



Thursday 21st July 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support this year. For the first time in three years our children have completed a full school year without any interruptions due to Covid.

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered their time to help out at swimming, school trips, listening to children read, and accompanying children to sporting events. We are truly grateful and know that many of these events could not take place without your support.

Thank you to everyone who has taken an active role in our PTFA. This year has been a phenomenal year for our PTFA. You really go above and beyond and make a huge difference to our children.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff for their hard work. This year has been epic in terms of what we have all achieved and on behalf of all parents and carers I would like to thank all the staff for their commitment to hard work this year.

Leavers

Today we say goodbye to our Year 6 leavers at a Mass in the church. I am so proud of everything they have achieved and wish them lots of luck in their transition to secondary school. We also say goodbye to pupils who are relocating to new primary schools - good luck, we will miss you.



I'm sure you will join me in saying good luck to Mrs Williams who finishes today to go on maternity leave, Miss Newall who is taking a year's sabbatical, Miss Carter who is relocating, and Mrs Wilkes who is retiring. We will miss you all.

Good luck to Miss Gray who will be getting married over the summer. Marcello very kindly baked her a wedding cake!



EAL parent/carer group

This year, I was delighted to see the re-introduction of our parent support group for EAL parents. Tiba Preisner, LSA within the school, runs the group and meets with parents and carers for whom English is not their first language. The group is a source of support for parents and carers and I strongly encourage parents to give it a go.



Summer holiday work

Just a reminder that my summer homework presentation is available with the email that this newsletter came out with – get creative!

PE days term 1 2022

I will be emailing all parents and carers at the start of September to let you know which day(s) each year group has PE.

Next year children should come to school on their PE days dressed in their PE kit.

On all other days, children should come to school in their full uniform.

Any child attending a sporting after school club, on a day when they do not have PE, should bring their PE kit in a bag and get changed at the end of the school day.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and find time to rest and recharge with your families.

Best,

Mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events for the new school year:

Monday 5 th September:	First day back at school!
Wednesday 7 th September:	Y6 Lifeskills trip
Friday 9 th September:	Start of year Mass at Church @ 9.15am – parents welcome
Tuesday 13 th September:	Roald Dahl Dress up day – wear yellow Y1 parent information session @ 3.30pm Y2 parent information session @ 4pm
Weds 14 th September:	Y3 parent information session @ 3.30pm Y4 parent information session @ 4pm
Thurs 15 th September:	Y5 parent information session @ 3.30pm Y6 parent information session @ 4pm

Clubs and sports at St Bon's

We will be in touch during the first week back to let you know what clubs we will be running and when and how you can sign your children up to these. We will be making some changes, so please bear with us!

School uniform – second hand sale

Some local parishioners and residents are organising a second-hand uniform sale on Friday 26th August between 9am and 11am in the St Bon's church car park.

£1 donation per item if you're able.

Summer holiday meals – children eat for £1

Asda

Asda will be offering meals for children for £1 during the summer holidays, with no minimum adult spend. See this link for more details <https://corporate.asda.com/newsroom/2022/07/05/children-can-eat-for-just-1-at-asda-cafes-across-england-and-wales-this-summer-with-no-minimum-adult-spend>

Boston Tea Party

Whilst the summer holidays are great fun, feeding the kids all summer is no mean feat, so we are inviting parents, grandparents and anyone else who's looking after the kids this summer to come to Boston Tea Party where kids under 10 can eat for just £1 every weekday after 2pm*, from Thursday 21st July – Wednesday 31st August.

Our café is a spacious, relaxed environment perfect for all ages, with fun activities for the kids too.

You can find us at Boston Tea Party Gloucester Road, 293 Gloucester Road, Bristol, BS7 8PE.

Summer Playscheme bookings

PLEASE BOOK ASAP so that we can gauge numbers correctly. We are open from Monday 25th July - Friday 2nd September 2022 except for the August bank holiday.

ACTIVITIES

Each day will consist of planned craft activities, cookery, plenty of outdoor play and free play.

There will also be days where workshops or trips will take place, some will incur an additional small fee on top of the session cost. **If you have booked a day when there is a paid activity included, please make sure you make payment on School Gateway. The easiest way to see which dates have paid for activities is to look on the Paid activities club in School Gateway and select 'Make a Booking'.**

TIMINGS AND COSTS

Full Day Session - 8:30am - 6:00pm - £28.00 per session

Short Day Session - 10am - 4pm - £21.00 per session

Help needed with resources for Reception team

As summer is here, we know you may be starting to have a sort out at home. There are a few resources we try to replenish each year in school. If you have any of the following and are happy to donate them, we would love to use them here in school.

