



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Striving to be the best we can,
guided by the light of Christ

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had the most wonderful Easter festival today. My thanks to all the teachers, volunteers, parents and children who have made it such a celebratory and special day. Some of the artwork and performances have been truly inspiring. We are so fortunate to have such a diverse and talented community.

We have also had parents evenings this week – my thanks to all of you who have shown how keen you are to support your children's learning in partnership with us in school. It really does bring the best results. My thanks also to the staff who know your children so well and who work so hard to focus on helping them all reach their potential.

You will have received a letter today about a teaching topic coming up after Easter during PSHE lessons around 'Safe touch'. This is based on the NSPCC's PANTS campaign, developed to be like a Green Cross Code for staying safe from sexual abuse.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very joyful and restful Easter break.

Best wishes,

Lucille Charles
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 9th April 2018 (**NEW MENU week 3**)

Mon 9th: First day of Term 5 – welcome back!
PTFA meeting 9am – DT room

Tues 10th: Bikeability Level 1 course for Year 3: Tues, Weds, Thurs

Events week commencing: Monday 16th April 2018 (**NEW MENU week 1**)

Tues 17th: Year 6 Lifeskills Centre trip
Fri 20th: Spring Disco

Drama scripts

Please ensure any Beauty and the Beast scripts are returned to the school office by Friday 13th April. Please note that we do have a list of which copies are with which children so we will be chasing you if they are not returned! We are not able to photocopy any so would like them all back please.

Bikeability Level 1 Course – year 3

If you have signed up your child for Bikeability, you should have had a day and time that they will be doing the course in the first week back after Easter. If you don't know your child's slot, please contact the office on the first day back – the courses start on Tuesday 10th April.

St Bonaventure's School needs you!

St Bon's school governors are looking to recruit a Foundation governor to join its governing body. If you are a practising Catholic, and you are interested in getting closely involved in the running of the school, then please contact the Clerk, Alexandra Casley (clerk.st.bonaventures@bristol-schools.uk) for more information. We are particularly looking for people with management, property and fundraising experience, but all applications are welcome.

If you would like to find out more about the role, please let our Clerk know, or visit the Diocesan website [here](#).

Stations of the Cross Service – Good Friday at 11am



St Bon's Church will be holding its annual children's Stations of the Cross service on Good Friday at 11am followed by soup and hot cross buns in the Presbytery from 12noon.

If your child/children would like to be part of the service, either reading or taking part on the reflection, please contact Neta Roylance-Smith either by phone or email 07980175565 or neta_pourhosseini@hotmail.com

Many thanks as always, Neta

****Celebration 2018****

Friday 8th June 2018 at the Bristol Pavilion,
Glos Cricket Club, Nevil Road, Bishopston.

Reservations are now open exclusively to current St Bon's parents until Fri 13th April. Thereafter, reservations will be taken from former parents as well.
and tickets will be on sale in the next few weeks. The tickets are priced at £40 and will include
3 course meal with a drink on arrival, a drink with your meal
and a glass of fizz for the toast!

There will be music from the Velvetones to get the evening going
followed by a disco and a charity raffle!

Dress code : Smart

Pre-dinner drinks from 6.45pm, Dinner at 7.30pm, Last dance 11.30pm

It should be a fantastic evening so start saving now.

If you would like to pre book tickets you can e-mail your name and number of tickets required to ptfa.stbons@gmail.com or speak to Ali Duckett or Hilary Wilcox in the playground. If you would like to sit with friends or colleagues please list those you would like to sit with. Tables can seat up to 10 people. No need to be a full table of 10 just let us know how many tickets you would like and we will do the rest.

Tickets are limited so please get your reservations in early.

Lottery winners – January 2018

Please come and collect your cheques from the school office.

£10.00	Anjali Mathew
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Spring Disco, Friday 20th April

The Spring Disco will take place on Friday 20th April so please put the date in your diary and offer half an hour of your time to help out at the disco - your class rep will be contacting you with more information.

Reception and KS1 children only: 6.00pm-7.15pm

KS2 children only: 7.30pm-9.00pm

Tickets cost £2 each and will be on sale from Monday 16th April.

PTFA dates for the diary

Monday 9th April: PTFA meeting 9am in the DT room

Friday 20th April: Spring Disco

Saturday 30th June: Summer Fair

There will be a planning meeting for the Summer Fair next Monday 19th March, 8pm at 143 Bishop Road, BS7 8LX. Please do come along if you can - everyone is welcome! There is a lot to plan and organise for the fair and it would be great to have new ideas and contributions.

Thank you, Melanie and Hilary

Summer Fair - can you help?

Holiday home to offer? For the past two years we have been able to offer a villa stay as the first prize in the Summer Fair Raffle. Do you, or does a member of your family, have a holiday home in the UK or abroad? If so, would you be willing to offer a weekend or week holiday for our raffle prize? Please contact ptfa.stbons@gmail.com or speak to Melanie Bunce or Hilary Wilcox if you can help.

