



# ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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guided by the light of Christ

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those parents and carers who came to the parent information sessions this week. We hope you found them useful. If you were unable to attend, any presentation materials that were shown will be made available on the class pages of our website.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our Reception children in for their first week as full classes together. They will be staying with us for lunch as well.

Thank you very much to those of you who have responded to our call to action as regards volunteering in school – we would still appreciate expanding our list of volunteers, so please do let us know if you can offer any time at any point in the school day. This could be for as little as 30 minutes – even that can make a huge difference.

Today, a young child brought to my attention the fact that she had seen people parking in the drop off zone in the church car park. Could I remind everyone that this zone is literally for dropping children off – drivers should not leave the vehicle.

In the interests of clarity I would like to let all parents and carers know that sweets and other individual gifts are now banned from school on children's birthdays. We do appreciate that it is lovely to mark your child's birthday with their class mates, but are trying to encourage a healthy school and don't want parents to be burdened with having to buy gifts for 29 other children. If you would like your child to mark their birthday in school, we would suggest that you buy a book for the class library.

Finally, could I draw your attention to the PTFA requiring a new Chair from the end of October. Sophie Kidd has been doing a wonderful job for three years and is now ready to hand this role over to one or more parents. The role lends itself to being split, so please do contact Sophie if you are interested.

Best wishes,

*L. Charles*

Headteacher

**Events week commencing:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (MENU no: 1)

Reception pupils all in for mornings and lunch

<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>NEW PARENTS WELCOME COFFEE MORNING 9am</b>
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> :	Parents' evening (except 5P)
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Back to school disco (details below)</b>

**Events week commencing:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 (MENU no: 2)

Reception pupils start school full time

<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	<b>6D class assembly 2.45pm – parents welcome</b>
	Parents' evening 4-7pm
<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Reception parents information session 2.30 - 3.10pm</b>
<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Year 6 cake sale after school

## School staff car park

One of our kitchen staff had an alarming experience this week of a young child running out in front of her car in the staff car park.

PLEASE USE THE PAVEMENT when walking into school – the car park is for the use of vehicles at all times of day so please be aware that cars may be coming in and out of the school gates.

### Violin to lend or sell?

If you have a small violin that you would be willing to lend to the school, or would like to sell one, please let the school office know.

### Drama Club

Monday 25th September 3.30pm – 4.15pm. THIS CLUB IS NOW FULL. All those children who would like a part in the next production, please prepare a song for auditions on Monday. There will be plenty of chorus parts for those who would prefer not to be in the spotlight!

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## New parents welcome coffee morning – this Monday



New parents and carers are welcome to a coffee morning from 9am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September in the school hall. There will also be a second hand uniform stall and a chance to buy disco tickets.

## Kilve information evening – Year 5

Parents of children in year 5 who will be going on the Kilve trip, please note that there will be an information meeting on Thursday 19th October at 3.30pm. There will be childcare provided by two members of staff so that parents with younger children can also attend.

## ‘Back to School’ Disco – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

The 'Back to School' disco is next Friday 29th September, so come and join the fun! Please also volunteer via your class rep to help out for a half hour slot at the disco.



Reception & KS1 disco: 6pm-7.15pm  
KS2 disco: 7.30pm-9.00pm

Tickets are £2 each and will be on sale from Monday 25th September. Parents of new Reception children can buy them at the coffee morning on Monday morning and tickets will also be on sale in the playground after school.

### Please note for safety reasons:

- Reception/KS1 aged children cannot attend the KS2 disco and KS2 aged children cannot attend the Reception/KS1 disco.
- Children aged 2 and under attending the first disco do not need to pay, but you will still need to request a ticket for them so that we keep to the correct numbers attending.
- If an adult is attending both discos, they will need a ticket for both but will only have to pay for one of those tickets.

We can no longer accept the 'old' £1 coins so please don't bring these to pay for tickets. Thanks, The PTFA

## Parents of children in Year 6

If your child is now in Year 6, you will need to apply for secondary school by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. The way to do this is online – visit [www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions)

If you are applying to St Bede's please be aware that they have their own supplementary form which also needs to be submitted direct to St Bede's. The deadline for this is also 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please see their website for more details.

