



# St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from last week's NSPCC workshops, I have been sent a useful summary of the material that was shared as part of their 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' programme. This information can provide some useful talking points if you wish to discuss some of the issues covered with your children. This document has been sent as an attachment with the school newsletter email and will also be posted on our website in the Latest News section.

Thank you to our year 5 children who did a wonderful job of showing prospective parents and pupils around our school. We were delighted that the feedback we received on their conduct and the information they shared was universally positive and really enhanced people's visits. Our year 6 children will be given the opportunity to help at the open days we hold in the summer.

Best wishes,

*Lucille Charles*  
Headteacher

**Events week commencing: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (menu no: 3)**

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Harvest week
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>:</b>	"Coppers for Cafod" – bring in all your 1p and 2p coins! Percy Smith swimming gala
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Parents' evening 4-7pm
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Harvest mass 9am

**Events week commencing: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (menu no: 1)**

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup>:</b>	
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>:</b>	6GW class assembly – parents welcome from 2.45pm Parents' evening 4-7pm
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Individual and sibling photos (for non-St Bon's siblings, please arrive 8.15am)
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup>:</b>	Year 5 attend Mass END OF TERM 1

INSET DAY MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> October – **NO SCHOOL**. TERM 2 STARTS TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER

## Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest during the week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. During this week we will be collecting dried and tinned 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.

In addition to collecting dried and tinned food for our local Salvation Army we are also inviting our children to bring in 'Coppers for CAFOD' on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**. On this day we will be replicating the CAFOD logo using donated copper coins. All money raised will then be donated to CAFOD for their Brighten Up this Harvest fundraiser.

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 14<sup>th</sup> October, all are welcome to celebrate with us.

Thank you in advance for your support, Mrs Ballantine

### **KS2 Boys' choir**

Mr Khanna is launching a new boys only choir for years 3-6. The choir will meet on Tuesday lunchtimes in 5K. Please encourage your boys to give it a try!

St Bon's is going to be one of the first schools in the city to have three choirs – to celebrate we are going to be recording a CD together before Christmas. Details will follow in November.

### **Nativity plays – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**



The nativity dates have been confirmed as follows:

Tuesday 6th December @ 2pm - RH, 1MS and 2W

Thursday 8th December @ 2pm - RM, 1H and 2T

### **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.

### **KidZone October half term Playscheme – now taking bookings**

This half term, Kidzone will be running a one week holiday playscheme, starting on Monday 24th October and ending on Friday 28th October. The playscheme will be open from 8.30am until 5.45pm and you can book half day, short day or full day sessions, for as many days as you need.



Fresh fruit and vegetables, pittas, dips and breadsticks are served daily and children are encouraged to take part in a variety of activities on offer throughout the week. On any given day children will be building dens, playing football, painting, reading, climbing about, running around or engrossed in role play.

You will find the booking form, registration form (we only need this if your child has not attended before), frequently asked questions and some parent information all on our website in the KidZone section.

The deadline for bookings is **Monday 10th October**. Payment can be made via School Gateway, cheque (made payable to Bristol City Council) or cash - please obtain a receipt from the school office.

If you have any questions, please talk to one of the team or call the school office on 0117 353 2830.

### **Yr 5 Kilve trip – meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

The meeting about the Y5 trip to Kilve Court will take place on Tuesday next week at 3.30pm in 5K's classroom.

There will be supervision for children in classroom 5P whilst the meeting takes place if you need to have children with you.

## **PTFA Christmas cards**

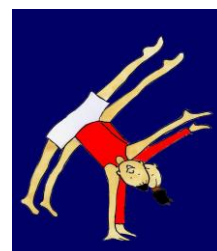
Deadline for returning Christmas card designs is 9am on MONDAY please.

## **Mobile phones/electronic devices**

Reminder that children should only come to school with mobile telephones if they are walking to/from school on their own. Children should not be coming into school with telephones or electronic devices if they are not walking on their own. Thank you for your support.