We are looking for:

- Baby dolls
- Baby doll and baby clothes
- Wooden cars
- Wooden play food
- Old purses and bags
- Old mobile phones
- Old keys
- Magnets
- Guttering
- Cable reels (with no nails in)

Scaffolding boards
Crates
Artificial grass cut offs
Carpet cut offs
Bottle tops

Natural resources such as:

Twigs
Stones
Conker's
Pine cones
Shells
Log slices
Corks
Cork mats
Compost/soil

Old Kitchen equipment (for our mud kitchen) NO GLASS:

Spoons
Spatula
Wooden spoons
Measuring spoons
Metal bowls
Metal jugs
Plastic measuring jugs
Tongs
Washing up bowls
Sponges

Many Thanks!

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

Summer Fair IOUs – a gentle reminder

We have emailed payment links to everyone who was unable to pay at the summer fair due to the Sumup problem. Thank you to those who have already paid.

Please check your inbox and junk/spam folder for these. We would be very grateful for prompt payment. If you believe you have a tab to pay but haven't received a link please contact the PTFA at ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

Shop and Support

Raise money for the PTFA while doing your shopping.

STICKINS

Need new name labels for next year? Using code 19021 at checkout and Stickins will donate to the PTFA.

AMAZON SMILE

Set up your Amazon Smile account and select St Bonaventure's PTFA as your chosen charity and every time you shop with Amazon the PTFA receives a donation.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Check if your chosen retailer is on Easyfundraising before shopping and if you click through Easyfundraising we will get a donation.

None of these options change the price you pay so please consider using them the next time you're shopping as an easy way to raise money without costing you a penny more.

Thoughts and Ideas

We're already making plans for next year and would love to hear your thoughts on what went well this year, suggestions for improvement and any ideas for next year.

Please email us at ptfa.stbons@gmail.com, message us through the website www.stbonsptfa.com or get in touch via social media.

We'd really love to hear from you so please do get in touch.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

How can I help?

We are incredibly grateful for anything you can give to the Pantry for our users to take away. Any amount at all is helpful, even one packet, box or bottle of something! Here are the items we're most in need of at the moment:

PLEASE DONATE:

Pasta
Pasta sauces
Rice
Custard
Rice pudding
Tinned Fruit
Sweetcorn
Tuna
Oil
Coffee
Washing up liquid
Kitchen roll
Tampons
Shampoo
Handwash
Shower gel
Deodorant

Please DO NOT donate:

Fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste)

Oats
Weetabix

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?

There is a "Food Pantry" button on the Donation Point inside the church if you would like to make monetary donations by card. Or you can give cash to Mgr Massey or put it in an envelope through Jenny Glester's door at 57 Egerton Road.

How do I donate my time?

If you'd like to get involved in the organisation of the Community Food Pantry, you can join our WhatsApp group by following this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Kq3UpC345FdDOPMnNwQfja>

Thank you all for your support!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Knitting Club at St Bon's church

St Bon's Church Knit and Natter

Group meets weekly each Wednesday 10 - 11.30 at the church. Cost £1.00 each session.

For further info please contact ann.pobjoy@blueyonder.co.uk

Chess Club

Current years 4, 5 & 6 children can join a junior chess club run by Peter Saunders, a CSC tutor.

The North Bristol Junior Chess Club runs every Monday from 6pm to 7.30pm in the Function Room at The Inn on the Green, 2 Filton Road, BS7 0PA. It will be available throughout the summer holidays and beyond, other than for a 2 week break in August. Email petersaundersis@gmail.com for further details.

There are other junior chess clubs affiliated to various Bristol & District Chess Clubs but this is only one I know of run by a CSC tutor.

Summer music schools

Bristol Beacon is proud to present two music summer schools that will be happening in August.

Week 1- 22nd -26th August – Music Factory

For students aged 8 - 13

This summer school will consist of a 5-day program aimed at students who have never played an instrument or who are beginners (below grade 1). The week will allow the students to try out multiple popular music instruments such as keyboard, drums, guitar, singing and rap (amongst others). At the end of the week, there will be a short performance to showcase what your children have learnt! We hope that this week will inspire your children to engage with school music lessons from September.

Week 2- 30th- 2nd September – Sound Safari

For students aged 11 - 16

This 4-day programme can either be booked as single days or the full 4 days! Each day will focus on a different genre of music, allowing students to experience a broad range of new musical styles from Latin to folk! This week is aimed at students who are already playing an instrument and are grade 3+.

Please email Elizabeth.connell@bristolbeacon.org or chloe.hann@bristolbeacon.org for more details.