



Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,



Dear Lord,

You call us to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

Fill our hearts with your goodness so our actions become second nature and bring us closer to you.

We ask this through Jesus, who is love for all.

Amen.

I hope you all had a wonderful half term and found some time to pause and recharge. It looks like we are set for another busy term ahead.

Thank you to those parents and carers who joined us for our termly information session this morning. A copy of the presentation slides can be found on the school website in the latest news section on the home page. For ease of information a copy is also attached to this newsletter.

The children looked wonderful wearing their red and white clothes today. Thank you for your donations to support the aid efforts following the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. We will let you know how much we raised next week.

World Book Day

As you will be aware, we are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March. Our theme this year is **Dress to Impress**. Children can come dressed as their favourite character, author, or simply as a word, anything really goes!

As part of our focus on reading and getting the 'buzz' for reading going in school, we are inviting all children to take part in our Book Swap on Friday 3rd March. Children are invited to bring in a book they no longer want and will have the opportunity to swap it for a pre-loved 'new' book to take home and keep. Please only send in books you are happy for your child to give away.

Don't worry if you don't have a book to give away as we have a small collection of books remaining from the Christmas fair which we will add to the book swap books so everyone who wants to, will be able to take a book home.

St David's Day

We are inviting all children in St David's House to come to school in yellow on Wednesday 1st March.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher



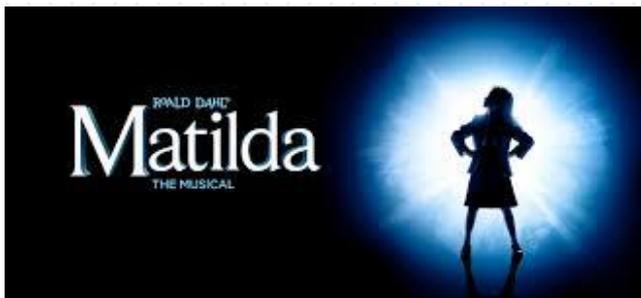
If English is not your first language, please do join us for our 'EAL' coffee mornings from 9 – 10am on Mondays in the school – come to the office. The group is run by Mrs Preisner - if you would like more information, please email her at ratiba.preisner@bristol-schools.uk

Events from 27th February 2023 (MENU week 3)

- Wed 1st March: St David's children to dress in yellow
- Thursday 2nd March: Teachers Strike Day – school closed
- Friday 3 March: World Book Day Dress to Impress
- Friday 3rd March: 3H Class Assembly (10:10am) Parents and carers of 3H are welcome
- Tuesday 7th March: Year 4-5 Netball Festival

Change to 3B Assembly date

Dear 3B Parents and Carers,
Please note that 3B's Class Assembly will now take place on **Friday 10th March at 10 am** and not on 17th March, as previously reported.
Many thanks
Ms Byrne



Drama Club

Monday & Thursday rehearsals: Please see the rehearsal schedule.

Catholic Life of the School – Supporting CAFOD’s Big Lent Walk!

As part of our Catholic Social Teaching about solidarity, this Lent we are supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country to help support our global neighbours.

To raise money, each class will spend 30 minutes walking around the school playground and MUGA (each lap is 200 metres) on Friday 24th March. Children will bring home a sponsorship form in advance of the event and there will be a reward for the class that raises the most money.

How our fundraising will help

CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, working together with people living in poverty in some of the most hard-to-reach places in the world.

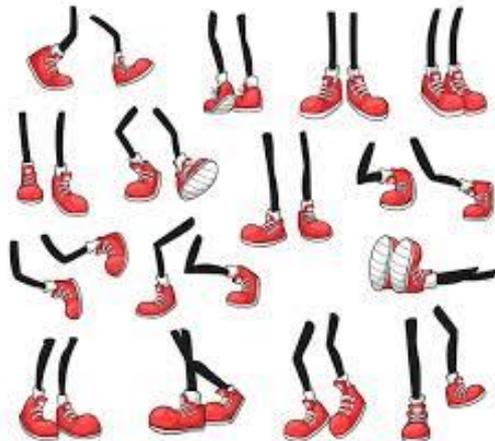
Our fundraising will support people like Dristy. She lives in a small village in Bangladesh – one of the most at-risk countries from the effects of the climate crisis. Dristy says that cyclones and floods are becoming more frequent for the people there.

Dristy’s mum, Rupali, works side by side with her, teaching her how to plant lots of different crops; how to build seed beds that won’t get flooded, what trees to plant to protect the village from cyclones; and how to use discarded household items to grow saplings.

Our fundraising will give more families like Dristy and Rupali’s the tools and training they need to grow in strength and fight the effects of the climate crisis.

We have chosen to support CAFOD as a way for our pupils to put their faith into action. By raising money together, we will be supporting our brothers and sisters around the world and living out our school mission, gospel themes and Catholic Social Teaching.

We really appreciate your support and hope that everyone has fun helping us raise money for CAFOD.



**Clubs and sports at St Bon's -
Week of 27th February 2023**

Drama	YES	Monday and Thursday KS2 (see above for details)
Sophie Morgan Football	YES - 3.15pm - 4.30pm YES - 3.15pm – 4.30pm	Mondays - Y2, & Y3 20 th Feb – 27 th March 6-week course - £24 Tuesdays - Y4, Y5 & Y6 21 st Feb – 28 th March 6-week course - £24 To book email: Coachingwithsophie@hotmail.com Clubs are open to all
Netball	Monday - 4.15pm finish YES, for Tuesday – 4.15pm finish	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Gymnastics	YES – 4.15pm finish	Tuesdays – Y4
Running club – 7.50am	YES	Wednesday mornings – all welcome
Mr Morgan football after school	YES – 4.30pm finish	Wednesdays - Y5 & 6 boys
Sophie Morgan Multisport	YES – 3.15pm -4.15pm	Weds – Reception, Y1 & Y2 22 nd Feb – 29 March 6-week course - £24 To book email: Coachingwithsophie@hotmail.com Clubs are open to all
Sophie Morgan Football	YES – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Thursday – Reception & Y1 23 rd Feb – 30 th March 6-week course - £24 To book email: Coachingwithsophie@hotmail.com Clubs are open to all
Circuits with Mr Morgan – 7.50am	YES	Thursdays – KS2
Tag Rugby	YES – 4.15pm finish	Thursdays - Y5 & 6
Badminton – 8am	YES	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Yoga	YES – 4.00pm finish	Fridays – Y1 <u>No Yoga Friday 24th February or 31st March</u>
Chess	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays – Y5 & 6
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays - Y5 & 6

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Running Club



Do you want to get fit and have fun at the same time!
Join us on Wednesday mornings at 7.50am.
Running/walking club
Children and adults are welcome.

LOOK OUT FOR: PARENTS EVENINGS

THURSDAY 23 AND TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2023

Please look out for an email which will be sent to all
parents on Saturday 4 March when online bookings open

PTFA News
www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers
Instagram - @stbonsptfa
Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

A massive thank you to everyone who joined us at the Ceilidh and got stuck into the dancing. It was such a laugh and everyone had a fantastic time! Keep an eye out for our next events and don't miss out on the next one.

Remember coming to our fundraisers means we can do more for our school. The new trim trail in the playground which is bringing so much joy wouldn't have happened without **you!**

Support The PTFA And Support Your School!

Here's how you can support the PTFA currently so we can fulfil the school wishlist and enrich your child's experience....

1. Be the new secretary

We are looking for a new secretary to be part of the committee. This involves duties such as preparing the agendas for PTFA meetings, writing and circulating the minutes from the meetings and ensuring the relevant licenses are in place for events. We're a friendly and supportive team so please do get in touch to find out more.

2. Disco Squad

The kids absolutely loved the discos. We need more help coordinating and running events. We'd love to get a disco squad together to run the next few discos as we know there are loads of great ideas out there to develop them. Why not talk to some friends to see if they'd be interested or put yourself forward, getting involved is an excellent and fun way of meeting new people within the school. Get in touch if you'd like to talk about it!

3. Donate good condition logo uniform to the school uniform shop.

We're looking for more uniform with the school logo in all sizes. If you have any unneeded uniform please leave it at the office and let Ellie know at ptfauniformrep@gmail.com so she knows to collect it.

4. Come to our meetings!

Next date: **Monday 27th March 8pm online** – this will be the **AGM** and it's really important we get at least **20 people** joining the meeting so we can vote in the committee otherwise we can't run! So please at a minimum put this date in your diary.

The minutes from the most recent meeting can be found in the news section of the website. Please take a minute to have a scroll through and find out more about what we've been up to.

www.stbonsptfa.com/news



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

It has been a busy couple of weeks at the Food Pantry. The shelves are nearly empty by the end of each day – a stark reminder of the hard times we are living through and the struggles many people have.

Your donations continue to be gratefully received and every item and cash donation, however big or small are helping people in need. Thank you for your ongoing support.

How can I help?

As well as cash donations, we are incredibly grateful for any food you can give.

Please DO donate:

- Oil
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned other fish
- Pesto/pasta sauces
- UHT milk
- Salt
- Sugar
- Flour
- Wraps
- Dried lentils
- Tinned tomatoes
- Pasta
- Rice

Please DO NOT donate:

- Fresh food – we have nowhere to store it
- Soups
- Vegan or meat meals
- Baked beans
- Tinned pulses
- Tinned veg
- Tinned fruit

Where do I leave food donations?

Please put **food donations** either in the **clear box labelled “Community Food Pantry Donation Box”** at the **back of the church** or in the **box outside the front door of the Presbytery**

How do I donate money?

COMMUNITY NEWS

Get fit for 2023

Let's get physical for 2023 at Mum-Dance, the totally 80s dance fitness class. Hilarious, effective routines to all your school disco favourites like Flash dance, Pump Up the Jam, MC Hammer, Yazz and more!

Live and kicking on Mondays 7.30 - 8.30pm in the school hall. Do 5,000 steps per class, get fit the fun way and get YOU back - Lycra optional! Book now at www.mum-dance.co.uk

JUST ROCK® Bristol is a music club for children (7-18) and adults (19+) in Redland. We offer group lessons in guitar, bass, drums and singing and the opportunity to perform regularly as part of a live band. Beginners are very welcome!

The 90-minute, weekly sessions are held on Mondays after school in Redland Church Hall, Redland Green Road, Bristol, BS6 7HE

Timings:

Juniors (7-11s) 4.15pm-5.45pm

Seniors (11-18s) 6.00pm-7.30pm

Adults (19+) 7.45pm-9.15pm

Our end of year gig will be held in July 2023 at The Fleece, Bristol.

To book, go to www.justrock.com/clubs and submit a 'Contact us' enquiry form.