



# St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2 – I hope you all had a relaxing half term. As ever, this term will be very busy in the run up to Christmas – we appreciate all your efforts in supporting the children with the extra activities that take place at this time of year such as donating shoe boxes, taking time off work for performances and with events such as the Winter Fair.

We will be holding a Curriculum Information Evening on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Hall for all year groups. We will be presenting information on Maths, PSHE (personal, social and health education) and developing a 'growth mindset'. It would be wonderful if as many parents and carers could attend as possible.

You will have noticed that work has started this week on the grassy area between Reception and the MUGA. This is part of the final round of development of our outside space. We will be creating a St Francis Garden. This will provide children with a quiet area to sit whilst also fulfilling our obligation to provide a public piece of art. We will also be creating a clatter bridge and completing the tunnels on the other side of the playground for the children to play in

Well done to all our pupils who performed in this afternoon's guitar concert. My thanks to Mr Hess for organising this.

With the weather now becoming colder and wetter, please ensure that children have suitable footwear and outdoor clothing to be on the playground. We only bring children inside when it is wet, so they will be outside when it is cold.

Best wishes,

*Lucille Charles*  
Headteacher

**Events week commencing:** Monday 7th November 2016 (**NEW MENU** no: 2)

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup>:</b>	New yoga class 7.50am parents and children years 3-6 Drama – whole cast – 4.45pm finish
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Year 2 parents' curriculum information session 3.30 – 4.30pm
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Violin concert at 2.45pm – parents welcome Deadline for WEBox shoe boxes for Albania St Bon's parish church quiz night – School Hall starting 7pm

**Events week commencing:** Monday 14th November 2016 (**NEW MENU** no: 3)

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Open afternoon for Reception 2017 – 1.30pm
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Year 4 trip to Red Lodge Museum 5K class assembly – parents welcome from 2.45pm
<b>Weds 16<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Curriculum information evening 7pm in the Hall
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Celebration of topic – parents can visit classrooms to see topic work Year 4 cake sale after school

## Coppers for CAFOD

Many thanks to all the children who donated their coppers – we raised an amazing £90 for CAFOD!

## Drama

This club is now full.  
Monday 7th Nov 3.15 – 4.45pm whole cast needed

## **School Christmas lunch – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Request slips were sent out earlier this week for you to let us know if your child would like a school Christmas lunch. If you have not received a letter, please come to the office for a copy. The deadline for returning slips is next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Children in years Reception to year 2 do NOT need to pay for the Christmas lunch – it is included as part of the Universal Free School Meals. For children in years 3-6, the cost is £2.25 as usual.

## **St Bon's Community Quiz Night**



The Inaugural St Bon's Community Quiz will be taking place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November in the School Hall from 7pm with the Quiz starting promptly at 7.30pm. There will be a bar selling wine/beer/crisps and a raffle. Tickets will be on sale shortly via the Parish Office at £10 per team (maximum of 6 people per team) or £2 per person.

If you can't make up a team, don't worry - we'll sort you out with some brainboxes on the night! If anyone is interested in helping with this event, please contact the Parish Office. A poster advertising the event is also attached with the newsletter email.

## **Curriculum information evening – all year groups**

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## **Celebration of Topic – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Parents are invited to come into school on the afternoon of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November to look at the topic work their children have been doing in class. Classrooms will be open from 2pm until 3pm.

## **Christmas CD**

We have been given a fantastic opportunity to make a CD for Christmas. All the children from FS to Y6 will be involved in making the CD and it will be available to buy. It will be a professional recording and an amazing memento of our children's talents. If you would like to order a CD (£7.99 each) please read the letter attached with this newsletter.

We are also running a competition to design the cover of the CD case. A template for this is also attached to this newsletter and is also available from the school office. Please get all cheques and reply slips back to the office by the 14th November. We cannot accept late orders so please act promptly.

If you have any questions please ask Mrs McGrath.

## **Piano and brass concerts**

Due to an unavoidable clash of usage of the Hall, the piano and brass concerts on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November respectively will now take place in term 3. A date will be advised as soon as it has been arranged.

