



Friday 18th March 2022

Dear parents and carers,

It has been yet another productively busy week in school.

Thank you to everyone who wore non-uniform today and donated money for the British Red Cross DEC Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal. We will let you know how much we raised next week. If you didn't get the opportunity to donate but would like to, please drop your donations into the school office early next week. Thank you.

The deadline for putting forward a name for our Ukrainian bear was today. The chosen name will be announced next week and the child who put the winning name forward will be able to take the bear home!



Our children this week have been busy creating art work and messages which they've been translating into Ukrainian which will be shared with refugees fleeing Ukraine. One of our parents is going to be helping in a Polish refugee camp next week and will be taking our children's art work and messages to share with Ukrainian families.



Last week we held a non-uniform day for MADLACC who undertake clean water and tree planting projects in Uganda. We will let you know how much we raised once all the coins have been counted! Thank you so much for your support.

Thank you also to those parents who were able to join us for our curriculum information session on Tuesday afternoon. This session took place remotely. Please see the link to the presentation shared by subject leaders here http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/curriculum_information_session_term_4_2022/600811

Covid-19

We have seen an increase in the number of pupil and staff testing positive for Covid this week. As a result, we have reintroduced enhanced cleaning routines including deep cleans for the classrooms affected. Please can you ensure that you do not send your child to school if they are unwell.

Circus skills

We are very excited to inform you that we have a circus skills company visiting us for two days next week. This has been kindly funded by the PTFA - thank you! Every class will take part in a workshop aimed at supporting children's resilience and independence skills- something we are working hard on in school. We cannot wait to share photographs with you next week.

Early Reading session for parents of Reception age and KS1 children

I want to remind you all that we are running our face to face session for parents on Tuesday 22nd at 9am and Wednesday 23rd at 2.30pm in the school hall. If you are planning to attend, please lateral flow before coming onto site and bring a face mask with you. We will be sharing the presentation with all parents after the event.

Best,

Mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 21st March 2022 (MENU week 3)

Tues 22nd March: 9am Reading information session – Reception and KS1

Weds 23rd March: 2.30pm Reading information session – Reception and KS1

Thurs 24th March: 6pm ONLINE - safety on the Internet parent information session

Fri 25th March: Donate £1 to International Tree Foundation

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

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 email Mrs Benians in the office to book your place clare.benians@bristol-schools.uk

Early morning running and circuits clubs

Early Morning Running Club

For everyone, no matter what age or ability. All parents/carers welcome too.
Every Wednesday morning, 7.50am. Meet by the school office, no need to sign up, just turn up!
The children will be back in time for school or breakfast club (bring uniform in a bag).

Early Morning Fun Circuit training with Mr Morgan

All KS2 children are welcome and parents/carers.
Every Thursday morning 7.50am All children will be ready for school in time (bring uniform in a bag).

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.

Sporting success!



Well done to the football teams who competed in the football leagues. A fantastic result, top in the league and 2nd in the play offs. We are very proud of you.

Well done also to the cross-country teams who competed at Colston's this week. Congratulations to the Y3/4 girls' team who were champions and to Thea and Mercy who both won individual prizes.

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.

Parent support group for parents/carers for whom English is an additional language

We are keen to reintroduce our parent/carer support group for parents/carers for whom English is an additional language. This would be a weekly session which parents/carers could attend and meet with a cup of tea/coffee to talk about school related events.

If you would like to find out more about this, please email Tiba Preisner on ratiba.preisner@bristol-schools.uk. We will then be in touch to arrange an initial meeting.

School wish list



Government funding to schools has been cut hugely in recent years. In light of this, and to help ease the burden on St Bon's, the school Governors have set up an Amazon wish list of items which would be useful to the school. This provides a straight-forward, practical way for members of the school community to give their support if they can afford to do so.

One of the objectives on the School Improvement Plan for this year is to provide more opportunities for play to support pupils as they recover from the Covid pandemic. The wish list for this term includes a selection of games and puzzles, chosen by staff at St Bon's.

Please click on the link below to see the list. Items can be posted directly to the school (St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary School, Egerton Road, Bishopston, Bristol, BS7 8HP). Alternatively, you can have items delivered to your home and take them into the school reception. Even better than buying new – if you have any of these things at home or can buy them second hand, you can still mark the item as purchased on the wish list!
https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/159AR9UKDHR3K?ref=wl_share

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com



Our Doughnut and Hot Choc Fundraiser raised £185! This has now been matched by the employer of one of our parent volunteers so we raised £370!

Matched fundraising is such an easy way to make your donations and time go further. Please, please speak to your HR department to see if matched fundraising is something your employer offers.

Second-Hand Uniform Sale

We will be holding a table top second-hand uniform sale today from 3pm.

We can take card payments.

Save yourself money and a trip to the shops, and buy from your PTFA!

If you have BRANDED items in good quality you can donate, particularly for ages 7+ please let us know via ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

As always, if anyone needs uniform and finds themselves in financial difficulty, do not hesitate to contact the school who will anonymously pass on requests.

Notice of AGM, Weds 30th March 8pm, Zoom details TBC

The PTFA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Wed 30th March 8pm via Zoom call - 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.

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

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/>

Job opportunity - St Bon's Church

Mgr. Bernard has a vacancy for an Office Administration Manager based in the Presbytery at St Bon's church. This new role combines the 2 previous roles of Admin & Media.

The necessary skills required are,

- a good knowledge of Computing and the Microsoft packages of Word, Excel, Access and Publisher;
- along with an ability to use the major media platforms of Twitter, Instagram & Facebook.

The successful candidate will be the first point of contact with parishioners and the public and so needs good communication skills.

The job is for Term time only and is for 20 hours per week made up of a 4 or 5 day week.

The rate of pay is £10.00 per hour.

For further information please email Mgr. Bernard at bernard.massey@cliftondiocese.com

Babysitting

Hi, my name is Amelie Paul. I am 15 and an old St Bon's pupil. I'm currently at RGS and am looking for babysitting work. I have two younger sisters, one of whom is still at St Bon's, and I have been volunteering at St Bon's Brownies as part of my DofE. If you are interested, please text my mum on 07766 366569.

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