



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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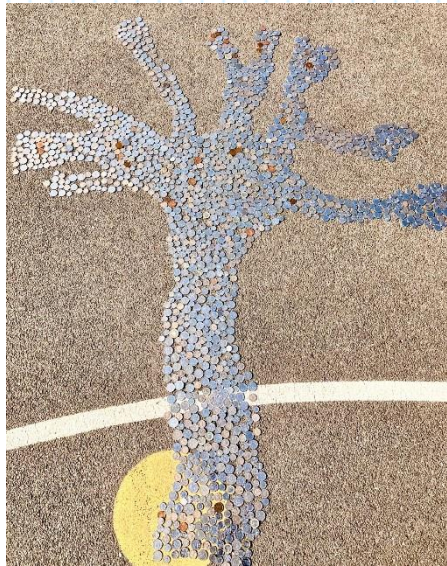
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Friday 25th March 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have all found time to enjoy the sunshine this week. It certainly has made a difference to us in school. The children have enjoyed having access to the grassed areas at the front of the school building.

Thank you to everyone who donated silver coins which are going to be donated to International Tree Foundation, one of the Bishop's chosen charities. We will let you know how much we raised next week.



Support for Ukraine

Congratulations to Desi and Leonie who named our Ukrainian bear. Their chosen name was Vira which is Ukrainian for 'faith'. As two children suggested the name we chose, their names were picked out of a hat, one receiving the bear and one receiving a talking Elmo.



Thank you to everyone who suggested a name for our bear. We are still counting all the coins and notes we received for the British Red Cross DEC Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal. Thank you also to everyone who donated for our dress down day last Friday - we will let you know the total amount raised in next week's newsletter.

Circus workshop

This week every year group in school was able to take part in workshops to learn new circus skills. My thanks to the PTFA for funding this really fun activity. The children absolutely loved it!



Early Reading workshop for parents of Reception and KS1 pupils

Thank you to everyone who attended our workshops this week. The feedback we received was incredibly positive. Thank you. If you did miss this, we are running it again at 9am on Tuesday 26th April. Please add this date to your diary as it will be the last time we run this session this academic year.

EAL parents (English as an Additional Language)

We are going to be holding our first EAL parent group meeting on Monday 4th April at 9am. Both Mrs Preisner and Miss Carter are looking forward to welcoming parents to this group. Please add this date to your diary.

New school banner

I would like to replace our school banner and am looking for someone to work with us to design and create a new one. We currently use our banner at Diocesan events such as chaplaincy days and Masses. If anyone is interested in taking on this project, please contact me on head.st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk

Best,

mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events from week commencing: Monday 28th March 2022 (MENU week 1)

Thurs 31st March and Tues 5th April: Parents' evenings

Monday 4th April: 9am Parent EAL meeting – English as an additional language

Friday 8th April: EASTER FESTIVAL!

Additional reading and spelling workshops

We will be running two additional workshops in Term 5:

Monday 25th April - 2.30pm Spelling information session for all parents

Tuesday 26th April - 9am Early reading information session for Reception and KS1 parents

If you would like to attend one or both of these sessions, please put the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you then.

Easter Playscheme – bookings now open

Our Kidzone team will be running a Playscheme during the Easter holidays.

The Playscheme will be open from Monday 11th – Thursday 14th April and from Tuesday 19th – Friday 22nd April but closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday (15th and 18th 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.

Easter Festival – Friday 8th April



We are delighted that we will be holding our Easter Festival this year on the last day of Term 4 (Friday 8th April). A letter with full instructions about how children can take part has been emailed home separately so please read this carefully.

Parents and carers are welcome to stay for the Easter Bonnet parade at 9am on the playground and to come at 2.45pm to watch the closing presentations outside.

Sadly, we will not be able to welcome anyone into the school building this year.

Kidzone needs your donations!

Please do consider donating any games, puzzles, play food/kitchen items, role play items, small world items (e.g: pirate ship / play people / castle / animals, etc) that your child/ren no longer play with to Kidzone After School Club and Playscheme. We would also love any craft items you no longer use.

These will all be gratefully received and provide us with more opportunities to extend play for the children who attend our sessions. Please bring any donations to the DT room to leave with the team directly at the end of a school day, or hand into the main school office who will ensure we receive it.

Thank you! Kidzone Play Team

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

It's this week! Notice of AGM, Wed 30th March 8pm

- The PTFA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Wed 30th March 8pm via Zoom call (link to be sent out) - please put the date in your diary
- 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.

Spring Flower Sale Friday 25th March

Brighten your day or drop a hint for Mother's Day at our spring flower sale.

Daffodils £1 per bunch or 3 bunches for £2.50.

Contactless or cash payment

Doughnuts and Hot Chocolates at the Easter Festival – pre-order now

Krispy Kreme doughnuts are back for the Easter Festival.

Pre-orders of 6 or 12 doughnuts are available again from now until 31st March at stbonsptfa.com/events

Individual doughnuts will be available on the day from 2.45pm for £1 each along with hot drinks

Contactless or cash payment

Second-Hand Uniform Sale

The sale last week was a record breaker raising £175. Thank you to Ellie Eakins for her excellent organisation.

If you are in need of uniform or have any donations (branded and in good condition) please email

ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

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

Babysitting

Hi, my name is Faye. I am 16 and the daughter of Mrs Benians who works in the school office. I'm currently at RGS and am looking for babysitting work. I really enjoy working with children and helped at St Bon's with Mrs Hinkins for my DoFE. If you need any babysitting help, please pop into the office and speak to my mum.

Bristol Old Vic Theatre School

On Sundays during term time, Bristol Old Vic Theatre School opens its doors to young people from across the South West who want to learn theatrical skills in a fun, creative and welcoming environment. We offer weekly classes in both performance and production, taught by our students at the height of their professional training.

The workshops are split across four age groups:

Upstage for ages 4 to 6;

Downstage for ages 7 to 10;

Stage Left for ages 11 to 14;

Stage Right for ages 15 to 18.

The BOVTS Young Artists term will start on Sunday 1 May and runs until Sunday 10 July 2022. Partial bursaries are available, and will be assessed via application on a case-by-case basis. For more information visit <https://www.oldvic.ac.uk/young-artists/>

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

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 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/>

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