## **Christmas Nativity Service @ St Bon's Church**

The traditional St Bon's Family Nativity Service will be on Saturday 17th December at 3pm (and NOT on Christmas Eve) and will be followed by mince pies and refreshments in the Presbytery. This is to enable more families to take part as many go away for Christmas and to make it a fun social occasion as well.

It is always a fantastic service and a great start to the Christmas festivities. Children are encouraged to come dressed up in nativity costumes to join in with the service. We'd also love as many adult volunteers and child readers to be involved as possible so please let Caroline in the Parish Office know if you are interested either by calling the Parish Office on 942 4448 or dropping her an email [bristol.stbonaventure@parish.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bristol.stbonaventure@parish.cliftondiocese.com)

Thank you!

## **Parents of children with inhalers**

Following first aid training for staff, please be aware that a letter will be coming home tonight updating you about our new breathe together technique for pupils with asthma. If you do not receive a copy, please ask the office.

## **Sacred Heart and St Anthony's First Holy Communion**

Sacred Heart and St Antony's First Holy Communion 2017. Application forms are available from the Sacred Heart and St Antony's Churches and from the website ([www.sacredheartchurch.co.uk](http://www.sacredheartchurch.co.uk)).

Completed forms must be returned to the Parish Office by 8th December. The preparation sessions will take place on Saturday mornings from 14th January and the First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 13th May.

## **St Bon's Bakes charity recipe book update - £266 raised so far for CAFOD!**

Profits from the sale of the St Bon's Bakes recipe book amount to £266 so far, all of which will be donated to CAFOD to help with their work around the world, such as providing emergency relief for the people of Haiti dealing with the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew last month.

The book contains recipes submitted by St Bon's families and staff and is professionally printed and bound, in a wipe clean format. There are still around 20 copies of the book available to buy at a cost of £8 per book and all profits go to CAFOD - the perfect Christmas gift for family and friends! If you would like to buy a copy, please contact me on [melanie\\_m\\_bunce@hotmail.com](mailto:melanie_m_bunce@hotmail.com) or find me in the playground at drop off/pick up, near the 2T classroom.

Thank you, Melanie Bunce

## **Headlice**

Thank you to everyone who has been checking their children's hair regularly for headlice. Please continue to be vigilant so that we can avoid major outbreaks in school.

## **Ladies back to netball**

Fancy a bit of a run around once you've dropped the children off at school? Then please come and join us for some netball on Tuesdays from 9-10am on the School playground. The session is run for women by Sue Andersen, Netball Development Community Coach for England Netball.

Please don't worry if you haven't played for years or haven't ever played, the aim is just to have fun and all are very welcome. All you need to do is bring a drink and wear comfortable exercise clothes/trainers and join in for a bargain £1 per session (free if it's your first time!) No commitment necessary just come along when you can. For more details, speak to Mrs McGrath or better still meet us in the playground one Tuesday and have a go!

## **SPORTS**

### **Football**

Training as normal for the football team on Wednesday.

### **KS2 Rugby club**

The new Tag Rugby club is due to start on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 3.15- 4.30pm All those who have filled in a club slip can attend. Please see Mrs McGrath for more details.

### **KS1 (Y2) mutli sport club**

There is a new Y2 multisport club starting on Wednesdays after school being run by Premier Sport. The first session was on Wednesday 2nd November 3.15-4.15pm. Only those who have filled out a club slip (available from the school office) can attend this club.

### **New early morning KS2 Yoga class**

There is a new early morning Yoga class starting on Mondays form 7.50am to 8.30am. There is a small charge for this club. Details are on the letter that was emailed to KS2 parents this week. Please see Mrs McGrath for more information.

### **Cross country**

Good luck to the teams taking part in the cross country event at QEH this afternoon.

## COMMUNITY SECTION

- One of our St Bon's families is looking for 2 bedroom accommodation as a matter of urgency. Please contact Sayo on 07714 464560 if you know of any accommodation which may be available.
- George Rogers Loreda, former St Bonaventure's School student, will be taking part in the North Bristol Art Trail [www.northbristolartists.org.uk/](http://www.northbristolartists.org.uk/) which will take place 26th-27th Nov.

