



# St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Children in our Chaplaincy team have written a prayer of reflection on Harvest which I wanted to share with you all. Again, my thanks for your generosity in donating goods and money. The prayer from the children is:

"Dear Loving Father,  
Thank you for all the things you've given us.  
Bless all the people in the school who donated food to the Salvation Army this Harvest.  
Bless all the people who work for organisations who help people in need.  
We thank you for all the food we have.  
Help us to remember to share what we have with others.  
Amen."

Our parents' evening this week was extremely well attended – thank you to all parents and carers who attended and give us such positive feedback. My thanks also to all the class teachers and LSAs who put so much effort into ensuring that our children are working to their potential.

A big well done to all our cross country runners who won the event at St Bede's on Tuesday this week.

I was also delighted to hear that our very own Flynn Johnson in class 5K won 1<sup>st</sup> place for his poetry at the Unique Art Awards which were held in London earlier this week. Well done!

Finally, I would like to wish all members of our school community a very restful half term. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November for the start of Term 2.

Best wishes,

*Lucille Charles*  
Headteacher

**Events week commencing: TUES 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 (NEW MENU no: 1)**

<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup>:</b>	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED TODAY</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	New year 2 multi sports club starts – see letter
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	Tag Rugby club starts today (years 3-6)
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Guitar concert 2.45pm
	Hockey club starts today (years 3-6)

**Events week commencing: Monday 7th November 2016 (NEW MENU no: 2)**

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup>:</b>	New yoga class 7.50am parents and children years 3-6
	Drama – whole cast – 4.45pm finish
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Year 2 parents' curriculum information session 3.30 – 4.30pm
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Violin concert at 2.45pm – parents welcome
	Deadline for WEBox shoe boxes for Albania
	St Bon's parish church quiz night – School Hall starting 7pm

## Secondary school application deadline

For all parents of children in year 6: the closing date for transfers to Year 7 in September 2017 is 31st October 2016. Please make an application to the Local Authority where you live. You may apply for schools inside and outside your Local Authority area.

Your home Local Authority is the Local Authority to which you pay your Council Tax.

It is quick and easy to apply on-line – just use the following link:

[www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)



### **Congratulations to Flynn!**

Flynn was selected as a finalist at the inaugural Unique Art Awards 2016. The award dinner & presentations were held in Kensington, London on Monday night where Flynn was awarded 1st prize - Gold Award in the Child (7-15yrs) poetry section for his poem entitled "My World".

Obviously we are all very very proud of him!!! Julie (Johnson)

An extract of the poem is below. Well done from everyone at St Bon's!

"The sun is painting  
the earth yellow and  
waking everyone up  
it is a thirsty elephant  
with golden eyes  
drinking all the water  
from the land."

### **Year 2 parents – curriculum information session**

There will be an informal curriculum information session for Year 2 parents on Thursday 10th November from 3.30 - 4.30pm to talk about what we have been teaching in Year 2 and how you can help your child with maths, grammar and spelling at home. This will be the first of our regular update sessions for Year 2 parents.

Stephanie Woolley and Lauren Tudhope

### **One off payments – REMINDER**

Many thanks to all those parents who have already paid for their child's annual one off payment. Please do remember that you can pay in instalments of your choosing, either on School Gateway or by cash or cheque.

The final deadline is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

The list of payments for each year group is below. You can also visit the Payments to School section under the Parents and Community tab where the amounts and original letters are included.

Year R - £20.00

Year 1 - £32.70

Year 2 - £52.50

Year 3 - £77.00

Year 4 - £53.00

Year 5 - £74.00 (not including Kilve Court)

Year 6 - £68.00 (not including Kintbury retreat or PGL camp)

## Head lice

Please can you all check your children's hair at the start of holiday to ensure that if they are harbouring any unwanted guests that you have the opportunity to evict said guests and be nit free before returning to school next term!

Let's make term 2 a non-itchy one!

Many thanks for your support.

## Christmas shoe box appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who has collected a box to fill for the WEBox appeal. 150 boxes have been collected by parents and children which is fantastic. The contents needed are:

**W** - something to **Wash** with. Soap, flannel, toothbrush and/or paste.

**E** - something **Educational**. Pens, pencils, notepad, crayons.

**B** - a **Bar** of chocolate or Bag of sweets.

**O** - something to put **On**. Hat, scarf, gloves.

**X** - something **eXciting**. A small toy that a child would like to receive.

The completed boxes will be driven to Albania and distributed to children in need. Our boxes will be collected on **Friday 11th November**: please note that any boxes sent in after this date cannot be sent.

