hardiman who collated the children's art work.

### **What are we doing to support people affected by the conflict in Ukraine?**

You will be aware that we have a Book of Hope which is available on the playground at the end of each day. You are all very welcome to add your messages of hope, blessings, words or prayers to this book. The children and staff are adding to it over the coming weeks.

We are also raising money which we will donate to the British Red Cross DEC Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal. Children are invited to make suggestions to name a bear which has been donated by Mgr. Bernard. Suggested donation per name is £1 and should be given to the child's class teacher. We also have a non-uniform day planned for Friday 28th March. Again, the suggested donation is £1.

### **Be Respectful, Be Kind, Be Ready**

We have now launched each of our school rules with the children. This week we talked to all children about the importance of being ready for school each morning. We told them that we'd be suggesting to you all that electronic devices should only be allowed once the child is ready in the morning. Eating breakfast, brushing teeth and getting shoes on should come before time on a device.

### **EAL parent group reminder**

As you are aware, I am keen to reintroduce our parent support group for parents for whom English is an additional language. This would be a weekly session which parents could attend and meet with a cup of

tea/coffee to talk about school related events. If you would like to find out more about this please email Tiba Preisner on [ratiba.preisner@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:ratiba.preisner@bristol-schools.uk) We will then be in touch to arrange an initial meeting.

### Parent spelling session

Thank you to all the parents who attended our spelling session on Monday and Friday of this week. If you were not able to attend please use the following link to see the slides that were shared at the session:  
[http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/march\\_2022/600109](http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/march_2022/600109)

### Curriculum information evening

A reminder that we have a parent information session on Tuesday 15th March at 4pm. This will take place remotely via Google Meet. To access the meeting, log in to Google Meet using your child's log in details. The session will have input from the English, Maths, History and Science leaders. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you online.

Best,

*Mrs Ballantine*

Sarah Ballantine  
Headteacher

## Events week commencing: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (MENU week 2)

Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> March:	4-5pm Parent curriculum information session on Google Meet (use child's login)
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> March:	St Patrick's Day – children in this house can wear green home clothes to school
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> March:	Donate £1 to Ukraine today Second-hand uniform sale after school
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> March:	9am Reading information session – Reception and KS1
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> March:	2.30pm Reading information session – Reception and KS1
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> March:	6pm ONLINE parent curriculum information session
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> March:	Donate £1 to International Tree Foundation

## Easter Playscheme – bookings now 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.

## Parent support group for parents/carers for whom English is an additional language

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## School wish list



Government funding to schools has been cut hugely in recent years. In light of this, and to help ease the burden on St Bon's, the school Governors have set up an Amazon wish list of items which would be useful to the school. This provides a straight-forward, practical way for members of the school community to give their support if they can afford to do so.

One of the objectives on the School Improvement Plan for this year is to provide more opportunities for play to support pupils as they recover from the Covid pandemic. The wish list for this term includes a selection of games and puzzles, chosen by staff at St Bon's.

Please click on the link below to see the list. Items can be posted directly to the school (St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary School, Egerton Road, Bishopston, Bristol, BS7 8HP). Alternatively, you can have items delivered to your home and take them into the school reception. Even better than buying new – if you have any of these things at home or can buy them second hand, you can still mark the item as purchased on the wish list!  
[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/159AR9UKDHR3K?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/159AR9UKDHR3K?ref_=wl_share)

### 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)

**Doughnut and Hot Choc Fundraiser raised £185! Thank you to all who supported us!**



### Second-Hand Uniform Sale

- We will be holding a table top second-hand uniform sale Friday 18th March (postponed from today due to weather), from 3pm.
  - So, save yourself money and a trip to the shops, and buy from your PTFA!
- If you have St Bon's branded items in good condition that you can donate, particularly for ages 7+, please let us know via [ptfauniformrep@gmail.com](mailto:ptfauniformrep@gmail.com)
- As always, if anyone needs uniform and finds themselves in financial difficulty, do not hesitate to contact the school who will anonymously pass on requests.

### **Notice of AGM, Wed 30th March 8pm, Zoom details TBC**

- The PTFA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Wed 30th March 8pm via Zoom call.
- The AGM is an obligatory meeting held once a year and allows all members (that's you dear reader!) to receive information about our financial performance over the past 12 months, our activities, and confirm/nominate committee posts.
- We MUST have a minimum attendance of twice the number of committee positions so PLEASE dial in! We would really appreciate it! You don't have to participate (although we would love that), you can simply turn up.

### **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

**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)

### **St Bon's parent who needs help with transport**

One of our parents with two children here at St Bon's has recently moved to Lawrence Weston. The family does not have a car and the bus journey is really difficult (multiple buses across different bus companies). If you would be interested in earning a small amount of money to go and collect the girls at about 8am and bring them to St Bon's, please get in touch with Mrs Benians in the office [clare.benians@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:clare.benians@bristol-schools.uk) Even if you could only help on a few days a week, that would be great.

### **Fundraising by one of our pupils**

One of our 2C pupils is taking part in some fundraising for Great Ormond Street Hospital. She will be taking part in the challenge to swim 5km (200 lengths of our local pool) in March to raise money for charity. If you would like to donate, please use the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/234373738907429/>

### **Job opportunity #1 - St Bon's Church**

Mgr. Bernard has a vacancy for an Office Administration Manager based in the Presbytery at St Bon's church. This new role combines the 2 previous roles of Admin & Media.

The necessary skills required are,

- a good knowledge of Computing and the Microsoft packages of Word, Excel, Access and Publisher;
- along with an ability to use the major media platforms of Twitter, Instagram & Facebook.

The successful candidate will be the first point of contact with parishioners and the public and so needs good communication skills.

The job is for Term time only and is for 20 hours per week made up of a 4 or 5 day week.  
The rate of pay is £10.00 per hour.

For further information please email Mgr. Bernard at [bernard.massey@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bernard.massey@cliftondiocese.com)

### **Job opportunity #2 – sport and social club**

A local sport and social club is looking to appoint a part time administrator to manage the general business of the club. The position would require a flexible 16 – 20 hours per week with a competitive remuneration package. Own transport is desirable. The successful candidate will need to be well organised and ideally experienced in bookkeeping and other business packages associated with the requirements of this role.

Further information can be requested by e-mail to [bristolcssc@virginmedia.com](mailto:bristolcssc@virginmedia.com)  
Applicants CVs should also be sent to this e-mail address.

### **Babysitting**

Hi, my name is Amelie Paul. I am 15 and an old St Bon's pupil. I'm currently at RGS and am looking for babysitting work. I have two younger sisters, one of whom is still at St Bon's, and I have been volunteering at St Bon's Brownies as part of my DofE. If you are interested, please text my mum on 07766 366569.

### **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*