



St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I must congratulate all the children and staff involved with the nativity performances this week. What a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas. We were joined by huge numbers of parents, friends and relatives too – thank you all for supporting your children in such a visible way.

Could I remind parents that, for children who walk to or from school on their own, it is always useful to discuss stranger danger with them on a regular basis. One of our pupils was upset today as he made his way into school - three boys were shouting at him. Although nothing happened, this child very sensibly told a member of staff on arrival at school what had happened. This advice from the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) is useful <http://www.ncpc.org/topics/violent-crime-and-personal-safety/strangers>

Finally, I would like to encourage you all to come along to the school Christmas Fair on Sunday from 2pm. Our PTFA work extremely hard to organise this for everyone's enjoyment so please do show your support by attending. The hampers in particular are looking spectacular!

Best wishes,

Lucille Charles
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 12th December 2016 (**MENU** no: 1)

SUNDAY 11th:	School Christmas Fair 2 – 4.30pm
Monday 12th:	Drama finishes at 5pm – whole cast needed
Tuesday 13th:	School Christmas Lunch!
Wednesday 14th:	KS2 Carol concert 7pm in the school playground
Thursday 15th:	
Friday 16th:	No violin or guitar lessons today Christmas mass 9am in St Bon's Church LAST DAY OF TERM!

School reopens on Wednesday 4th January (Tuesday 3rd is an INSET day)

Events week commencing: Wednesday 4th January 2017 (**MENU** no: 2)

Wednesday 4th:	Start of Term 3
Thursday 5th:	
Friday 6th:	

KS2 Carol Concert – new format

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, this year we are going to try out a new format for our Key Stage 2 carol concert. We have had some useful feedback from some of you and would like to provide a seating and wheelchair area at the front. Please let the office know if you or anyone accompanying you will need to make use of this facility.

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to help serve mulled wine and mince pies – we could still do with three or four helpers. Please let the office know if you can help.

The concert for children in years 3-6 will take place on
Wednesday 14th December at 7pm on the school playground.

St Bon's PTFA Christmas Fair



* 11th December 2016 2-4:30pm *

Many thanks to Ji-Han
and Bea in year 5
for designing our two lovely posters!

We still have a few tickets left to see Santa.
The Grotto has a new design this year and Santa is
bringing new presents – he is still as jolly as ever!



There are a lot of new stalls this year, with hot food provided by Biblos, a chance to have Christmas photos taken, traditional mulled wine, cakes, tombola, glitter tattoos, hair braiding and Christmas crafts. In addition we have a film room for kids where they can sit, relax and watch Disney.

The funds raised at the school fairs do contribute towards the facilities you see around you at school, so please do come along and support us! Many thanks and see you there for mulled wine and mince pies.

Christmas CD - update

The Christmas CDs should be with us any day. We will notify you when they arrive in school. You will need to collect your CD from the school office.

Drama Club

Whole cast needed
3.15pm – 5.00pm



Calling potential brass instrument pupils

Our brass teacher Mr Ellis has one or two spaces for beginners who would like to learn either the baritone or trombone. Please contact the school office if you are interested.
Thank you, Mrs Benians

Music lesson payments for Terms 3 and 4

Thank you to everyone who has already paid for Terms 3 and 4 music lessons. Please be aware that payment should ideally be received before the beginning of next term when lessons start. If you are unsure of your balance, please check with Mrs Benians in the school office.

Clubs and music next week

The following clubs have now finished for the term - netball (Tues and Thurs), Y2 multi sports, both gymnastics clubs, tag rugby.

Piano and brass lessons will take place as normal on Monday but guitar and violin have finished for the term.

After School and Breakfast Club Bookings Terms 3 and 4

If you have sent in a booking form for either After School or Breakfast Club, please check your child's account on School Gateway to make sure the sessions booked are correct. If they are NOT correct, please contact Penny Southgate in the office as soon as possible.



Christmas services at St Bonaventure's Church

Christmas Mass Times:

Saturday 24th December: 6pm and 12am (midnight) with Carols at 11.30pm

Sunday 25th December: 9.30am only (no evening Mass)

Christmas Nativity: please come and enjoy a celebration of Jesus' birth at our traditional Christmas Nativity Service on **Saturday 17th December** at 3pm. The event has been loved by hundreds of families over the years and this time we want to make it even bigger and allow for more families to attend who would not normally be able to as they are away from Bristol over Christmas. Children are encouraged to come dressed up in nativity costumes to join in with the service but that's not all! There will also be mulled wine, refreshments and mince pies after the service together with face painting, a lucky dip and a piñata! We really do hope that you will be able to make it and stay afterwards for our Christmas celebration!

Christmas Eve Mass: We have made Christmas Eve Mass earlier this year (6pm) and we invite children who have costumes made for the Nativity to wear them to this Mass to celebrate the arrival of Jesus. All are warmly welcome!

Win a Christmas Hamper: Fingers crossed you are one of the lucky ones to win a hamper at the School Fair this Sunday! If you aren't one of the lucky ones, fear not! There is still a chance to win a hamper at St Bon's Church. Raffle tickets are on sale after each weekend Mass or look out for Neta Roylance-Smith in the School playground and grab yourself a chance to win our amazing hamper filled with lovely goodies and a voucher for £50 from John Lewis! All proceeds will be going to the Church.