With very big thanks, Mrs Ballantine

### KS2 Boys' choir

Mr Khanna is launching a new boys only choir for years 3-6. The choir is meeting on Monday lunchtimes in 5K. Please encourage your boys to give it a try!

### Drama

This club is now full.  
Monday 7th Nov 3.15 – 4.45pm whole cast needed

## Diocese appeal for Foundation Governors

The diocese is looking to recruit more Foundation Governors for our Catholic schools. Foundation Governors are essential in protecting and developing the Catholic ethos of the Church's schools.

They also hold head teachers to account, recruit senior leadership, manage the school's admissions criteria and set the school's budget.

There are only two criteria for being a Foundation Governor:

- You must be over 18
- You must be a practising Catholic

If you are interested, please contact Bill McEntee [bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) 0117 9025599 or visit the diocesan website: [www.schools.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.schools.cliftondiocese.com)



## **St Bon's Community Quiz Night**

The Inaugural St Bon's Community Quiz will be taking place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November in the School Hall from 7pm with the Quiz starting promptly at 7.30pm. There will be a bar selling wine/beer/crisps and a raffle. Tickets will be on sale shortly via the Parish Office at £10 per team (maximum of 6 people per team) or £2 per person.

If you can't make up a team, don't worry - we'll sort you out with some brainboxes on the night! If anyone is interested in helping with this event, please contact the Parish Office. A poster advertising the event is also attached with the newsletter email.

## **Ladies back to netball**

Fancy a bit of a run around once you've dropped the children off at school? Then please come and join us for some netball on Tuesdays from 9-10am on the School playground. The session is run for women by Sue Andersen, Netball Development Community Coach for England Netball.

Please don't worry if you haven't played for years or haven't ever played, the aim is just to have fun and all are very welcome. All you need to do is bring a drink and wear comfortable exercise clothes/trainers and join in for a bargain £1 per session (free if it's your first time!) No commitment necessary just come along when you can. For more details, speak to Mrs McGrath or better still meet us in the playground one Tuesday and have a go!

## **SPORTS**

### **Football**

Training as normal for the football team first Wednesday back after half term.

### **New Dance club**

There is a new dance club starting after school on Fridays 3.15pm – 4.30pm for KS2 children (Y3 to Y6). see Mrs McGrath for more information.

### **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 daps are also needed.

### **KS2 Hockey club**

The new year 3-6 hockey club is due to start on Friday 4th November. All those who are interested need a letter. Please see Mrs McGrath for more details.

### **KS2 Rugby club**

The new year 3-6 Tag Rugby club is due to start on Thursday 3rd November, 3.15- 4.30pm. All those who have filled in a club slip can attend. Please see Mrs McGrath for more details.

### **Year 2 multi-sport club**

There is a new Y2 multisport club starting on Wednesdays after school, which will be run by Premier Sport. The first session is Wednesday 2nd November 3.15-4.15pm. All those who are interested need to reply to the letter handed out today. Children will need to meet at the changing rooms at 3.15pm and will then be accompanied to the hall. Parents can collect their child from the reception area at 4.15pm. Only those who have filled out a reply slip (sent home with children today) can attend this club.

### **New early morning yoga class (years 3-6)**

There is a new early morning Yoga class for children and parents (years 3-6) starting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 7.50am to 8.30am. There is a small charge for this club. Details are on the letter that was emailed to KS2 parents earlier this week. A copy is also attached to this email. Please see Mrs McGrath for more information.

### Daily Mile

All classes have been taking part in the 'Daily Mile' programme over the last 2 weeks. We are hoping to get our children fit and see if this daily exercise helps with fitness levels and also improved concentration.

### Cross country

Well done to the teams who took part in the cross country event last Tuesday at St Bede's School. They came first overall which is an amazing achievement as they competed against lots of schools. We have some brilliant long distance runners at St Bon's!