Hair Braiding We are looking for someone new to head up the Hair Braiding team for the Summer Fair. If you enjoy plaiting hair and think you could help, please contact ptfa.stbons@gmail.com or speak to Melanie Bunce or Hilary Wilcox. This is a very popular stall at the fair and it would be a shame if we could not run it.

Zoo ticket raffle winners

Many thanks to everyone who bought a raffle ticket at the school drama production and helped raise funds for drama club. Congratulations to the Maunder family who had the winning raffle ticket!

The PTFA

Attendance

We have recently been visited by our Education Welfare Officer who has noted an increase in absences within our school. Please can we remind parents that it is a legal requirement for pupils to be in school and we can only authorise your child's absence in exceptional or emergency situations when the absence has been requested in advance and our Planned Absence form completed.

Persistent lateness or absence could result in a penalty notice being issued. Could we also ask that you let us know if you intend to take your child out of school as we would much rather open the lines of communication between us and not put children in the awkward position of trying to cover up where they have been. Many thanks for your understanding and support.

Free early morning badminton club

Premier Sport is running a free taster badminton club on Tuesday mornings from 7.45am – 8.30am. All those in Yrs 3,4 and 5 can join.

Please email the school if you are interested or fill out a club permission slip in the office. 25 spaces are available.

Risk warning associated with headlice products

We have had a communication from the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) to let parents and carers know that they should always keep head lice treatments away from a naked flame, including cigarettes, when using these. People can continue to use these head lice removal products safely – like all medical products, a simple check of the instructions will ensure safe, easy and effective use.

'Brilliant Breakfasts for Brainy Bons' competition

Last week in assembly Miss Strickland, Mrs Woods and School Council launched a new competition to encourage a healthy start to the day.

For the 'Brilliant Breakfasts for Brainy Bons' competition, we have asked the children to make a creative and nutritious breakfast with a catchy name, take a photograph of their wonderful creation and email the photo into school. They have been shown examples such as the 'Tweetabix' (a Weetabix bird with fruity wings and feet!) to help them with ideas.

Breakfasts will be judged on creativeness, healthiness and funniest name.
Winners will enjoy a breakfast in the staff room with Mrs Ballantine and three friends!

Please email your fun breakfast creations to the school office st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk with the subject header 'Brilliant Breakfasts'.

The competition will close on Friday 27th April.

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

Team football: Training as usual Wednesday 11th April.

Hockey

There will be a competitive hockey tournament on Thursday 12th April. In order to make a selection for the teams there will be hockey trials for Y5 and Y6 on Monday 9th April at 3.15 – 4.15pm. All those who are interested need to bring their shin pads and gum shield.

After school hockey club run by Premier Sport will run on Fridays for Y3-6 on Fridays starting 13th April for 7 weeks. See booking details below.

Swimming

Well done to the swimmers who took part in the Bristol Schools gala on Tuesday. St Bon's swimmers were amazing as usual. We will have the results in a few days and will know who has qualified for the finals on Saturday 21st April.

Early Morning swimming club is now finished for this term, letters for term 5 will be sent out shortly.

Yoga

The last session this term will be Monday 19th March. Letters for next term will go home next week. We have spaces for children to start, please see Mrs McGrath if you are interested.

Dance

Both KS1 (Fridays) and KS2 (Wednesdays) dance classes, run by RISE will resume in term 5.

Tag Rugby

Well done to the team who took part in the tag rugby tournament on Thursday at Avonmouth RFC. A stunning performance by the team meant they came 1st place overall and now qualify for the county finals in April. Well done, we are very proud of you.

New Cricket club

There is a new cricket club starting in term 5 run by Shine. Please see flyer attached to this newsletter for more information or visit www.shinesportscoaching.com

New archery and fencing club

Premier Sport will be running a new archery and fencing club on Fridays after school until 4.30pm from 13th April for 7 weeks. See booking details below.

Free early morning badminton club

Years 3, 4 and 5 are invited to take part in a morning badminton club. This will be FREE for Term 5. Run by Premier Sport, the club will take place from 7.45 til 8.30am in the Hall on Tuesday mornings, starting on Tuesday 17th April.

If you are interested in your child taking part, please email the office or complete a club permission slip in the school office. 25 spaces are available.

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.

1st Bishopston Scouts

Are still looking for more adult volunteers. If this is something you would like to do please speak to Mrs McGrath.