There is an open evening at **St Bede's** on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September between 6.30pm and 8.30pm.  
**Redland Green** has its open evening on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October between 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

## St Bon's Church – keep up to date!

If you would like to be kept up to date on a weekly basis with all the exciting things happening within the parish, please subscribe to the church's ENewsletter using this link via the new website:

<https://stbonsbristol.co.uk/news-events/latest-newsletter>



## Your school 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.

## The PTFA needs a new chair

After three years as chair of a very strong and friendly school PTFA, I will be stepping down in November.

There are already committee groups and leaders set up for many of the annual events, so the role would mainly be admin, delegation and overview. We also have a treasurer, cashier and secretary already in place.

With these positions/committees already in place it doesn't require an enormous amount of time but we do need a chair to fulfil our legal charity status - without a chair there can be no Christmas or summer fairs, discos, socials and most importantly no funds to provide essential facilities for your children.

Please, please volunteer - it would be very sad if our school and children could no longer benefit from our amazing events and funding.

Of course no-one would be left in the lurch and I and the rest of the PTFA would help with the understanding of the role and answer any queries.

Please contact me at [Sophie.kidd3007@gmail.com](mailto:Sophie.kidd3007@gmail.com) if you are interested and would like to volunteer and/or know more.

Many thanks, Sophie Kidd

## SPORTS

**Team Football:** there will be NO football practice on Wednesday after school next week due to Year 4 trials. Please return permission slips for Thursday's match by Monday at the latest.

### Swimming

The swimming time trials to pick the new swimming team will be held at the Dolphin Pool in Filton on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm. All those who put a slip in have now been allocated a race. Reminder letters have been sent home and all adult helper letters too. Many thanks to all those who volunteered to help. Please meet at the Dolphin pool in Filton at 3.15pm on Sunday.



**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.

**Help with sports 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 takes place on Mondays in the school hall 7.50 – 8.30am. If you would like to attend please see Mrs McGrath. Letters are available from the office.

**Netball**

This takes place on Tuesdays for Y5/6 and Thursdays for Y3/4 from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. All those who would like to take part need to fill in a club slip and hand it in to the drop box. Please see Mrs McGrath if you have any questions.

**Running/walking club**

Will resume on Wednesday mornings at 7.50am. 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.

All are welcome: any ability is catered for.

**Rugby**

We are hoping to start a new tag rugby club on Thursdays after school 3.15 – 4.15pm. All those who are interested need to fill in a club slip and return it to the drop box. The start date for this is not confirmed yet but we hope it will be after half term.

**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. This club is being run by RISE Dance Company and there will be a small charge. Letters about this have been sent home although there are spare ones in the office.

**Multisport club for Y2**

This is a new club for Y2 children on a Wednesday afterschool from 3.15pm – 4.30pm. Premier Sport will be running this club. Letters about this are available from the school.

**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 sports clubs available on most mornings 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

**Table tennis**

Good luck to the Y6 table tennis team who are taking part in a table tennis competition on Tuesday 26th September at Clifton College.

**Cross country for Yrs 3,4,5,6**

The next cross country competition is Tuesday 10th October at St Bede's school at 4pm. There will be trials next week to pick the teams for this competition. Please make sure you have your PE kit in school next week as the time of the trials is TBC.

## COMMUNITY SECTION

- The Bristol Steiner Academy will be hosting the attachment parenting event of the year on September 30th.

A day with the power to transform your parenting experience, APUK Live! will include talks on positive birth, consent-based education, active fathering, emotional resilience, childhood massage, the science & politics of sleep and positive discipline. Unique exhibitors will accompany poetry, improvised story-telling and Bristol's BYOB choir.

An amazing day for parents, professionals and carers of children of all ages. Use PROMO code: BONAVENTURE for special reduced tickets: [www.attachmentparenting.co.uk/conference/](http://www.attachmentparenting.co.uk/conference/)

- Little Hearts Toddler Group – Little Hearts runs every Wednesday morning during term time from 10am – 11.45am in the Newman Hall. We are a very friendly group with lots of toys to keep young and old amused and provide home-made cake as well as tea, coffee, biscuits and fruit for the little ones. Just £1 per family – please come along and say hello!

- **NEW - Act Up Drama Class**

Act Up is a new, fun-filled drama class for children aged 6-8 years old in Bristol run by former St Bon's teacher Sammi Cousins.

Sessions will be held on Monday evenings at 4.45pm-5.45pm at The Old Library, Eastville and include energetic games, exercises to build drama skills and exploring exciting themes.

First class starts on Monday 2nd October and the term will run for 12 weeks (no session during half term week). Each class is only £5 with 1 FREE session per child per term.

