



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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guided by the light of Christ

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Friday 23rd November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who brought in cakes and donations for Children in Need last week – we raised a fantastic £558.42 in total.

Mrs Ballantine took a group of nine Year 5 children to a Chaplaincy retreat day today. The children are working towards being commissioned as chaplains by the Bishop of Clifton, the Right Revd Declan Lang. They will also take responsibility for organising reflective displays in the communal areas of the school.

Please could I remind all parents that proper school uniform includes black school shoes or boots, not trainers please. Boots must be black and not any other colour. Looking smart in our school uniform is an important part of our ethos – we appreciate your support in helping us to achieve this. Thank you.

Best wishes,

Lucille Charles
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 26th November 2018 (**MENU week 1**)

Mon 26th : Bag2School – return bags by 9am
Piano concert 2.45pm – parents welcome

Tues 27th : 5SK class assembly 2.45pm – parents welcome

Weds 28th: **Year 6 leave for Kintbury – return by 3.15pm on Friday**

Fri 30th: Non-uniform day for bottle donation for Christmas Fair
Violin concert years 2-5 (Y6 at Kintbury) NO LESSONS

Events week commencing: Monday 3rd December 2018 (**MENU week 2**)

Mon 3rd: Pupils in **St Andrews house** can wear blue home clothes

Fri 7th: Bristol Old Vic performance – 9.30am

Parenting Spotlight

IN A PANIC?

When your child is in the middle of an emotional outburst help to 're-ground' them by asking:

“TELL ME ...

- 3 things you can see ...
- 2 things you can hear ...
- 1 thing you can smell ... ”

Bringing them back to their senses will help ground them and de-escalate an emotional situation.

Geography week – 26th November

Parents/Grandparents/Friends - can you help us?

Geography Week is approaching and we are very excited about this! Each year group is going to be comparing the Human and Physical Geography of Bristol with another part of the world.

Year 1 - Australia

Year 2 - Dhaka (Bangladesh)

Year 3 - Coll (Scottish Hebrides)

Year 4 - Naples (Italy)

Year 5 - History Week*

Year 6 - Cusco (Peru)

*Year 5 had Geography Week in Term 1 during History Week.

If you have lived in, or have visited one of these places, we would love to hear from you! We would like you to email your impressions of this of the country/city to us and we will collate those and share them with the children. You might have some photos you could share, or you may even be able to come in and talk about your experiences.

Please email your responses to Mrs Addleman:

sasha.addleman@bristol-schools.uk who will then forward your email on to the relevant class teachers.

Thank you
Mrs Addleman

Christmas lunch – WEAR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!!



Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 20th December this year. Order forms have been emailed today and paper copies will be coming home shortly via book bags – these need to be returned to us by Friday 23rd November please.

IF WE DO NOT HAVE A FORM FOR YOUR CHILD, WE CANNOT ORDER THEM A CHRISTMAS LUNCH!

The children will be able to wear Christmas jumpers on Thursday 20th December if they wish.

Years Reception to Year 2 do not pay for Christmas lunch. Years 3-6 need to pay £2.10 per meal as usual.

Knitting club

Mrs Andrews' last knitting club will be next Tuesday 27th November. Afterwards it will be run by Mrs Pratt-Walters and Mrs Rees and will take place on Wednesday lunchtimes from 12.45pm to 1.15pm. Emails have been sent to parents of children in the club.

ABSENCE line for reporting children off school



PLEASE use the school absence line to report your child's absence and NOT the main school phone number.

The attendance line is **0117 353 2831** – you can call 24 hours a day and leave a message.

Drama club

Mon 26th Nov 3.15 – 5.15pm - Whole cast needed. **LATE FINISH 5.15pm.**

Please keep an eye out for the new (new!) rehearsal schedule. We accidentally left out one of the matinée dates, so it will be re-distributed to the children on Monday. It will be on coloured paper to make clear that it's the latest one!

Lottery winners – August and September 2018

Please come and collect your cheques from the school office next week.

	August 2018
£50.00	Henry Blunden
£10.00	Kate Stephens

	September 2018
£50.00	Sylvia Ibbotson
£10.00	Antonia Layard

PTFA news

Monday 26th November 9am: Bag2School

Please make sure you bring in your Bag2School bag or bags by 9am on Monday as the bags will be collected by the company that morning.

🎄Christmas Fair, Sunday 2nd December

The date of the St Bon's Christmas Fair is fast approaching: Sunday 2nd December, 2.00pm-4.30pm.

Please do:

- Keep bringing in items for your class hamper to give to your class rep

- Bring in goody bags to your classroom

- Sign up for a slot to help out with your class stall on the day of the fair

- Remember the Non Uniform Day on Friday 30th November in return for bringing a bottle for the teachers' Bottle Stall

Raffle tickets to win a luxury hamper

We have given each school family 3 books of 5 raffle tickets, total cost £7.50 (£2.50 per book), to sell. If you haven't received your raffle tickets please let us know or ask at the office for extra tickets. Please bring back your tickets stubs, ticket money and any unsold tickets by Thursday 29th November. It's very important that you bring back unsold tickets by next Thursday as these can be sold on the day of the fair to visitors and people who would like more tickets.

Santa's Grotto - book your place next week! 🧑🏻‍🎅

You can book your child's place in our fabulous Santa's Grotto next week, Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th, and Wednesday 28th November after school in the playground. Tickets cost £3 which includes the visit and a gift, and you will need to book a time slot for your visit. This year Father Christmas will be making a grand entrance in the school hall at 2.10pm before heading to his magical Grotto!

