



St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you all had a lovely break.

I fully understand how busy parenting is but would like to encourage all parents to read with your children every day. Even five minutes a day has a real impact on their reading progress. If your child is a 'free reader', listening to them read for accuracy is also very beneficial. It is extremely helpful to us if you can record what you've been reading with your children in their logs.

If you have any questions about reading at home or would like any guidance, please do talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance.



This week we had a service of blessing for the St Francis Garden – my thanks to Father Tom for joining us. We also said goodbye to Monseigneur Bernard from Sacred Heart parish this week. Monseigneur Bernard has been an extremely good friend to our school and we wish him the best of luck in his new role as priest for St Teresa's and St George in Taunton. We presented him with a piece of artwork which all the children contributed to with their fingerprints. We will miss him very much.

Best wishes,

L. Charles

Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 27th February 2017 (**MENU** no: 3)

Tuesday 28th:	3W class assembly – parents welcome from 2.45pm
Weds 1st March:	KS2 mass for Ash Wednesday NO FOOTBALL TRAINING TODAY
Thursday 2nd:	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character!
Friday 3rd:	Bristol School Swimming gala (team)

Events week commencing: Monday 6th March 2017 (**MENU** no: 1)

Monday 6th March: Year 6 mock SATS this week

Friday 10th: PGL Year 6 camp - second instalment of £65 due

Ash Wednesday

KS1 children will have an assembly to mark the start of Lent and KS2 children will attend Mass in Church.

Drama Club

Mon 27th Feb - 3.15 – 5.30pm - Act 1 run through—All Lines learnt - Cast A only
Weds 1st Mar - 3.15 – 5.30pm - Act 1 run through - All Lines learnt - Cast B only

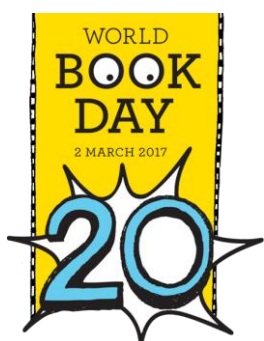
Please note the late finish times.

Jungle Book performance

St Bon's drama club will be performing The Jungle Book this year. Tickets are still available from the school office for Wednesday 22nd March at 3.30pm and Friday 24th March at 6.30pm

Children in Need

Many thanks to everyone who took part in raising money for Children in Need by wearing spotty clothes. We raised a fantastic £299.90!



World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

REMINDER! World Book Day is next Thursday March 2nd. This year, as ever, we are inviting the children and teachers (and parents if you like!) to dress up as their favourite book character. It is the 20th Anniversary of World Book Day so we want to make it really special. We will be participating in lots of different book activities during the day.

Thanks for your help in advance. Mrs Williams

KidZone Playscheme for Easter holidays

KidZone Playscheme will be running during the Easter holidays. KidZone has access to St Bon's resources including the outdoor multi use games area, school gym and Scrapstore PlayPod.

KidZone can offer your children an inclusive and safe place to play between the hours of 8:30am and 5:45pm. Fresh fruit and vegetables, pittas, dips and bread sticks are served daily and children are encouraged to take part in a variety of cooking and craft activities on offer throughout the day. On any given day children will be building dens, playing football, painting, reading, climbing about, running around or engrossed in role play.



Opening

Monday 10th April – Friday 21st April
(not including Good Friday 14th April and Easter Monday 17th April)
Open to all children, not just those who attend St Bon's.

Prices

Full Day (08:30 till 17:45) - £23
Short Day (10:00 till 16:00) - £16
Half Day AM (08:30-13:00) - £12
Half Day PM (13:00-17:45) - £12

Bookings

Can be made online, in club or via the school office.

Y5 and Y6 – opportunity to see the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra



All children in Y5 and Y6 will have the opportunity to see a free concert at the Colston Hall performed by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra on Friday 10th March. We are very lucky to have this opportunity. There is a £5 charge for transport.

Please see letters given out today and send reply slips and payment for the coach back ASAP.

Year 6 – PGL camp payment plan

We have now collected in deposits from all families whose Year 6 children will be attending camp – many thanks for your help with this.

Please note that, if you are paying by instalments, the second payment of £65 is due by Friday 10th March. The total payment is £225.50 (less £40 deposit).

Lottery winners for January 2017

Please come and collect your winnings from the office!

Jan 2016	
£50.00	Sean Galvin
£25.00	Maria Gonzalez Astudillo
£10.00	Geraldine Summers
£5.00	Robert Banim
£5.00	Sarah Bushell
£5.00	Anne Rose

SPORTS

Football

There will be **no football training** on Wednesday 1st March.

Early morning KS2 yoga class

The early morning Yoga class will continue on Mondays from 7.50am to 8.30am. There is a small charge for this club. Please see Mrs McGrath for more information.

Dance

We are still actively recruiting for this club as it is in danger of closing. Fridays 3.15pm – 4.30pm. £4 a session.

Circuits early morning club

There is a new early morning fitness club on Thursday mornings from 7.50am to 8.30am. This is open to KS2 children and parents, carers and staff. Please fill in a club slip available from the office. For more information ask Mrs McGrath.

Shin pads

If you have any shin pads that you no longer need we would love to take them off your hands! We will be teaching hockey and it would be great if the children were able to wear shin pads in their lessons. We need a few spare ones in case children don't own any. Many thanks.

Y5 netball tournament

Good luck to the teams taking part in the Clifton College Y5 netball Festival on Friday 24th Feb. All parents are welcome to come along and watch.

Swimming

Good luck to the swimmers taking part in the Bristol Schools swimming gala next Friday 3rd March. Please meet at the pool at 9.15am. This gala is due to end at 12.15 so please bring a packed lunch in case it ends late. All parents are welcome.

