



# ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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guided by the light of Christ

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our year 6 children have had a very enjoyable and nourishing time away at St Cassian's on their retreat. Time has been spent reflecting on Advent and providing pupils with the space to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, bringing together their thoughts, hopes and dreams for the future. My thanks to all the staff who accompanied them and ensured they felt cared for whilst they were away from home.

Whilst year 6 were away, the rest of the school were treated to a performance by the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School of their production of 'A Starry Night', courtesy of our wonderful PTFA. Thank you very much for funding the performance – it reinforced the Christmas message to us all and was a wonderful start to December. If parents/carers are interested in viewing the production there will be a performance at Cotham Parish Church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3.30pm.

I was glad to see so many parents come along to our 'book look' that took place this week. I hope you found it informative to see what your children have been working on.

Reception and KS1 have been busy preparing for their own performance of the Christmas story as told through the story 'Follow the Star' and we look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes,

*Lucille Charles*  
Headteacher

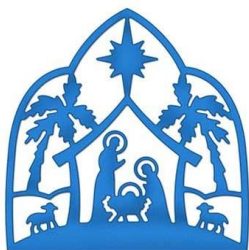
## **Events week commencing:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 (MENU no: 3)

Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> :	Nativity performance RH, 1H and 2W @ 2pm
<b>Weds 6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Nativity performance RH, 1H and 2W @ 2pm</b>
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> :	Nativity performance RM, 1MS and 2T @ 2pm
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Nativity performance RM, 1MS and 2T @ 2pm</b> Non uniform day – bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair in return! <b>Year 4 cake sale after school</b>
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> :	Christmas Fair @ school - 2.00-4.30pm

## **Events week commencing:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 (MENU no: 1)

<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Book fair all week</b>
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> :	KS2 Carol Service – 6.30pm (see notes below)
<b>Weds 13<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS LUNCH</b>
	End of Term Mass 9.15am
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Last day of Term 2 – HAPPY CHRISTMAS!</b>

## Nativity performances - Reception, Y1 and Y2



Invitations for these have now been sent home. We will be running TWO performances for each class on the following days:

RH, 1H, 2W – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm  
RM, 1MS, 2T – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm

If you know that you will not need all the tickets sent home, please return any unwanted ones to the school office so that these can be offered to other people if needed.

## KS2 Carol Service – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 6.30pm

We are planning on holding this year's service on the outdoor field (weather permitting) and so the children will need to be equipped with the following:

- Children to arrive promptly changed at 6pm in the school hall, ready for the performance to begin at 6.30pm
- Every child will need a small battery powered torch if possible
- Children will be in costumes and so we advise them to have thermal clothing on underneath
- As the children need to move around the MUGA and surrounding area, buggies will not be allowed through the school gates
- Family and friends will be standing throughout the performance on the grass above the MUGA: this maybe a little muddy so suitable footwear is advised
- If anyone requires a chair or a space for a wheelchair, please let your child's class teacher know ASAP
- We would ask that you clear your throats and join in with the children as they will be singing five well known carols!
- After the performance children will gather in the downstairs classrooms of the school in their year groups. Please can you collect your child from the playground classroom entrances
- We would ask that any children who are not in the performance are kept with their adults and do not roam freely around the school grounds
- Children are expected to stay and perform for the whole carol service
- Please no photography or filming of the event

## Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously for this worthy cause. **In total we raised an amazing**

**£1,932.86!!**

The winning class will be announced next week!  
Congratulations to all the children who worked so hard to raise this money through lots of different activities including a sponsored three legged day and cake baking. We are incredibly proud of you all and thank you parents for your generosity!

## KS1 & KS2 CHOIR REHEARSAL – VENUE CONFIRMATION!!!

A letter has been sent out to children in the KS1 & KS2 choir regarding the rehearsal that will take place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. To be clear, the venue is the Owen Room at Bristol Grammar School, University Road, BS8 1SR.

Please can your child be there from 6.50pm as it will start at 7pm.

## After School and Breakfast Club debts!

There are lots of children who have accounts which are in debt for terms 1 and 2. Please check your child's account if they do ASC or BC and if you owe money, please pay it.

If you pay by vouchers and you know a payment was made after the 6th November then you do not need to respond to this. Please make sure your child's balance is paid off by the end of next week.

If for some reason you cannot pay, please contact Penny Southgate in the office.

We have over 160 children doing ASC and BC and it takes a lot of time chasing debt, so please make sure that your child's fees are always paid on time. Thank you.

### Drama

Mon 4th Dec. 3.15pm – 5pm

Gaston, L'Amie, LeFou, narrators and villagers (not Y3), act 1 Belle

We have booked tickets for the Tobacco Factory production of Beauty and the Beast for Friday 12th Jan 7.30pm. If you would like tickets please see Mrs McGrath or refer to email sent to all those who expressed an interest.