SPORTS & CLUBS LIST

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

AFTER SCHOOL

RECEPTION, YEARS 1 and 2

DANCE CLUB Rise: Fridays KS1 3.30-4.30pm	Fridays Rec – Yr 2
FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit www.premier-education.com/sport or call Lee on 07917 18 7771.	Mondays Reception, Yrs 1-2
ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia: 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

YEARS 3-6

ARCHERY AND FENCING Premier Sport: Yrs 3,4, 5 and 6 **NEW** for Term 5 starting Friday 13 th April for 7 weeks. Forms have been sent home or book online www.premier-education.com/sport or call Lee 07917 187771	Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm
CLUB FOOTBALL Mr Morgan: Yrs 5 and 6	Weds 3.15 – 4.30pm
DANCE CLUB Rise: Wednesdays KS2 3.30-4.30pm	Weds KS2
FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Forms have been sent home or book online www.premier-education.com/sport or call Lee on 07917 18 7771	Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
GYMNASTICS Bristol School of Gymnastics: 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
HOCKEY Premier Sport: For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Fridays 3.15 - 4.30pm. Forms have been sent home or book online www.premier-education.com/sport or call Lee 07917 187771. Club will start on Friday 13 th April for 7 weeks	Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm
ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia: 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
KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews & Mrs Fox: 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 th Sept

NETBALL Mrs McGrath: 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

EARLY MORNING

BADMINTON Premier Sport: Yrs 3, 4 and 5 Taster for Term 5 – FREE session, 25 spaces available	Tues 7.45 – 8.30am
CIRCUIT TRAINING Mr Morgan: 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
NETBALL FOR WOMEN: Tuesdays at 9.10am. All abilities welcome. £1 charge.	Tuesdays 9.10am
RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath: 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
YOGA Ms Sus: 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

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.	Mondays Yr 4-6
CHOIR Miss Tudhope: For years 1-2 - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 1-2
CHOIR Miss Gray: For years 3-6 - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3CG classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 3-6
STORY TIME CLUB Mrs Widdowson: 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.	Wednesdays Reception only
CHAPLAINCY Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	Thursdays Yr 5-6
DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman: For years 5 and 6 - Thursdays 12.15 – 12.50pm. Children do not need to sign a form – just come along. It takes place in 4SA's classroom. 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.	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

- Mum-Dance is the 1980s Dance Class for Mums with sell-out classes across the UK and now we are coming to St Bonaventures Primary! Get YOUR fitness results dancing fun routines to 1980s songs - this term's special routine is DIRTY DANCING!!

Classes start 9th April and run through term time every Monday at 7.30-8.30pm. Mum-Dance is a dance and exercise program designed specifically and safely for Mum Bodies where we use an integrated approach with simple dance, moving pilates, aerobic workouts, ballet and core busting exercises to help bring your separated core back together, improve your pelvic floor function and give you back your core strength while lifting that booty and leaning up your muscle tone. At Mum-Dance all the hard work is hidden away in brilliantly fun dance routines to all your favourite 1980's songs, think Whitney, Chaka Khan, Vanilla Ice and Wham. Join the Movement of Mum-Dancers across the UK to get YOU back! Book your classes online at www.mum-dance.co.uk and find out all about us on Facebook too. Come to Mum-Dance, have the time of YOUR life and get YOU back!

- Winston's Wish, the charity which supports bereaved children and young people, are running a series of pilot drop in sessions in Bristol between now and September. These are being held every second Wednesday of each month between 2pm-4pm – held at Off The Record, 8 West Street, Old Market, Bristol, BS2 0BH

This is an informal space to explore ways of managing grief for children, young people, parents, carers and any professionals supporting a bereaved young person.

Please find our Bristol drop-in poster attached with this newsletter email.

- Redland Green School is holding a series of **Car Boot sales** this summer. Dates are Sat 21st April, Sat 19th May, Sat 16th June at Sat 21st July. To book, contact rgsptacarbootsale@gmail.com or call 07720 387982. Pitches cost £10. Refreshments and toilet facilities will be available. Admission for buyers is £1 per adult – kids go free. There will also be a second hand RGS uniform sale.
- **SOS - WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP REFUGEES IN FRANCE?**

Aid Box Convoy are in desperate need of supplies to take to people still living in very difficult conditions in northern France, now that many refugee camps have been closed. They are looking for the following items:

- WARM WATERPROOF JACKETS (size small to medium please - most of the men are of smaller build than males in the UK)
- BLANKETS - they need lots!
- SLEEPING BAGS (please check the zip works - thank you!)
- WATERPROOF SHOES
- POP UP TENTS (again, please check all zips)
- LAPTOPS (Aid Box will decommission them, i.e. wipe them clean and set them up for reuse)

If you have any of the above items to donate, please would you email Penny Southgate on southgatepenny@gmail.com If possible I would like to have these by Tuesday 20th March.

THANK YOU!!

- **City of Bristol Choir** will be performing Chichester Psalms on Friday 20th April at All Saints Church at 7.30pm.

Felix Grace, one of our ex-pupils will be performing a solo!