



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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guided by the light of Christ

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy term, I would like to thank everyone for their support. We have had several offers of volunteering help from parents and carers for which we are very grateful. We can still use more help, so if this is something you would like to do, please email the office on the email address above.

I also wanted to give my thanks to Jamie Watson-Veale who has left our after school club to pursue an exciting new career in the RAF. Jamie will be much missed by parents and children alike.

Could I ask that, when you collect your children and then decide to visit the office after school, please ensure that your children remain with you. Earlier in the week about 5 children were left to run around the back of the kitchen/bin area and were dodging cars in the car park. When our caretaker asked them what they were doing, they said they were told they could do it and would not go back to their parent when told. For health and safety reasons, we must ask that you keep your children with you and that you do not use the staff car park.

Similarly, if you are staying on at school to see a class teacher for a short while then please ensure you are aware of your children's whereabouts. There have been times when children are left to run around the playground in and out of after school clubs (netball, etc) riding scooters and bikes. Richard had to inform one parent of her child's whereabouts which isn't how we would want to safeguard the children whilst they are on our premises.

I would like to wish everyone a restful half term and look forward to welcoming you back to Term 2 on Monday 30th October. Please remember that, if you have booked a flu vaccination for your child, these will take place on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st October in school time.

Best wishes,

Lucille Charles
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 30th October 2017 ([NEW MENU](#) no: 1)

Mon 30 th :	Flu vaccinations – morning only – pre-booked appointments only
Tues 31st:	Flu vaccinations – morning only – pre-booked appointments only
Weds 1 st :	All Saints Mass 9.15am in the Church – parents welcome NO FOOTBALL TRAINING
Thurs 2 nd :	Toy and book sale after school for Borderlands charity
Fri 3rd:	Guitar concert – parents welcome from 2.45pm

Events week commencing: Monday 6th November 2017 ([NEW MENU](#) no: 2)

Mon 6 th :	PTFA AGM – 9.00am in the DT room
Fri 10 th :	Violin concert – parents welcome from 2.45pm

PTFA needs new Chair Person by 6th November

As many of you may already know, the PTFA needs a new chair person in place by 6th November.

Without wanting to sound too dramatic, the fact remains that our PTFA is a charitable organisation and cannot legally be allowed to run without a chair. Committees are already in place for running this academic year's events but these events cannot happen unless someone steps forward as chair.

I and the rest of the PTFA will show you the ropes - with everything already set in motion, it's basically a case of leadership and delegation that's needed.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the last three years as chair, but it is time for me to step down and for someone new to step in. I will be stepping down on 6th November at the AGM - please think about it over half term and email me- Sophie.kidd3007@gmail.com if you would like to talk through any aspects of the role.

The role also lends itself to being shared between two people.

No chair, no fairs, no funds! Many thanks, Sophie Kidd

New school menu for next term

Our catering company Autograph have produced a new school dinner menu for Terms 2-4. On this occasion, they have not provided us with printed copies for parents, so this has been emailed out to all parents.

The menu is also available on our school website at [Parents / School meals, milk and snack / School meals and menu](#)

Lost property



We have an unusually large quantity of lost property in school at the moment. We try our best to return named items to classrooms, but this is becoming unworkable with the quantity of items we are having to deal with.

All lost property is kept in the large wooden box in the atrium (between Reception classes and year 1).

After half term we will be looking at instigating a new system which will result in a more regular disposal of unclaimed items.

Borderlands toy and book sale

Emily, Doreen and Miya in 4SA are doing a toy and book sale in aid of 'Borderlands' - the refugee drop in centre in Easton, on Thursday 2nd November, after school in the playground.

Please come along and help support them. If you would like to donate any toys/books (school age appropriate) please feel free to bring them along too.

Parents of children in RH

Do you have a child in RH? Are you on the class WhatsApp group?

If not, you are missing out on details of social events to get to know other parents, and useful reminders of school events. To be added to the list please email your contact details to Sarah at scbeale@gmail.com

Nits in school

Please can parents take the opportunity to check children's hair for nits during the holiday. Long hair needs to be tied up to try and prevent the spread of lice.

Drama

All parts have been allocated. Please think carefully about the part your child has been given and study the rehearsal timetable attached to this newsletter. All children in the cast will be asked to sign a contract to show commitment. Rehearsals on Monday 30th Oct will be from 3.15pm – 4.45pm.

CAFOD – wear bright colours day

Many thanks to all children and staff who dressed up in bright colours for CAFOD last Friday. We raised an amazing £360.20!



Your school STILL needs you!

As you will be aware, budgeting constraints are affecting many schools in our country, including ours. We would therefore really appreciate any voluntary help that parents and carers might be able to offer us.

We would particularly appreciate help in the following areas, but if you would like to offer other skills or time, please do let us know.

- Reading buddies (this can be from as little as 30 minutes per week)
- Support supervising games on the playground at lunchtime
 - Gardening club
 - Support in class.

Previous experience of working in school is not necessary – where training is needed, we can provide it.

Primary school applications for September 2018

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 you will need to apply for a school place for them by 15 January 2018 with the Local Authority.

Please visit www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions to apply.

If you wish to apply for a place at St Bonaventure's, we will need a copy of your child's Baptism certificate ONLY if your child has been baptised in the Roman Catholic church. No other documentation or form is needed.



Harvest collection

Many thanks to everyone who has donated dried and tinned foods for the Salvation Army collection. The goods have now been collected, so we are unable to accept any further donations.