### Music lessons

Payment for Terms 3 and 4 is now due. Please settle asap. Violin, guitar and brass lessons cost £81.62 and piano lessons £136.62

**Public Health England (PHE)** have issued advice for the public to ensure they have had the MMR vaccine.

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can be very unpleasant and can sometimes lead to serious complications.

Children and young people who have not received 2 doses of MMR vaccine are at risk. Unvaccinated people travelling to Romania and Italy, where there are currently large outbreaks of measles, are at particularly high risk.

Anyone planning to travel to Europe over the Christmas period should check NaTHNaC travel health advice.

PHE local health protection teams are working closely with the NHS and local authorities to raise awareness of the outbreaks in England and Europe with health professionals and local communities.

The MMR vaccine is available to all adults and children who are not up to date with their 2 doses. Anyone who is not sure if they are fully vaccinated should check with their GP practice.

## Christmas Fair



A reminder that the Christmas Fair is on **Sunday 10th December 2pm to 4.30pm.**

Here are a few dates for your diary in the run up:

### Week beginning 27th November

- Bring in your hamper items if you haven't already done so and give to your class rep (or if you are getting a secret item, to the box in the office!). Don't forget there is a prize for the class that produces the best hamper.
- Goodie bags should be brought in and placed in the box in your child's classroom. Remember the class that brings the most goodie bags will win a £20 Amazon voucher!
- Raffle tickets will come home in book bags next week. Please sell as many as you can and return money, stubs and any unsold tickets to the office by Thursday 7th December.
- If you haven't yet signed up for a slot on your class stall please do! The choirs are singing from 3.30pm to 4pm in the hall to help you plan.

### **Week beginning 4th December**

- Bring in your unwanted, good quality toys, books and DVDs and store neatly outside the staffroom.
- Non-uniform day on Friday 8th December. Please bring in a bottle for the bottle stall. This could be alcoholic or non-alcoholic e.g beer/wine/soft drink but please make sure that it is in date and sealed.
- Santa tickets will be on sale this week. They will go quickly so don't miss out. If your child is in either of the school choirs they will be singing from 3.30pm to 4pm so please avoid this slot.

### **Day of the Fair**

- Please bring nut-free cakes, biscuits etc to sell. To satisfy new guidelines on food allergies we have to ask that you please include a list of ingredients for home-made items. Please bring to the hall on the morning of the fair.
- Class reps please bring your hampers to the hall any time from 10am on the morning of the fair.
- Volunteers wanted to help set up. If you are free from about 10am we would love some extra pairs of hands!

Thank you in advance for all your help. PTFA

## **SPORTS NEWS THIS WEEK – please see the table below for all club information**

**Team football:** Training as normal for years 5 and 6 on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### **PE kit**

Please ensure all PE kit is in schools from Monday to Friday, Children can now wear blue tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE. 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.

### **Tag Rugby**

This club is now full; if you wish to add your child to the waiting list please see Mrs McGrath. We are looking for another adult to help run this club so that we can increase numbers. If you can help, please see Mrs McGrath.

### **Sport clubs for our parents**

We are hoping to get all the parents /carers of our school just as fit as the children. There are early morning sports clubs available on most mornings on the school premises:

- Monday – Yoga (child and parent)
- Tuesday – netball (ladies only)
- Wednesday – running/walking club – all are welcome and Fit Triton, a boot- camp style class for adults run by Premier Sport.
- Thursday – circuits – all are welcome



# SPORTS & CLUBS LIST

Please check the school website or your email for news of club cancellations.

## AFTER SCHOOL

### YEARS 1 and 2

<b>DANCE CLUB Rise:</b> Fridays KS1 3.30-4.30pm	Fridays Rec – Yr 2
<b>FOOTBALL Premier Sport:</b> Mondays Years 1 and 2: 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.	Mondays Yrs 1-2
<b>ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia:</b> Held in St Francis Room. Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm – children are collected from their classrooms by Maria. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Tuesdays Yrs 1, 2 and 3
<b>MULTI SPORTS CLUB Premier Sport:</b> Wednesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm. This club is now FULL but a waiting list is running. We are hoping for another coach to join us.	Wednesdays Yrs 1 and 2

