



Friday 18th February 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that by the time you read this newsletter that the storm has passed and that you are all safe and sound and ready for a lovely half term break.

Morning drop-off arrangements will remain in place throughout term 4, with children being dropped off at the playground gate between 8.30-8.50am in time for the 8.50am bell and prayer. We have seen an improvement in our punctuality this term and I would like to thank you for your continued support. It is essential that all children arrive to school on time.

World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

This year, to celebrate World Book Day, we would like to have a vocabulary parade! We invite all children and staff to come to school dressed as a word. You can choose to represent any word of your choice, in any creative way that you like! Take a look at these photos for inspiration...



Parents' evening

Our next parents' evening meetings will be on Thursday 31st March and Tuesday 5th April between 3.30- 6.15pm. We will be offering both face to face and online appointments. We have allocated a certain amount to each. If you find that you would prefer face to face and there are not any appointments left, please come and talk to me on the gate either in the morning or at pick up at the end of the day. Please find further details on how to book your appointment later on in this newsletter.

Fundraising events term 4-5

Alongside other Clifton Diocese schools, we will be supporting projects to take clean water and a tree planting project to communities in Uganda. As part of our fundraising, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 11th March. Pupils are invited to come to school dressed in water-themed colours. The suggested donation is £1.00.

On Friday 25th March, we will also be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for the International Tree Foundation. Pupils are encouraged to come to school wearing non-uniform and bring in silver coins up to the value of £1.00. Pupils will arrange their coins in the shape of a tree.

Thank you for your continued support this term. I hope you all find time to take a break over the half term period. We look forward to seeing you all at the start of term 4.

Best,

Mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 28th February 2022 (MENU week 3)

Mon 28th February: Start of Term 4

Update on the Community Pantry

We would like to extend a massive and heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated to, or asked about, the Community Pantry. We have been absolutely overwhelmed by your generosity in just the first week of its existence.

The kindness you have shown in donating food and money for the project means we've already built up a fantastic store which will allow us to provide meal bags for families in desperate need for at least the next few weeks.

How can I continue to support the project?

Thanks to your incredible support so far, we don't really need much more food at the moment. However, what we need right now is tinned **vegan** and **vegetarian** meals: things like stews, soups, chillis and curries.

Where do I take my donation?

You can leave your donations in the Presbytery, in the parcel box outside the Presbytery door or give them directly to Mgr Massey. Please avoid leaving donations next to the Pantry itself or in the church.

Please note that we're unable to accept any fresh food as we can't store it safely. Dried, tinned or long-life packets of food are welcome, particularly vegan and vegetarian items.

How else can I show my support?

We have set up a WhatsApp group for anyone who would like to be kept up to date with the Community Pantry and who would like to donate goods, money or time to the cause.

If you would like to keep in touch in this way, message Jenny Glester on 07970 599836 with your name and she will add you to the group.

For those not on the WhatsApp group, we will keep messages flowing in the Newsletter.

With sincere thanks for your support,
Jenny, Becky and Amy

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

We are keen to reintroduce our parent/carer support group for parents/carers for whom English is an additional language. This would be a weekly session which parents/carers 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. We will then be in touch to arrange an initial meeting at the start of term 4.

Parents' evening bookings

Our next parents' evening meetings will be on Thursday 31st March and Tuesday 5th April. Bookings can be made online on School Cloud. You will receive an email inviting you to book sessions – these will be a blend of in-person and online appointments.

The first 8 appointments on each day will be in person from 3.30pm and the remaining 7 appointments will be online from 4.50pm. **Bookings will be open from Saturday 12th March @ 9am.** Each appointment will be 8 minutes long. You will receive an email reminder one hour before your appointment.

ALL APPOINTMENTS NEED TO BE BOOKED ONLINE (INCLUDING IN PERSON)

Running and circuits clubs

Mrs McGrath's running club is open to all children and parents who would like to join – it happens on Wednesdays at 7.50am. Meet outside the school office.

Mr Morgan's circuits club for KS2 children runs on Thursday mornings at 7.50am.

Please come and join if you would like to – no need to book.

After school club and breakfast club bookings Term 4

Bookings can now be made in School Gateway for Term 4 after school and breakfast clubs. Any credits from Term 3 have been carried forward and will automatically come off the balance to pay when you book sessions.

Message from Mgr Bernard at St Bon's church

Dear parents and carers,

I need your help please. As I'm sure you're aware, every year the children in Year 3 have a special course to prepare them to make their First Holy Communion. We are hoping to start this in February after half term.

I need a group of adults (male and female) to help with this programme. Ideally what I need is about six or more people, with one or two being prepared to take the main lead. This number of people means that you shouldn't need to be there for every session and given the busy lives that you have, this can often make it a lot easier for people to volunteer.

The course has three books – one for the child, one for the parents (so they can follow and help their children) and finally one for the team leaders (to show them what they need to do).

The course will run on a Saturday (whether this is morning or afternoon will depend on what the volunteers decide.)

Please email me if you can help or want more information at bernard.massey@cliftondiocese.com

Thank you in advance, Mgr Bernard

Clerk to the Governors – job vacancy

Sadly, our wonderful clerk to the governors, Alex Casley, will be stepping down from her role. If you are interested in applying to become our new clerk, please see the attached advertisement with further details on the role and how to apply. You can also view it on E-teach here <https://www.eteach.com/schools/st-bonaventure-s-catholic-primary-school-18065>

The deadline for applications is midday on Monday 28th February.

Vacancy for School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA) and Breakfast Club worker

We are looking to recruit an SMSA to work every lunchtime (12.15pm to 1.15pm). This involves supervising the children in the school hall and on the playground as part of a team of SMSAs.

Please contact the school office if you are interested in finding out more.

We are also looking for someone to work in our Breakfast Club before school. You can bring your own children to attend free of charge if you need to.

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

Doughnut and Hot Choc Sale, deferred due to school closure!

- Sale will be rescheduled (possibly Fri 4th March but will be confirmed asap)
- All pre-orders will be honoured so no need to do anything (except sit and wait!)
- If you did miss out on reserving a box, please get in touch as we have a chance to increase our order!
- Full list of ingredients and allergens are here: [Krispy Kreme Nutritionals and Allergens](#) | [Krispy Kreme](#)



Second-Hand Uniform

- Once again, many thanks to Ellie Eakins who will be joining us as our PTFA Uniform Rep!
- We will be holding a table top second hand uniform sale in a few weeks (date tbc)
 - So, save yourself money and a trip to the shops, and buy from your PTFA!
- If you have BRANDED items in good quality you can donate, particularly for ages 7+ please let us know via 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.**

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

Spanish teacher wanted

I am a local parent looking for a Spanish teacher for my daughter who is in year 4. I am looking for her to practise speaking only - learning through play and songs. My name is Jo and my number is 07764 188793 if you can help.

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