There are only 20 places available so please contact Sammi to confirm your child's place for the term.  
Phone: 07801 417610

Email: [actupdrama@hotmail.com](mailto:actupdrama@hotmail.com)

I look forward to welcoming your child to Act Up!

- 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](http://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](mailto:melanie_m_bunce@hotmail.com)

- Help sought to look after a St Bon's year 4 child one day a week after school, including pick up from school and take home (Westbury on Trym) and look after until return from work. Hours to be discussed and agreed.

Please contact Yvonne Griffiths on [yvonne.griffiths484@gmail.com](mailto:yvonne.griffiths484@gmail.com) for more information.

- **Mr Gotalot's Gotalot Shop: The Crystal Cheese**

The Timemaster has hidden Mr Gotalot's magical shop somewhere in time and space! Join Ms Barnet and Sidney the shop boy as they battle their way through history to bring Mr Gotalot - Back to the Future! A time travel adventure for the whole family. Tickets now on sale!

Sundays 24th September and 1st October 2017

10.30am, 1.00pm and 3.30pm

Kelvin Players Studio Theatre, Gloucester Road, BS7 8NY.

Tickets £7 each, £25 family of four, under 3s free, (booking fees apply).

Buy online at [www.monkeytrouserstheatre.com](http://www.monkeytrouserstheatre.com)

# 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 activities

### YEARS 1 and 2

<b>DANCE CLUB Rise:</b> Fridays KS1 3.30-4.30pm	Fridays Rec – Yr 2
<b>FOOTBALL Premier Sport:</b> Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit <a href="http://www.premiersport.org">www.premiersport.org</a> or call Lee on 07917 18 7771.	Mondays Yrs 1-2
<b>ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia:</b> 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

### YEARS 3-6

<b>CLUB FOOTBALL Mr Morgan:</b> This club is for Years 5 and 6.	Wednesdays Yrs 5 and 6
<b>DANCE CLUB Rise:</b> Wednesdays KS2 3.30-4.30pm	Wednesdays Yrs 3-6
<b>DRAMA Mrs McGrath:</b> Mondays 3.30-4.30pm This club is now FULL.	Mondays Yrs 3-6
<b>FOOTBALL Premier Sport:</b> Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit <a href="http://www.premiersport.org">www.premiersport.org</a> or call Lee on 07917 18 7771.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
<b>GYMNASTICS Bristol School of Gymnastics:</b> 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
<b>HOCKEY TBC:</b> We are hoping to run another Hockey club this year but we are currently without a coach. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for updates. Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Fridays TBC
<b>ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia:</b> 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
<b>KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews &amp; Mrs Fox:</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> Sept
<b>JAGUAR MATHS CLUB Mrs Parry and Mr Harrison:</b> This will start in term 2. Day to be confirmed.	From TERM 2
<b>NETBALL Mrs McGrath:</b> 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
<b>RUGBY CLUB TBC:</b> Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm. Please complete a club permission slip if you are interested in your child joining this club. This will be an expression of interest only at this stage.	Thursdays

## EARLY MORNING CLUBS

<b>CIRCUITS CLUB</b> <b>Ms Wynn:</b> 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
<b>NETBALL FOR WOMEN:</b> Tuesdays at 9.10am. All abilities welcome. £1 charge.	Tuesdays 9.10am
<b>RUNNING CLUB</b> <b>Mrs McGrath:</b> Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesdays 7.50am
<b>YOGA CLUB</b> <b>Ms Sus:</b> Mondays at 7.50-8.30am in the Hall. All abilities welcome including parents.	Mondays 7.50am Yrs 3-6

## LUNCH TIME CLUBS

<b>BIBLE DISCOVERY</b> <b>Miss Haime / Mrs Woolley:</b> 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
<b>CHOIR</b> <b>Miss Tudhope:</b> For years 1-6 - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 1-6
<b>STORY TIME CLUB</b> <b>Mrs Widdowson:</b> Wednesdays 12.45pm <b>RECEPTION children only</b> 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
<b>CHAPLAINCY</b> <b>Mrs Ballantine:</b> For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	Thursdays Yr 5-6
<b>DEBATING CLUB</b> <b>Mrs Addleman:</b> <b>DEBATING CLUB</b> <b>Mrs Addleman:</b> For years 5 and 6 - <b>Thursdays 1.15 – 1.50pm.</b> 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
<b>ORCHESTRA</b> <b>TBC</b> 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.