Secret Present Stall - shhh! 🎁

This year we will be having a special stall at the Christmas Fair - a Secret Present stall where your child can buy a quality gift for Mum, Dad, Granny, Grandad, brother, sister, friend....

Here's how it works:

1. You or your child buys a ticket outside the Secret Present Room. Tickets cost £2 per gift.
2. Your child goes into the Secret Present Room by himself or herself to exchange their ticket for a gift. They can choose from a range of lovely gifts for women, men or children.
3. Your child leaves the Secret Present Room with their chosen gift already wrapped and labelled, ready to put under the tree for Christmas.

We hope you are all looking forward to the Fair as much as we are. Thank you for your continued support!

Melanie and Hilary
Joint PTFA Chairs
ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

SPORTS NEWS THIS WEEK

Team football

Team training as usual on Wednesday after school.

Sportshall athletics

Well done to the Y6 team who took part in the Sportshall event at St Bede's last Tuesday. The whole team performed amazingly well. A well-deserved first place. We now progress to the county finals!

Swimming

Next swimming time trials will be, Sunday 3rd February 2pm - please keep the date free.

Indoor cricket

Good luck to the Y4 team taking part in the indoor cricket festival on Tuesday 27th November at St

Bede's. All parents are welcome to come along and watch.

Cross country

Good luck to the team – who are now representing North Bristol – in the county finals taking place at Ashton Park secondary school on Saturday 24th November. First race takes place at 10am. All are welcome to watch.

PE kit

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.

Sport clubs

Some sports clubs will be run by St Bon's staff and will be free and others are run by outside professionals, there will be a small charge for these clubs. If any parents would be interested in helping with any of the sports clubs or running a club please do let Mrs McGrath know.

Yoga

This club has now resumed and will take place in the school hall 7.50 – 8.30am. If you would like to attend please email Mrs McGrath for a letter on kate.mcgrath@bristol-schools.uk It is for KS2 only.

Running/walking club

Has now resumed on Wednesday mornings at 7.50am. This club is free and open to all parents, careers, and children. Please turn up at school in running clothes (school uniform in a bag)
We would love to see more people - all are welcome any ability is catered for.

Tag Rugby

There are still a few spaces available in our new rugby club for Y1-6, on Thursdays after school, 3.15-4.30
Please ask in the office for a letter about joining this. 5th Oct - 20th Dec £44

Dance

There will be a dance class on Wednesdays for KS2 and Fridays for KS1 after school in the hall from 3.15 – 4.30pm. KS1 class is now full but we do have spaces in KS2 class on Wednesdays.

Multisport club for children in years 1 and 2

This club is now FULL.

Sport clubs for our parents

We are hoping to get all the parents /carers of our school just as fit as the children, teaching the kids by example! There are early morning sports clubs available on most mornings on the school premises;

Monday – Yoga (KS2)

Monday – netball (ladies only)

Wednesday – running/walking club – all are welcome

Thursday – circuits – all are welcome

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 3.30-4.30pm – THIS CLUB IS NOW FULL – please ask if you would like your child to join a waiting list	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 .	Mondays Yrs 1-2
MULTISPORTS Premier Sport: Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Mrs McGrath has now confirmed which children have a place. This club is FULL.	Wednesdays Yrs 1 and 2
TAG RUGBY Clifton Rugby Club: Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm	Thursdays Rec - Yr 6

YEARS 3-6

DANCE CLUB Rise: Wednesdays KS2 3.30-4.30pm – SPACES AVAILABLE	Weds KS2
FENCING & ARCHERY Premier Sport: For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Fridays 3.30 - 4.30pm. Book online www.premier-education.com/sport or call Lee 07917 187771.	Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm
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 3.30 - 4.30pm. Book online www.premier-education.com/sport or call Lee 07917 187771.	Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm
KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews: 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
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
TAG RUGBY Clifton Rugby Club: Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm	Thursdays Rec - Yr 6
TEAM FOOTBALL Mr Morgan: Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm	Wednesdays Yr 4 – Yr 6

EARLY MORNING

BADMINTON Premier Sport: Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6 Book online www.premier-education.com/sport or call Lee 07917 187771. £20 for Term 2.	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: Mondays 9 - 10.00am. All abilities welcome. £1 charge.	Mondays 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
CHAPLAINCY Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	Thursdays Yr 5-6
<p>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.</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

- Amelia in 5SK is cutting her long hair and donating it to the Little Princess Trust who will make her hair into a wig. Amelia would love it if you could sponsor her. All money raised is being donated Macmillan Cancer Research.

Amelia's Nannie recently died from gall bladder cancer and received care from Macmillan nurses. Amelia is so appreciate of the support her family received she'd love to give something back to them. If you'd like to support her please use her Just Giving link below.

This is a big decision for Ameila and she is now ready for action. Thank you for your support.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/AmeliahaircutLloyd>

- **VOLUNTEER AT LIFESKILLS**

Has your child been to Lifeskills? Have you got a bit of spare time on your hands? Would you like to work with children to improve their safety skills?

Lifeskills is a safety education charity helping thousands of children from across the West of England to live safer, happier lives. Our Centre is a realistic village with houses, shops, a railway and a beach where children learn how to deal with dangerous or difficult situations in a safe, interactive environment.

We need volunteers to guide small groups of children through the Lifeskills village. Sessions run from 9.40am – 12pm and 12.40pm – 3pm weekdays during term time. Volunteering is flexible and we only ask for a minimum commitment of 2 days a month. If you would like to get involved call 0117 922 4511 or email johanna@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk