



St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We celebrated a really colourful – and loud! - Easter Festival today. My thanks to everyone for taking part so fully and particularly to all the children who stepped out of their comfort zone and performed in front of everyone. Well done!

We enjoyed a visit from Artifact theatre company this week – they performed their Reading Room play for the whole school and then led some Macbeth drama workshops.

Please can I warn all parents and carers about an incident with a car that took place at the top of Bishop Road near the roundabout. One of our parents and her younger child were knocked down by a reversing car. Thankfully they were both okay and the owner of the vehicle stopped. It is extremely chaotic at this junction at school drop off and pick up times with people having to reverse to try and make way for cars to come out of the cramped roads, so please do be careful.

Finally, I would like to wish every parent, carer, child and member of staff a very joyful and restful Easter break.

Best wishes,

Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 24th April 2017 (**NEW MENU** no: 1)

Mon 24th April: First day of term 5 – welcome back!

RED CLOTHES for children in St George's House

Tues 25th April: Bikeability for Year 3: please bring bikes and helmets this week on your allocated day

Events week commencing: Monday 1st May 2017 (**NEW MENU** no: 2)

Mon 1st May: **NO SCHOOL TODAY** – first May Bank Holiday

Fri 5th: Guitar concert @ 2.45pm – parents welcome

Cafod fundraising

Thank you to everyone who brought in silver coins last Friday to wear non school uniform. It took the office a long time to count, but we managed to raise an amazing £280.83!

St George's Day – 23rd April

St George's Day is on Sunday 23rd April this year, so please can all children in this house wear red home clothes on Monday 24th – the first day back from the Easter holidays.

Parent Governor update

Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in becoming a parent governor. We have had three formal nominations to fill the two available places on the governing body, and we will be in touch early next term with details as to how the successful candidates will be selected.

Please look out for emails as well as letters in book bags in the first week of next term for details.

Reading with your child at home

Drop in reading workshops for parents/carers of Foundation stage and KS1 children

‘Children are made readers on the laps of their parents’ - Emilie Buchwald

Reading is the key to learning. At St Bon’s we want to encourage a lifelong love of reading in our children. We also want to support you in your role as parents/carers. So during the summer term we will be running monthly ‘Reading workshops’ for parents/carers of children in Foundation stage and KS1 (years Reception to Year 2).

The workshops will take place on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30pm.

We will be looking at a variety of reading related topics –

- Reading with your child – the basics
- Trouble shooting, what to do if...
- Decoding, phonics and reading for meaning
 - Comprehension

The dates are – April 26th, May 17th, June 14th and July 5th

Spaces are limited, so if you would like to join in, please book a place by emailing:

sue.rees@bristol-schools.uk

Good Friday children’s Stations of the Cross service

Hello all, and yes you have guessed it! Can’t believe a whole year has passed already!

We will be holding our children’s service to celebrate the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 11am in St Bonaventure’s Parish Church and I am in need of readers. If your child (or children) would like to read please contact me asap in order for me to give you your child’s section of reading.



Many thanks as always, Neta Roylance-Smith
07980 175565

Support Lee from Premier Sport for Cancer Research UK

I am doing the 100km 2017 Cotswold Challenge for Cancer Research UK because my friend’s parents were taken by cancer in 2016.

It’s a Saturday morning start in the heart of historic Bath, and ahead lies 100km of footpaths and trails to get to the Cheltenham finish line. The full 100km (62 miles) walk is a continuous challenge and takes between 20 and 33 hours.

In 2016 figures showed that around 357, 000 people were diagnosed with cancer in the UK.

Sadly, in 2016 my friend’s parents both died of cancer. Please help me raise money in their memory and for the many other cancer sufferers.

Cancer will touch all of our lives so please do your bit and donate to my Just Giving page - help the experts try to get rid of this horrendous illness once and for all.

You can donate through my Just Giving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/Lee-Roberts23>

Lost property and head lice!

The holidays is a good opportunity for us to have a clear out of our lost property – and for you to check your children's heads to make sure there are no unwanted visitors!

We have had a very large amount of unnamed lost property since Christmas. Please do label any items that your children bring into school so that we can be sure to get them back to you.

St Bon's Bakes charity recipe book - help raise money for CAFOD during Lent



There are a few copies of the St Bon's Bakes recipe book remaining and all profits from sales of the book go to CAFOD. We would really like to make our final donation to CAFOD at Easter, to link in with the fundraising our children have been doing for CAFOD during Lent. Please get your copy before the Easter holidays - a perfect alternative to an Easter egg!

St Bon's Bakes contains recipes submitted by St Bon's families and staff and is professionally printed and bound, in a wipe clean format. A copy is on display in the school office. If you would like to buy a book, please ask at the school office or contact Melanie on melanie_m_bunce@hotmail.com (or find Melanie in the playground near the 2T classroom at drop off/pick up). Books cost £8, cash or cheque payable to St Bonaventure's PTFA.

Living your faith – residential weeks for children

The Diocese is holding two 'Living Your Faith' residential weeks in August.

Week One 7 - 11 August (Age 7 - 11) and **Week Two** 14th - 18th August (Age 12 -16)

The weeks are intended to encourage children and young people to engage in their faith through fun, games and spiritual input. They take place in the beautiful surroundings of the Marist Convent in Nympsfield. For more details contact Stephen Spurrell on 07860 849460 or at livingyourfaith@hotmail.co.uk

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.

SPORTS

Football

Training will continue for years 5 and 6 next term on Wednesday afternoons.

Circuits club

There is an 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 don't need any more would you be able to donate them to school please? We will be teaching hockey and it would be great if the children were able to wear shin pads in their lesson. We need a few spare ones in case children don't own any. Many thanks

Tag rugby

Tag rugby club has now finished for this year. Ben will be starting a new sport club on Wednesdays after school. More details to follow.

Swim time trials

The last time trials of the year will be on Sunday 23rd April. Letters about this have been sent home and emailed to KS2 parents. Please get reply slips back ASAP and include your email address so Mrs McGrath can send out a reminder in the Easter holidays. All offers of help will be gratefully received.

New - after school cricket club

There is a new cricket club starting on Thursdays after school run by Shine Sports Coaching. Please visit www.shinesportscoaching.com to sign up your children. The club is open to all age groups and will start on Thursday 4th May and will finish at 4.30pm. Please be aware that we will need at least 12 children to run this club.

Hockey

Y5/6 hockey club is starting after Easter on Fridays. Letters have been given out and are available from the office.

Netball - county finals

For the first time we have 5 teams going to the County finals on Thursday 27th April. Good luck to the netball team, the tag rugby team, the hockey team, the Y5/6 archery team and the Y4 archery team. Letters about this have been handed out this week. We need as many parents as possible to offer lifts and help accompany the teams to BGS sports ground in Failand.

Swimming

Early morning swimming club has stopped until May. Letters about this will be sent home after Easter.

Yoga

This club will resume on Monday 24th April. Letters about this have been handed out and are available from the school office.

COMMUNITY SECTION

- Bristol was recently named the best city to live in in the whole of the UK and me and my journalism colleagues want to make that the focus of our final project.

We are university students from UWE who are currently producing a news package that would centre around this topic, aimed at children from the ages of 8-13.

We need children who would be willing to talk about why they love Bristol (if they do) and their favourite places to live (if not!) on camera for that third year university project, which will be just for UWE eyes only (although if you like, you can always have a copy!).

If there are willing children and parents, we'd be very grateful and ask for you to contact me either via this email, or by phone on 07852 177721.

Kind Regards, Katharina Petersen and team, UWE

- We are a new kind of Drama School for children as we are not focused on singing, dancing and acting but on new styles of theatre such as puppetry and mask work which is great for those children who want to perform but find the whole musical theatre genre a bit daunting.

Do check out our website which gives you a little more info about what we are all about.

<https://bristolacademydrama.wixsite.com/website>

- **Mr Coulson-Wright**, PGCE student at St Bonaventure's, is offering babysitting and childminding services for all ages. James has been regularly babysitting families in Bristol for the last two years, has excellent references, an enhanced DBS certificate and paediatric first-aid training. £7 p/h, evenings and weekends. Please text 07952 739487 or email james.coulson-wright15@bathspa.ac.uk
- **After school childcare wanted:** We're looking for a kind, energetic, reliable person to look after our two girls (aged 9 and 11) after school 3 days a week between 3pm and 6pm. April 24 to July 21. We need you to collect them both from St Bon's at 3.15pm and then take them home. You'll walk or cycle through Horfield Common on the way. They get on very well together. We're flexible on days. Please get in touch with Linda if you're interested to find out more – call 07810 898726.
- **Free Kings Tennis Club Open Day Saturday 1st April 11-3pm**
Free tennis fun for adults and kids including free kids and adult coaching for all levels, free adult cardio tennis for all levels, fun prizes and competitions, bouncy castle, free family court time and membership discounts to join our friendly club! Everyone welcome.

Book your place now at

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OpenDays/KingsLawnTennisClub/64824a9a-c114-45e9-a9e7-d058d026c185>

Free mini tennis March 18th - come and have some tennis fun with your children playing mini tennis with all equipment provided free! Mini tennis is played on smaller courts with slower balls so everyone can have a go and enjoy it. Book your place now at

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OpenDays/KingsLawnTennisClub/1798699f-8aa4-4999-9e43-26a222dd9998>









Free mini tennis April 12th (during Easter holidays) Come and have some tennis fun with your children playing mini tennis with all equipment provided free. Book your place now at

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OpenDays/KingsLawnTennisClub/5b10142d-374c-41e7-ba9e-850c1e25e745>









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
	CRICKET CLUB Shine: Thursdays at 3.15-4.30pm. All year groups welcome. If you would like to join please sign your child up at www.shinesportscoaching.com	Thursdays All year groups
	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: hockey club for years 5 and 6 ONLY: Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Fridays Yrs 5-6
	<p>ITALIAN CLUB takes place every Monday and Tuesday from 3:15 to 4:15 in the music/language room.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mondays are for years 4, 5 and 6: children walk from their classrooms to Italian Club where they are registered by Maria. • Tuesdays are for years 1, 2 and 3: children are collected from their classrooms by Maria. <p>At the end of each session, Maria brings the children down from the Italian Club so that parents can collect the children from the school reception area at 4.15pm.</p> <p>Please note that Reception children do not start Italian Club until they are in Year 1.</p> <p>For any information about the course, or if you would like your child to join the Italian Club, please contact Mrs. Maria Maniglia on 07900 842621 or email: m.maniglia76@gmail.com</p>	<p>Mondays Yrs 4-6</p> <p>Tuesdays Yrs 1, 2 and 3</p>
	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
	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
	RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath: Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesdays 7.50am
	TEAM FOOTBALL Mr Morgan: Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm for years 5 and 6.	Wednesdays Yrs 5-6

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.
	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.