Calling parents of girls



Is your daughter in Reception or Year 1? There are two successful Brownie packs which run from St Bonaventure's Parish Hall but both have waiting lists, so if your daughter might be interested in joining Brownies when she is in year 2 or above, please add her to the waiting list for 106th Brownies or 179th Brownies by visiting the Girlguiding website

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> or send us an e-mail at nwbristolbrownies@gmail.com to find out more

Brownies are the Girlguiding section for girls aged 7-10yrs. Girlguiding provides a girl-only space for girls to have fun and enjoy crafts, games, adventures, trips and sleepovers.

We are also looking for adult helpers to join our teams, so if you might be interested, please contact Sharon at nwbristolbrownies@gmail.com

KidZone Playscheme for October half term

KidZone Playscheme will be running during October half term. 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 23rd October – Friday 27th October

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 NEWS THIS WEEK – please see the table below for all club information

Team football: A big thank you to the Year 4 team on their amazing performances on Monday. They narrowly missed out on the knockout stage by one goal. Well done to everyone.

NO FOOTBALL TRAINING the first week back after half term.

Tag Rugby

There is a new tag rugby club starting for KS2 children on Thursday 2nd October after school 3.15 – 4.15pm.

It will run by Ben Santamaria. If you have already filled out a Club permission slip, your child has a place.

If you have not filled out a slip, but are interested please fill out a club slip and return it to the drop box.



Cross country

Congratulations to the 17 children who qualified for the County Finals On November 25th. Please get all reply slips back to the team manager asap.

Good luck to the runners taking part in the QEH cross country event today Friday 20th October.

Yoga

This will resume on Monday 30th Oct after half term in the school hall 7.50 – 8.30am. If you would like to attend please see Mrs McGrath. A letter is available from the office if you are interested.

Sport clubs for our parents

We are hoping to get all the parents /carers of our school just as fit as the children. There are early morning sports clubs available on every morning on the school premises;

Monday – Yoga (child and parent)

Tuesday – netball (ladies only)

Wednesday – running/walking club – all are welcome and Fit Triton, a boot- camp style class for adults run by Premier Sport.

Thursday – circuits – all are welcome

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 plimsolls/daps are also needed.

SPORTS & CLUBS LIST

Please check the school website or your email for news of club cancellations.

AFTER SCHOOL

YEARS 1 and 2

DANCE CLUB Rise: Fridays KS1 3.30-4.30pm	Fridays Rec – Yr 2
FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit www.premiersport.org or call Lee on 07917 18 7771.	Mondays Yrs 1-2
ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia: Held in St Francis Room. Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm – children are collected from their classrooms by Maria. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Tuesdays Yrs 1, 2 and 3
MULTI SPORTS CLUB Premier Sport: Wednesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm. This club is now FULL but a waiting list is running. We are hoping for another coach to join us.	Wednesdays Yrs 1 and 2

YEARS 3-6

CLUB FOOTBALL Mr Morgan: This club is for Years 4, 5 and 6.	Wednesdays Yrs 4, 5 and 6
DANCE CLUB Rise: Wednesdays KS2 3.30-4.30pm	Wednesdays Yrs 3-6
DRAMA Mrs McGrath: Mondays – please check finish time in main newsletter. This club is now FULL.	Mondays Yrs 3-6
FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit www.premiersport.org 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
ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia: Held in St Francis Room For years 4, 5 and 6 - Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm - children walk from their classrooms. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Mondays
KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews & Mrs Fox: 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 – will start 26 th Sept
JAGUAR MATHS CLUB Mrs Parry and Mr Harrison: This will start in term 2. Day to be confirmed.	From TERM 2
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 CLUB Ben Santamaria: Thursdays 3.15 – 4.15pm. Please complete a club permission slip if you are interested in your child joining this club. Those who have already filled out a slip have a place.	Thursdays

EARLY MORNING

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 Yr 3-6
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NETBALL FOR WOMEN: Tuesdays at 9.10am. All abilities welcome. £1 charge.	Tuesdays 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 CLUB 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 - Friday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3CG classroom. New members welcome!	Fridays Yr 3-6
STORY TIME CLUB Mrs Widdowson: 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.	Wednesdays from TERM 2 Reception only
CHAPLAINCY Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	Thursdays Yr 5-6
DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman: 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's classroom. 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. The club will start on Thursday 14th September – please come along to find out more!	Thursdays Yr 5-6
ORCHESTRA TBC Fridays 12.30pm. We are currently trying to find a teacher or parent to take on the running of orchestra. Please keep an eye on this section of the newsletter for updates.	TBC

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

- Veronika Valentova, a year one parent, is raising money to enable her to receive treatment in the USA for Lyme's disease. Please visit the link below to see her fundraising page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/veronika-valentova>

- It's not too late to sign up for the Act Up drama club next term which will start the first Tuesday back after half term and run until the 12th December. The club is for children between the ages of 5 and 8 and is on Tuesdays at 4.50pm in the school hall. You can email Sammi Cousins on actupdrama@hotmail.com or text 07801 417610 for more details.
- Local dance company, Ballet Bristol, is giving a gala performance on Saturday 21st October at 6.30pm at the Olympus Theatre, SGS Wise Campus, Filton. It starts quite early in the evening and tickets are reasonably priced, making it a great half term treat! Tickets cost £6/£9 and are on sale now at www.balletbristol.co.uk/gala2017

If you have any questions about the gala or would like to find out more about Ballet Bristol, please contact St Bon's mum Melanie at melanie_m_bunce@hotmail.com