



St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was good to see many of you at the E-safety meeting on Tuesday evening. An external speaker joined us and was able to share some really useful information. We have asked that the Powerpoint presentation that was used be sent to us as well as any other relevant information - we will then share this with you.

We were very excited to be able to welcome Maisie Williams (star of Dr Who) to school on Thursday as part of the NSPCC's work with us on keeping children safe. Maisie is working with the charity as she and her siblings were helped by them when they were children. Again, we will hopefully have materials to share with you next week.

Monday saw a wonderful celebration of the rich diversity of languages and cultures in our school. Under the banner of European Languages Day we took it much further and explored languages from all over the world. My thanks to all the parents who gave their time to come and enrich our children's lives with stories, food and different languages.

For all parents who are applying for Reception places in September 2017, please be aware that our Open Days will take place next Tuesday and Thursday. We have three time slots available on both days: 9.15, 11.00 and 1.30pm. There is no need to book onto these tours, but please arrive on time. Children are welcome to join you for the tour and there will also be a chance to chat to me about any questions you may have.

Please can I remind parents and carers of Reception children that we will be holding an information afternoon on Tuesday 6th October at 2.30pm in the school hall.

Finally, I would like to encourage everyone to get involved with our Harvest celebrations. Mrs Ballantine has put a note in the body of the newsletter below but please can I draw your attention to the Coppers for Cafod fundraiser on Weds 12th October and that we will be collecting donations of dried and tinned food for the Salvation Army from Monday 10th October.

Best wishes,

Lucille Charles
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 3rd October 2016 (menu no: 2)

Monday 3rd:	Reception pupils start full time Year 1 trip to St Andrew's Park
Tuesday 4th:	Open Day for Reception 2017 applicants
Thursday 6th:	Open Day for Reception 2017 applicants Year 6 trip to Blaise Castle Reception parents' information afternoon 2.30 – 3.10pm
Friday 7th:	Year 5 cake sale after school

Events week commencing: Monday 10th October 2016 (menu no: 3)

Monday 10th:	Harvest week
Wednesday 12th:	Coppers for Cafod – bring in all your 1p and 2p coins! Percy Smith swimming gala
Thursday 13th:	Parents' evening 4-7pm
Friday 14th:	Harvest mass 9am

Thank you, Merci, Gracias, Dakurem, Dziękuję Ci, Obrigado, Daalu, Grazie...



On Monday afternoon we celebrated the European Day of Languages. The children took part in a range of activities including visits to each classroom by parents who came to talk about the different countries which they come from and the different languages they speak.

The children learned to write and count in Arabic about life in Mexico and listened to a Mexican legend; they listened to stories in French, Polish, Slovakian and Italian; they learned about the Portuguese language and about life in Portugal and Brazil – including how to do the Samba; they learned about life in Nigeria, some Igbo and tasted delicious traditional Nigerian food.

I would like to say an enormous thank you to the parents who gave up their time to give our children such a wonderful variety of experiences. Thank you Anna, Gosia, Yvonne, Sofia, Anne, Renata, Augusta, Emelda, Eltilda, Tiba, Elisa, Anna and Maria - you were wonderful! Mrs Papworth

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest during the week commencing Monday 10th October. During this week we will be collecting dried and tinned goods for our local Salvation Army - they will be coming into school to talk to us about how our donations help local people in need.

In addition to collecting dried and tinned food for our local Salvation Army we are also inviting our children to bring in 'Coppers for CAFOD' on **Wednesday 12th October**. On this day we will be replicating the CAFOD logo using donated copper coins. All money raised will then be donated to CAFOD for their Brighten Up this Harvest fundraiser.

Our local CAFOD representative will be visiting us in school to talk to us about how CAFOD use fundraising to support families across the world. We will conclude our week with a Mass in church on Friday 14th October, all are welcome to celebrate with us.

Thank you in advance for your support, Mrs Ballantine

KidZone October half term Playscheme – now taking bookings

This half term, Kidzone will be running a one week holiday playscheme, starting on Monday 24th October and ending on Friday 28th October. The playscheme will be open from 8.30am until 5.45pm and you can book half day, short day or full day sessions, for as many days as you need.

Fresh fruit and vegetables, pittas, dips and breadsticks are served daily and children are encouraged to take part in a variety of activities on offer throughout the week. On any given day children will be building dens, playing football, painting, reading, climbing about, running around or engrossed in role play.

You will find the booking form, registration form (we only need this if your child has not attended before), frequently asked questions and some parent information all on our website in the KidZone section.

The deadline for bookings is **Monday 10th October**. Payment can be made via School Gateway, cheque (made payable to Bristol City Council) or cash - please obtain a receipt from the school office.

If you have any questions, please talk to one of the team or call the school office on 0117 353 2830.