Hockey trials

We are hoping to hold some hockey trials next Friday 3rd March from 1.30pm for Y5 and Y6. All those who are interested will need to bring their mouth guard and shin pads to school on that day. See Mrs McGrath for more details.

Scout leader wanted

The very successful 1st Bishopston scout group which is affiliated to St Bonaventure's Parish is looking for a new leadership team to run a brand new Scout troop on Monday evenings at the Scout Hut. We need to open a 3rd Scout troop in order to cope with the demand as the group is now so popular. Any new recruits don't need any experience, just a sense of humour and a desire to help the young people reach their full potential. All training will be given and support from the established leadership team. For more information, please talk to Mrs McGrath.

COMMUNITY SECTION

- **1st Bishopston Scouts** are hoping to win some money from a competition being run in the Bristol Post. Please can you collect the tokens which are being printed in the paper from 20th Feb until 20th March. The more tokens we have the more chance we have of winning some money to repair the scout hut on Kings Drive. Please leave all collected tokens in an envelope marked FAO Kate McGrath in the school office Drop Box. Many thanks.

- **Carnevale Italiano 2017 - In collaborazione con il Centro Culturale Italiano di Bristol**

Dove? St Bonaventure's Hall

Quando? Domenica 26 Febbraio

Orario? 2-6pm

Costo? £7 per famiglia

Se sei interessato/a, scrivi a: chiaradottorini@gmail.com

Ci vediamo!

- **Vinysa Flow Yoga at Kings Tennis Club, Mondays at 6:45-7:45pm**

Vinysa Flow is a dynamic practice which coordinates movement with the breath and combines elements of both Ashtanga and Hatha Yoga.

Vinysa Flow Yoga provides a strong physical practice and has all the calming effects of a moving meditation. The postures increase coordination, strength and flexibility, whilst easing tension and creating space in both the mind and body.

5 weeks for £45 or £10 drop-in

For more details or to book your place contact Emilia at emilia@emflow.co.uk or 07814468238

www.emflow.co.uk

- **Headwind Music on Zetland Road** –a new store specialising in saxophones but also carrying a range of flutes, clarinets, trumpets, cornets & trombones. We deal with the sale, rental and repair of all of these instruments and offer the most comprehensive service in Bristol and the surrounding areas.
- **Bristol Pound** comes to Gloucester Road - roll up and sign up!

The Bristol Pound is coming to the Gloucester Road this month! From 6th February to 17th March the team will host a series of community events aimed at helping people in the area make the most of Bristol's own currency. The team will be focusing on different areas throughout Bristol in 2017 and Gloucester Road is their first stop.

Activities will include:

- A workshop at the Amitabha Buddhist Centre on how to use Bristol Pound more
- Pop up stalls at local businesses to sign up and learn more
- All ending in a party in the Gallimaufry on 9th March.

See the website for all upcoming events <http://bristolpound.org/events> Come along to find out more about Bristol Pounds and how you can be involved in changing our city for the better.

- **French Club Bristol** is opening a new class after half term specifically for reception children, Tuesday evenings after school at the Quaker Meeting House on Gloucester Road. Children learn French through fun and games. The established Key Stage 1 and 2 classes also have a couple spaces available for anyone interested, please see the website for details <https://frenchclubbristol.com/>

- **Life Cycle UK** are running Bikeability level 2 & 3 courses during the February half term break – this is an ideal way to catch up for anyone who has missed the training in school.
<https://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/childrens-holiday-course>
- The **Bristol Bake Off** competition launches on Monday 14th March, in partnership with the Bristol Post and Wyke Farms and supported by Tesco.





Children are being encouraged to get passionate about their food so Tesco will be donating £5,000 of cooking equipment to the winning school.

Register at Tesco Golden Hill on **Tuesday 29th March, 10.30am-4.30pm**




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

	AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS CLUB Bristol School of Gymnastics: 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
	CIRCUITS CLUB Ms Wynn: 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
	DANCE CLUB Rise: 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
	FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm; Tuesdays Year 3-6 3.30-4.30pm. To book please visit www.premiersport.org or call Lee on 07917 18 7771. Places are limited.	Mondays Yrs 1-2 Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
	HOCKEY Laura Coombs: New hockey club for years 3 and 4 ONLY: Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Fridays Yrs 3-4
	ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia: Held in the Music/Languages Room For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm - children walk from their classrooms. For years 1 and 2 - 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
	TEAM FOOTBALL Mr Morgan: Team football training for those who have been selected: Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm	Wednesdays Yrs 5 & 6
	KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews & Mrs Fox: Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm in 3W classroom. This club is NOW FULL . Please fill out a club permission slip to be added to the waiting list.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
	MATHS CLUB: 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
	NETBALL Mrs McGrath: 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
	TAG RUGBY: for years 3-6: Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Thursdays Yrs 3-6
	RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath: Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesdays 7.50am

Lunch time clubs

	BIBLE DISCOVERY Miss Haime / Mrs Woolley: 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.
	CHAPLAINCY Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.
	CHOIR Mrs Williams: For years 3-6 boys and girls - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3W classroom. New members welcome!
	CHOIR Miss Tudhope: 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!

	BOYS' CHOIR Mr Khanna: For boys only in years 3-6 - Monday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 5K classroom.
	DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman: 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!
	DIGITAL LEADERS' CLUB: For year 6 pupils – Thursdays 12.15-1.00 in 1H classroom.
	ORCHESTRA: Fridays 12.30pm. New members are very welcome, please contact Mr Khanna max.khanna@bristol-schools.uk for more info if your child is interested.
	STORY TIME CLUB: Wednesdays 12.45pm RECEPTION children only 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.

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.