## **Gymnastics Club**

Just to reiterate that, due to parents' evenings taking place in the Hall, the Bristol School of Gymnastics after school club will NOT take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Parents should already have been informed by Vicky that this is the case.



## **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)

## **Missing scooter**

On Monday afternoon Kaya's black Zinc Stunt scooter was taken by mistake. Could everyone please check they have the correct scooter and make a sad boy happy by returning Kaya's scooter! Thanks Helen McDiarmid (Kaya is in 5P)

## **Drama**

This club is now full.  
Well done to all those who auditioned. Hopefully parts will be ready to distribute on Monday. Drama finishes on Monday at 4.15pm.

## **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**

### **Swimming**

Good Luck to the swimmers taking part in the first Percy gala of this year on Wednesday 12th October 7.30pm at Horfield pool. We have a lot of new swimmers in the team this year. All are welcome to cheer them on.

### **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 was 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.

### **New Sport clubs**

There are two new KS2 (years 3-6) after school sports clubs starting after half term; hockey on Friday and rugby on Thursday. In order to gauge interest, please fill out a club permission slip and return it to the drop box by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Mrs McGrath will contact you by half term if your child has a place.

### **Daily Mile**

We are hoping to get our children fit and have introduced the 'Daily Mile' programme for all. We have one more week to go before we can see the results.

### **Cross country trials**

Well done to all those who took part in the cross country trials last week. The first event is the North Bristol primary schools cross country competition on Tuesday 18th October at 4pm at St Bede's School. Letters about this will be sent to all those who have been selected shortly.

## COMMUNITY SECTION

- **CHILDREN'S CLOTHES, TOYS & BABY EQUIPMENT SALE:** Saturday 8th October, 11am – 1pm.

Quality second hand items and clothes for ages 0 – 8 years including toys, games, puzzles, bikes, maternity clothes, baby equipment, prams and much more.

Venue: Cairns Road Baptist Church, Cairns Road, Westbury Park

Admission: £1 per adult. Refreshments Available

- **Ballet & Modern Dance Class**

Vaughan Dance is looking for children in school years 4 and 5 to come along and try ballet and modern dance. Classes are held at Bradbury Hall in Henleaze on Saturday afternoons and cost £3.50 per week per genre. Email [vaughandance@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vaughandance@hotmail.co.uk) to book your free trial and to find out more information!

- Are you looking for free children's activities during October? Local children's publisher Book Island is organising a fun **picture book hunt** on Gloucester Road. Join their picture book trail and you could WIN A SET OF PICTURE BOOKS (worth £60) for yourself AND an additional one for your school. For more information about the trail and a downloadable answer sheet visit: [www.bookisland.co.uk](http://www.bookisland.co.uk).
- **Henleaze Library** – new **Chatterbooks reading group** starting at Henleaze Library, Northumbria Drive, on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

We are keen to get children talking about their reading - the Chatterbooks reading club will encourage them to do this. We can accommodate up to 12 children aged 8/9yrs. Please do add your child to the attendance list if they would like to come.

If you have any further queries then please do ring the library on 903 8541 or email on [henleaze.library@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:henleaze.library@bristol.gov.uk)

- Two young female guinea pigs, with cage and all equipment, free to a good home. We had them for about 4 months but my daughter developed an allergy, so we are now looking to re-home them.

The guinea pigs are of the fluffy variety – they are very cute, white and light brown, and are nice to hold and cuddle (they don't bite). If you are interested, please contact me at [antoniasilvestri@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:antoniasilvestri@blueyonder.co.uk) or 07798 652 635. Thanks, Antonia (mum of Alessia Cook 3W)

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




# 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 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 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.	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> 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  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> 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!	

	<b>BOYS' CHOIR</b> <b>Mr Khanna:</b> For boys only in years 3-6 - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 5K classroom.
	<b>DEBATING CLUB</b> <b>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.