## COMMUNITY SECTION


- We are looking for after school childcare on a Wednesday and Thursday until around 4.30pm. We are happy to hear from anyone aged 16 and over. It will involve collecting from St Bon's and walking to our home in Durdham Park. If you would like to find out more, please contact Jo on 07968 800334 or email [joannadoel@hotmail.com](mailto:joannadoel@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.
- We are starting a new **Chatterbooks** group for 8-10 year olds at Henleaze Library on the second Saturday of each month from 10.30am – 11.30am. The next meeting is on Sat 12th November. If any of your Key Stage 2 children are interested please can they book a place by contacting Henleaze Library.
- Are you looking for free children's activities during October? Local children's publisher Book Island is organising a fun **picture book hunt** on Gloucester Road. Join their picture book trail and you could WIN A SET OF PICTURE BOOKS (worth £60) for yourself AND an additional one for your school. For more information about the trail and a downloadable answer sheet visit: [www.bookisland.co.uk](http://www.bookisland.co.uk).
- Two young female guinea pigs, with cage and all equipment, free to a good home. We had them for about 4 months but my daughter developed an allergy, so we are now looking to re-home them.

The guinea pigs are of the fluffy variety – they are very cute, white and light brown, and are nice to hold and cuddle (they don't bite). If you are interested, please contact me at [antoniasilvestri@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:antoniasilvestri@blueyonder.co.uk) or 07798 652 635. Thanks, Antonia (mum of Alessia Cook 3W)


# 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

	<b>AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS CLUB</b> <b>Bristol School of Gymnastics:</b> 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.	Tuesdays Yr 2 Thursdays Yr 5-6
	<b>DANCE CLUB</b> <b>Rise:</b> Fridays at 3.15-4.30pm. Years 3-6. If you would like to join please see Mrs McGrath to reserve your place or fill out a club permission slip.	Fridays Yrs 3-6
	<b>FOOTBALL</b> <b>Premier Sport:</b> Starts w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept: Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm; Tuesdays Year 3-6 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. Places are limited.	Mondays Yrs 1-2  Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
	<b>HOCKEY</b> <b>Laura Coombs:</b> New hockey club for years 3-6: Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm. Please see Mrs McGrath if you haven't already had a letter and would like one.	Fridays Yrs 3-6
	<b>ITALIAN CLUB</b> <b>Maria Maniglia:</b> Held in the Music/Languages Room <b>For years 3, 4, 5 and 6</b> - Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm - children walk from their classrooms. <b>For years 1 and 2</b> - 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
	<b>TEAM FOOTBALL</b> <b>Mr Morgan:</b> Team football training for those who have been selected: Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm	Wednesdays Yrs 5 & 6
	<b>KNITTING CLUB</b> <b>Mrs Andrews &amp; Mrs Fox:</b> Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm in 3W classroom. This club is <b>NOW FULL</b> . Please fill out a club permission slip to be added to the waiting list.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
	<b>MATHS CLUB:</b> 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
	<b>MULTI SPORTS CLUB</b> <b>Premier Sport:</b> Wednesdays after school 3.15-4.15pm for Year 2. Please see the letter which has been sent home today from Mrs McGrath. Reply slips need to be returned on first day back after half term please.	Wednesdays Yr 2
	<b>NETBALL</b> <b>Mrs McGrath:</b> 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
	<b>ARCHERY CLUB</b> <b>Premier Sport:</b> Years 3-6 Thursdays 3.30 to 4.30pm. To book please visit <a href="http://www.premiersport.org">www.premiersport.org</a> or call Lee on 07917 18 7771. Places are limited.	Thursdays Yrs 3-6
	<b>TAG RUGBY:</b> New tag rugby club for years 3-6: Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm. All those who have filled out a club permission slip have a place. Please see Mrs McGrath if you are interested and have not returned a slip.	Thursdays Yrs 3-6
	<b>RUNNING CLUB</b> <b>Mrs McGrath:</b> Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesdays 7.50am

## 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.
	<b>CHAPLAINCY</b> <b>Mrs Ballantine:</b> For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes fortnightly 12.15 - 12.45pm.

	<b>CHOIR Mrs Williams:</b> For years 3-6 boys and girls - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3W classroom. New members welcome!
	<b>CHOIR Miss Tudhope:</b> 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!
	<b>BOYS' CHOIR Mr Khanna:</b> For boys only in years 3-6 - Monday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 5K classroom.
	<b>DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman:</b> 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!
	<b>DIGITAL LEADERS' CLUB:</b> For year 6 pupils – Thursdays 12.15-1.00 in 1H classroom.
	<b>ORCHESTRA:</b> Fridays 12.30pm.  New members are very welcome, please contact Mr Khanna <a href="mailto:max.khanna@bristol-schools.uk">max.khanna@bristol-schools.uk</a> 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.