Volunteer at St Bon's

Imaginative Play is excellent for developing lots of skills from creativity to critical thinking – and it's fun!

We need volunteers to actively engage and encourage creative play, making use of the school's playground markings during lunchtime 12.15pm - 1.15pm Monday to Friday. Volunteers can choose which days they are available to offer their free time.

If you are interested, please speak to Penny Southgate in the main office or call 0117 353 2830 for more details.

Diocese appeal for Foundation Governors

The diocese is looking to recruit more Foundation Governors for our Catholic schools. Foundation Governors are essential in protecting and developing the Catholic ethos of the Church's schools.

They also hold head teachers to account, recruit senior leadership, manage the school's admissions criteria and set the school's budget.

There are only two criteria for being a Foundation Governor:

- You must be over 18
- You must be a practising Catholic

If you are interested, please contact Bill McEntee bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com 0117 9025599 or visit the diocesan website: www.schools.cliftondiocese.com

Headlice alert!

We have had reports of headlice visiting classes in years 3 and 4. A letter has gone home this week with advice about how to combat headlice – the main thing is to make sure that you are regularly checking your child's hair and using the condition and comb method to remove live lice.

Year 6 cake sale – thank you

A big thank you to everyone who baked, bought and ate cakes last Friday. Year 6 raised a fantastic £179.71

Many thanks!

Italian Club

Italian Club has now started. Monday's lessons are for years 4, 5, 6 and Tuesday's lessons are for years 1, 2 and 3. Please speak to Maria on m.maniglia76@gmail.com or 07900 842621 if you have any queries.



St Bon's Bakes Recipe book

There are still a few copies of the St Bon's Bakes recipe book available to buy at a cost of £8 (all profits to CAFOD). Feedback about the book so far has been hugely positive and I have really appreciated the lovely comments from those who have a copy already!

If you would like a book, they will be on sale at the Year 6 cake sale this afternoon. Alternatively you can email me on melanie_m_bunce@hotmail.com and I will arrange to get your copy to you. Payment can be made by cash or cheque payable to St Bonaventures PTFA.

Thank you, Melanie (mum of Ella, Isaac and Lara Bunce)

Take a look at the new French section on the school website...

We have a new French section on the school website – to find it click on School Information/ Curriculum/Modern Foreign Languages.

The introduction tells you what your children are learning in French. For each year group there is an attachment for each unit of work. Each attachment contains all of the new words which the children will be learning and links to website activities for that particular topic. The activities are on two websites which the school subscribes to and the children have all been given a sticker in their homework books/folders with the log-on details. This is a great way for the children to practise what they have been learning in their lessons and for them to share their learning with you!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. In the meantime 'Amusez- vous bien'!

Mrs Papworth

Reading Volunteers needed!

Do you enjoy reading with children?

Do you have a spare half hour at the start of the day?

If so, you are invited to become a 'Book Buddy' at St Bon's.

Book Buddies support reading in our school by partnering up with children and reading with them each week. This year we are hoping to have a Book Buddy for each of our KS1 and KS2 classes.

Training will be given in school.

If you are interested please email sue.rees@bristol-schools.uk for more information.

PTFA Christmas cards

The children have been busy producing Christmas card designs to bring home. A letter from the PTFA will be coming home in the next day or so , so please watch out for instructions about how to order cards, mugs or gift wrap. We will hold spare letters in the office in case yours doesn't find its way home!

Drama

This club is now full.

Well done to all those who auditioned on Monday. Hopefully parts will be ready to distribute at Drama club this coming Monday. The club will finish at 4.15pm.

Ladies back to netball

Fancy a bit of a run around once you've dropped the children off at school? Then please come and join us for some netball on Tuesdays from 9-10am on the School playground. The session is run for women by Sue Andersen, Netball Development Community Coach for England Netball.

Please don't worry if you haven't played for years or haven't ever played, the aim is just to have fun and all are very welcome. All you need to do is bring a drink and wear comfortable exercise clothes/trainers and join in for a bargain £1 per session (free if it's your first time!) No commitment necessary just come along when you can. For more details, speak to Mrs McGrath or better still meet us in the playground one Tuesday and have a go!

SPORTS

Swimming

Well done to all the swimmers who took part in the swimming time trials last Sunday. All the children should now have a copy of their individual times so they can see how well they did. The next gala is the Percy Smith gala on Wednesday 12th October. Letters for all those selected are going home today.

New Dance club

There is a new dance club starting after school on Fridays 3.15pm – 4.30pm for KS2 children (Y3 to Y6). First session is Friday 30th September. Letters are available from the school office or see Mrs McGrath for more information.