Lottery winners for September 2016

Please come and collect your winnings from the office!

£50.00	Sylvia Ibbotson
£25.00	J M Bailey
£10.00	Jim Wood
£5.00	Robert Banim
£5.00	Susie Carr
£5.00	Sylvia Ibbotson
£5.00	Antonia Layard

SPORTS

Football

NO football training next Wednesday. Mr Morgan wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas!

Clubs next week

The following clubs have now finished for the term - netball (Tues and Thurs), Y2 multi sports, both gymnastics clubs, tag rugby.

New early morning KS2 Yoga class

The early morning Yoga class will continue on Mondays from 7.50am to 8.30am. There is a small charge for this club. Letters about the new term will go home next week. Please see Mrs McGrath for more information.

Hockey

Well done to the hockey team who took part in a Hockey festival last Tuesday at Colston's. It was a very successful day with our team winning the competition against other local schools. Well-done girls.

Swim time trials

The next swim time trials will be Sunday 8th January. It is for KS2 children who can swim 50m. Letters about this have been sent home.

Tag Rugby Club

Thursday Tag Rugby club has now finished for the year. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more information about start dates in the New Year.

COMMUNITY SECTION

- Thank you to whoever returned Kaya M's scooter to the bike sheds this week – he is very glad to have it back but now has two!
- **Redland Green Choir** Christmas Concert Programme including A Ceremony of Carols (Benjamin Britten) Christmas Day (Holst), O Magnum Mysterium (Laurisdén) plus more. Saturday 10th December, 7.30pm at St Albans Church, Westbury Park, BS6 7NU. £8 (£6 con) under 16 free.
- Andrews Estate Agents on Gloucester Road is holding two **colouring and drawing competitions** to raise funds for Project 70 – a charity raising money to provide accommodation for young care leavers. There are prizes for the winner and runner up of the two competitions in two age categories and a raffle – all you need to do is print out one of the attachments, draw or colour in a picture and take it into the Andrews branch on Saturday 10th December.
- Mr Gotalot's Gotalot Shop: The Cheese Burglar!
Ms Barnet, the evil landlady, has lost her precious golden cheese. Whodunnit? Enter Detective Shirley Lock to help Mr Gotalot solve this perplexing case. A crazy crime caper from the original theatrical sitcom for families. Tickets now on sale!

Sundays 8th, 15th and 22nd January 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

- The running club Town and Country Harriers have teamed up with Avon Riding School to raise vital funds for the charity run centre with our annual Moorland Multi Terrain Races.

This year, alongside our usual 10k race for 16+ / Adults and our children's 1 mile race for 8 to 10 year olds, we will be doing a 2 mile race for 10 - 15 year olds and a dash around the arena for under 8's making 2017 fun for all the family. We will also be holding our cake sale for everyone to refuel after their run. Please see the flyer attached with this newsletter for details.

- One of our St Bon's families is looking for 2 bedroom accommodation as a matter of urgency. Please contact Sayo on 07714 464560 if you know of any accommodation which may be available.
- Xmas holiday courses @ Kings Tennis Clubs!
Dec 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th, 29 - 9am - 1pm
Please book online
<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ellyshearmancoaching/coaching/junior?programme=junior&timefrom=00%3a00%3a00&timeto=11%3a59%3a59&time=0%7c431990000000>

Contact Elly for more details: ellytennis.kings@hotmail.com

- **Babysitter available:** Hi, my name is Isobel Kealey. I am nearly 16 years old and live locally. I am in Year 11 at St Bede's and have sisters in years 6 and 4 at St Bon's. If you would like to get in touch call 07935 265362.


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. Terms 3 and 4 begin Tues 10 th and Thurs 12 th January 2017	Tuesdays Yr 2 Thursdays Yr 5-6
	DANCE CLUB Rise: Fridays at 3.15-4.30pm. Years 3-6. If you would like to join please see Mrs McGrath or fill out a club permission slip.	Fridays Yrs 3-6
	FOOTBALL Premier Sport: 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.	Mondays Yrs 1-2 Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
	HOCKEY Laura Coombs: New hockey club for years 3-6: Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm. Please see Mrs McGrath if you would like to join.	Fridays 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.	Mondays Yrs 3-6 Tuesdays Reception, Yrs 1 and 2
	TEAM FOOTBALL Mr Morgan: Team football training for those who have been selected: Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm	Wednesdays Yrs 5 & 6
	KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews & Mrs Fox: 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.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
	MATHS CLUB: Thursdays after school 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 3.15-4.15pm for Year 2.	Wednesdays Yr 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.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-4 & Thursdays 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.	Thursdays Yrs 3-6
	TAG RUGBY: New tag rugby club for years 3-6: Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm. This has now finished for the term – pls keep an eye on the newsletter for the new term start date.	Thursdays Yrs 3-6
	RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath: Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesdays 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!
	BOYS' CHOIR Mr Khanna: For boys only in years 3-6 - Monday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 5K classroom.
	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!
	DIGITAL LEADERS' CLUB: For year 6 pupils – Thursdays 12.15-1.00 in 1H classroom.
	ORCHESTRA: Fridays 12.30pm. New members are very welcome, please contact Mr Khanna max.khanna@bristol-schools.uk for more info if your child is interested.

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.