### YEARS 3-6

<b>CLUB FOOTBALL Mr Morgan:</b> This club is for Years 5 and 6.	Wednesdays Yrs 5 and 6
<b>DANCE CLUB Rise:</b> Wednesdays KS2 3.30-4.30pm	Wednesdays Yrs 3-6
<b>DRAMA Mrs McGrath:</b> Mondays – please check finish time in main newsletter. This club is now FULL.	Mondays Yrs 3-6
<b>FOOTBALL Premier Sport:</b> Tuesdays 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.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
<b>GYMNASTICS Bristol School of Gymnastics:</b> Yr 4 Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm Yr 5 and 6 Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm  Please contact Vicky Ashworth at BSG on 942 9620 for further information.	Tuesdays Yr 3 Thursdays Yr 4
<b>ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia:</b> Held in St Francis Room For years 4, 5 and 6 - Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm - children walk from their classrooms. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Mondays
<b>KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews &amp; Mrs Fox:</b> Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm in 3W classroom. Please fill out a club permission slip if your child would like to rejoin or start this club.	Tuesdays – will start 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept
<b>JAGUAR MATHS CLUB Mrs Parry and Mr Harrison:</b> This will start in term 2. Day to be confirmed.	From TERM 2
<b>NETBALL Mrs McGrath:</b> Tuesdays after school 3.15-4.15pm for Years 5 and 6. Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm for Years 3 and 4. Squad players will be invited to early morning training on Tuesdays at 8.00am.	Tuesdays Yr 5-6 & Thursdays Yr 3-4
<b>TAG RUGBY CLUB Ben Santamaria:</b> Thursdays 3.15 – 4.15pm.	Thursdays

## EARLY MORNING

<b>CIRCUITS CLUB Ms Wynn:</b> Thursdays at 7.50am. Circuit training in the Hall for fitness. All abilities welcome including parents. See Mrs McGrath for more information	Thursdays 7.50am Yr 3-6
<b>NETBALL FOR WOMEN:</b> Tuesdays at 9.10am. All abilities welcome. £1 charge.	Tuesdays 9.10am

<b>RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath:</b> Wednesdays at 7.45am. This club is free and open to all parents, carers and children. Please turn up at school in running clothes with school uniform in a bag.	Wednesdays 7.45am
<b>YOGA CLUB Ms Sus:</b> Mondays at 7.50-8.30am in the Hall. All abilities welcome including parents. Please collect a letter from the school office if you are interested.	Mondays 7.50am Yrs 3-6

## LUNCH TIME

<b>BIBLE DISCOVERY Miss Haime / Mrs Woolley: For years 4-6</b> - Monday lunchtimes 12.30-1.15 in 2WR classroom. We do lots of creative activities based around prayer, scripture and reflection.	Mondays Yr 4-6
<b>CHOIR Miss Tudhope: For years 1-2</b> - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 1-2
<b>CHOIR Miss Gray: For years 3-6</b> - Friday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3CG classroom. New members welcome!	Fridays Yr 3-6
<b>STORY TIME CLUB Mrs Widdowson:</b> Wednesdays 12.45pm <b>RECEPTION children only</b> Mrs Widdowson leads story-telling and singing for our Reception classes. If your child would like to take part, please speak to their class teacher.	Wednesdays from TERM 2 Reception only
<b>CHAPLAINCY Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6</b> – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	Thursdays Yr 5-6
<p><b>DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman: DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman: For years 5 and 6 - Thursdays 1.15 – 1.50pm.</b></p> <p>Children do not need to sign a form – just come along. It takes place in 4SA's classroom.</p> <p>Children should bring a packed lunch to eat during the club. If they have school dinners, they can still attend, but will need to leave slightly earlier. We debate issues relating to both school life and the wider world in an age appropriate and relevant way.</p>	Thursdays Yr 5-6

### 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.

## COMMUNITY SECTION

- Calling all St Bonaventure's mums!! **Mum-Dance**, the 1980s Dance Class for Mums is coming to St Bonaventure's in January. Classes start Monday 8th January, 7.30 - 8.30pm and will run all the way through term. Mum-Dance gets noticeable results on your separated abs and pelvic floor while dancing simple and effective routines to Salt n Pepa, Chaka Khan, Whitney, Wham and all your favourites and for the new term in January we're doing HAMMERTIME.

Classes in Fishponds are sold out already so shop for your classes now at [www.mum-dance.co.uk](http://www.mum-dance.co.uk) and see our Facebook page to join in the fun. So get your legwarmers on girls and reach your 2018 fitness goals at Mum-Dance!

- **1st Bishopston Scouts** are actively looking for more adult volunteers. If this is something you would like to do please see the flyer attached with this newsletter.
- Lucas from RH's Mum is running 52 half marathons in 52 weeks this year to raise money for St Peter's Hospice and Sport in Mind. She has now run 46, with one planned for tomorrow morning, then she'll be into the final 5 (to be completed by the end of the year)! Where possible she has done this as part of organised races, and outside of that she has just run the 13.1 miles on her own. Her justgiving page is [www.justgiving.com/companyteams/Alivaz](http://www.justgiving.com/companyteams/Alivaz) - on the page you'll see 2 links to the 2 different charities she is raising money for. If you are able to help support these 2 great causes in any way it would be very much appreciated.