At 17, George is the youngest member of the North Bristol Art Trail [www.northbristolartists.org.uk/members-2/georgeloreda/](http://www.northbristolartists.org.uk/members-2/georgeloreda/) and for the second time he will show his work and invite everyone to come and see it (Venue number 7 @ 77, Kellaway Avenue).



- We are looking for after school childcare on a Wednesday and Thursday until around 4.30pm. We are happy to hear from anyone aged 16 and over. It will involve collecting from St Bon's and walking to our home in Durdham Park. If you would like to find out more, please contact Jo on 07968 800334 or email [joannadoel@hotmail.com](mailto:joannadoel@hotmail.com)
- **Babysitter available:** Hi, my name is Isobel Kealey. I am nearly 16 years old and live locally. I am in Year 11 at St Bede's and have sisters in years 6 and 4 at St Bon's. If you would like to get in touch call 07935 265362.
- St. Bon's children are invited to join Shine's Cricket coaching programme held at the Shine Community Sports Hall, Brecon Road, BS9. Come and improve your cricket over the Winter with our ECB qualified coaches at a level appropriate for your child.

Intermediate Cricket: Mondays from 5-6pm for children in Years 2-6. Will benefit those who wish to improve on their soft ball cricket skills and techniques.

Advanced Cricket: Mondays from 6.15-7.15pm for children in Years 4-6. Shine Cricket Academy's Advanced Cricket programme gives enthusiastic young cricketers a positive introduction to hard ball cricket. Sessions will feature both hard and soft practice balls to improve an individual's skills, techniques and cricketing knowledge.

Girls' Cricket: Tuesdays from 5-6pm for girls in Years 3-7. For girls of all abilities and experience who have an interest in the great team game of cricket. Coach Andy and team will deliver an innovative soft ball programme that will challenge newcomers, as well as those who already possess some knowledge.

Club Cricketer: Thursdays from 6.15-7.15pm for children in Years 5-7. Hard ball sessions that focus on match based scenarios as much as technique. An ideal choice for children ready to make the step up into a competitive club or school cricket team.

These sessions can easily be booked online - [www.shinesportscoaching.com/term-time-activities](http://www.shinesportscoaching.com/term-time-activities)


# 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.	Tuesdays Yr 2 Thursdays Yr 5-6
	<b>DANCE CLUB</b> <b>Rise:</b> Fridays at 3.15-4.30pm. Years 3-6. If you would like to join please see Mrs McGrath or fill out a club permission slip.	Fridays Yrs 3-6
	<b>FOOTBALL</b> <b>Premier Sport:</b> 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.	Mondays Yrs 1-2  Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
	<b>HOCKEY</b> <b>Laura Coombs:</b> New hockey club for years 3-6: Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm. Please see Mrs McGrath if you would like to join.	Fridays 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 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 office at 4.15pm. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Mondays Yrs 3-6  Tuesdays 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	Wednesdays Yrs 5 & 6
	<b>KNITTING CLUB</b> <b>Mrs Andrews &amp; Mrs Fox:</b> 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.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
	<b>MATHS CLUB:</b> Thursdays after school  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 3.15-4.15pm for Year 2.	Wednesdays Yr 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.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-4 & Thursdays Yrs 5-6
	<b>ARCHERY CLUB</b> <b>Premier Sport:</b> 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.	Thursdays Yrs 3-6
	<b>TAG RUGBY:</b> New tag rugby club for years 3-6: Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm. All those who have filled out a club permission slip have a place. Please see Mrs McGrath if you are interested and have not returned a slip.	Thursdays Yrs 3-6
	<b>RUNNING CLUB</b> <b>Mrs McGrath:</b> Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesdays 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 Mrs Williams:</b> For years 3-6 boys and girls - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3W classroom. New members welcome!
	<b>CHOIR 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!
	<b>BOYS' CHOIR Mr Khanna:</b> For boys only in years 3-6 - Monday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 5K classroom.
	<b>DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman:</b> For years 5 and 6 - 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!
	<b>DIGITAL LEADERS' CLUB:</b> For year 6 pupils – Thursdays 12.15-1.00 in 1H classroom.
	<b>ORCHESTRA:</b> Fridays 12.30pm.  New members are very welcome, please 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.

#### 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.