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

Now that we have such amazing facilities we try to offer as many sport clubs as possible to the children at St Bon's. Some are run by staff and are free and some are run by outside agencies (these will incur a small cost). We are always looking for any keen parents who would be interested in running a sport club or are able to help. If you think you can help please see Mrs McGrath.

Daily Mile

We are hoping to get our children fit by introducing the 'Daily Mile' programme for all. More details to follow.

Cross country trials

There will be cross country trials today during school time for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 boys and girls. These trials will be to pick the teams for the cross-country events coming up this term. All those who are interested are welcome. Please see Mrs McGrath for more information.

COMMUNITY SECTION

- **Henleaze Library** – new **Chatterbooks reading group** starting at Henleaze Library, Northumbria Drive, on Saturday 8th October.

We are keen to get children talking about their reading - the Chatterbooks reading club will encourage them to do this. We can accommodate up to 12 children aged 8/9yrs. Please do add your child to the attendance list if they would like to come.

If you have any further queries then please do ring the library on 903 8541 or email on henleaze.library@bristol.gov.uk

- Two young female guinea pigs, with cage and all equipment, free to a good home. We had them for about 4 months but my daughter developed an allergy, so we are now looking to re-home them.

The guinea pigs are of the fluffy variety – they are very cute, white and light brown, and are nice to hold and cuddle (they don't bite). If you are interested, please contact me at antoniasilvestri@blueyonder.co.uk or 07798 652 635. Thanks, Antonia (mum of Alessia Cook 3W)

- **Prana Vinyasa Yoga** - Friday 10.00-11.30am

Come and join us on the mat for this slow and deep vinyasa flow practice. 'Prana Vinyasa Yoga' is a small group class led in the tranquil and mindful space of Yogasara. Every Friday morning we will explore each pose in depth, going through kramas (developmental stages in yoga) with consciousness and intelligence to find a personal point of stillness. We will work with different props and modifications to identify variations appropriate for each person. This includes individual advice and hands on assist.

This class is suitable for everybody including beginners.

Friday 10.00-11.30am - 10-12 Picton St, Bristol BS6 5QA
For more details and to book your space please contact Emilia.

Emilia Sus
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emilia@emflow.co.uk
www.emflow.co.uk

- Local music teacher is offering drumming lessons – visit www.drumlessonsbristol.com to find out more. If you have any questions then please feel free to call on 07817 586474 or email on drumlessonsbristol@gmail.com

- **Do you, or does someone you know, need support following a relationship breakdown?**
Over the past 20 years Aquila has helped many people learn to cope and rebuild their lives following separation or divorce.

Our next 8-week self-help course starts on Monday 26th September in Cotham, Bristol.
The course is facilitated by a group of trained men and women who have all experienced broken relationships or divorce.

If you would like to know more please call Gill on 07807 058479, email bristol@hope-after-heartbreak.co.uk or visit www.hope-after-heartbreak.co.uk




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.	Tuesday Yr 2 Thursday Yr 5-6
	DANCE CLUB Rise: Fridays at 3.15-4.30pm. Years 3-6. This club will start on Friday 30th September in the hall from 3.15 – 4.30pm. If you would like to have a go please see Mrs McGrath to reserve your place or fill out a club permission slip.	Friday Yrs 3-6
	FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Starts w/c 19 th Sept: 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.	Monday Yrs 1-2 Tuesday Yrs 3-6
	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.	Monday Yrs 3-6 Tuesday Reception, Yrs 1 and 2
	TEAM FOOTBALL Mr Morgan: Team football training for those who have been selected: Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm	Wednesday Yrs 5 & 6
	KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews & Mrs Fox: Starts w/c 19 th Sept: 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.	Tuesday Yrs 3-6
	MATHS CLUB: Thursdays after school starting on Thursday 22nd September. 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
	MULTI SPORTS CLUB Premier Sport: Wednesdays after school 3.15-4.30pm for Years 1 and 2. Please watch out for details as this club is still being finalised – you can complete a permission slip in the office if you would like to express an interest.	Wednesday Yrs 1 and 2
	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.	Tuesday Yrs 3-4 & Thursday Yrs 5-6
	ARCHERY CLUB Premier Sport: Years 3-6 Thursdays 3.30 to 4.30pm. To book please visit www.premiersport.org or call Lee on 07917 18 7771. Places are limited.	Thursday Yrs 3-6
	RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath: Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesday 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 fortnightly 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!	

	<p>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!</p>
	<p>DIGITAL LEADERS' CLUB: For year 6 pupils – Thursdays 12.15-1.00 in 1H classroom.</p>
	<p>ORCHESTRA: Fridays 12.30pm - starting Fri 16th September.</p> <p>New members are very welcome, pls contact Mr Khanna max.khanna@bristol-schools.uk for more info if your child is interested.</p>

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.