



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

*This is the prayer that we share with the children in our ethos assemblies.*

***Dear God,  
Thank you for helping us to be the best we can be.  
Help us all to make our school a calm,  
safe and happy place where we can all learn and  
play together, support each other and build  
your kingdom at St Bonaventure's.  
Amen.***

These few weeks are a really busy time in school leading up to Christmas. Children in FS and KS1 are busy rehearsing their nativity performances and KS2 classes have started to practise for their carol concert. In between rehearsals, the children are continuing to work really hard in class and, apart from in the Hall where rehearsals are going on, there is a calm, productive atmosphere around the school.

Next week is our first STEAM day of the year when children in every year group will be building bridges as part of our 'Love your Neighbour' topic. We will have an assembly at the end of the day to celebrate the work they have been doing and we hope to share some photos with you in next week's newsletter.

We are in the last few weeks of our Love thy Neighbour theme and the children will be thinking about class projects to show love for others including those in our local community as well as more distant neighbours around the world. Thank you to the pupils who made and sold cakes this week for Young Lives vs Cancer.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that we have appointed a teacher for 2T to cover Miss Tudhope's maternity leave. Mr Tom Henley is due to start with us on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December and will spend the last two weeks of term 2 in post, working alongside Miss Tudhope getting to know the children.

Work starts next week on the redevelopment of the area at the back of the school where the old pond is. This will provide a wetland and forest school area which will be fully accessible and will enhance the curriculum. It will also be a space where pupils can gather around a fire pit and share time together outside.

Our long-standing caretaker Ken became unwell at half term and hasn't been able to return to work. We are very much hoping to see him back with us soon and send him our best wishes.

The school and Governing Body would like to express our condolences to the family of Mrs Pat Parry, who died last week. Pat was once a member of our teaching staff and a parent at the school too. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Finally, thank you to everyone who completed the survey ahead of any changes being made to our anti-bullying policy. I appreciate your input on this. Once the new policy is available, it will be published on our website.

Best,

*Mrs Ballantine*

Sarah Ballantine  
Headteacher

## Events from 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 (NEW MENU week 1)

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: Retreat at Kintbury for year 6 – returning on Friday

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November: Children in St Andrew's House wear blue home clothes to school

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> and Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Bikeability Level 1

Please note the cake sale scheduled for Weds 30<sup>th</sup> November has been postponed to the new year.

### Drama Club next week

Monday's rehearsal is for the whole cast and will finish at 4.30pm.

You will be informed if your child is needed for Thursday's rehearsal. If you do not hear anything from us, please assume that your child is not required.

### Clubs and sports at St Bon's

#### Week of 21st November

Drama	YES	Monday and Thursday KS2 (see above for details)
Premier Sport Football	YES – 4.30pm finish	Mondays - Y1, Y2, Y3 Tuesdays - Y4, Y5 Y6
Netball	YES – 4.15pm finish	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Art with Miss Howard and Mrs Chakraverty	YES – LUNCHTIMES	Mondays – Reception, Y1 and Y2
Gymnastics	YES – 4.15pm finish	Tuesdays – Y3
Running club – 7.50am	YES	Wednesday mornings – all welcome
Mr Morgan after school	<b>NO – Mr Morgan is on year 6 camp this week</b>	Wednesdays - Y5 & 6
Circuits with Mr Morgan – 7.50am	<b>NO – Mr Morgan is on year 6 camp this week</b>	Thursdays – all welcome
Tag Rugby	<b>NO – Mr Morgan is on year 6 camp this week</b>	Thursdays - Y5 & 6
Badminton – 8am	<b>NO – Mrs Ballantine at a conference</b>	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Yoga	YES – 4pm finish	Fridays – Y1
Chess	<b>NO</b>	Fridays – Y5 & 6

Premier Sport Hockey	YES – 4.30pm finish	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays - Y5 & 6

### Boys' football team success

Well done to the boys' football team who, coached by Mr Morgan, won a recent tournament at St Bede's. North Bristol Champions - congratulations!



### First Holy Communion – June 2023

If your child is in year 3 and above, and you wish for them to make their 1st Holy Communion in St Bon's church, please fill out the online form available on the parish website <https://stbonsbristol.com/sacraments/>

The preparation programme will start in January (dates and times TBC) with the 1st Holy Communion taking place on 3rd June and 10th June 2023. If you have any questions about 1HC, please contact the Parish office on 0117 942 4448 or [bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com)

### Cake sale this week

Thank you to everyone who bought cakes from the cake sale organised by year 6 children in aid of Young Lives Versus Cancer. The next sale will now be in the New Year.





### Charity walk – year 6 pupil



On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, Kei in Y6 is joining Bob Perry's WMUK fan dance in the Brecon Beacons, a 22 km march up to Pen Y Fan and down twice, to help support the WMUK Charity.

WMUK is the only charity in the UK focused solely on Waldenstrom's macroglobulinaemia (WM), a rare type of blood cancer. Its goal is to improve the quality of life and survival of people with WM by providing support, and ultimately finding a cure.

Please help Kei raise funds for WMUK, by donating and putting a message up for Kei on the following Justgiving page:

[Robert PERRY is fundraising for WMUK \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Robert-Perry/Waldenstroms-macroglobulinaemia)

### Lion King DVD - refunds

If you paid for a DVD, please would you come to the office to collect your refund before the end of term 2.

Any money remaining at the end of Term 2 will be put towards the fund for future drama productions.

## Reception places for September 2023



Just a reminder that we are currently running Open Days for parents who will be applying for a Reception place for September 2023. Book on to a tour with the office if you feel this would be helpful.

If you are applying on faith grounds, we will need a copy of your child's Catholic baptism certificate please. You can bring in the original to be copied in the office or email us a copy. We will provide you with a dated receipt.

The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### PTFA News

[www.stbonsptfa.com](http://www.stbonsptfa.com)

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – [ptfa.stbons@gmail.com](mailto:ptfa.stbons@gmail.com)

#### ▲ St Bon's Christmas Fair 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2-5pm!

Kick off the festive season in style! Join us for a fun filled family afternoon; games, music, bouncy castle, delicious food and drink, amazing prizes and of course a chance to visit Santa himself!

▲ **Tickets:** Tickets for entry and Santa's Grotto are available online from this evening (18<sup>th</sup> Nov). Simply go to: [Events | St Bons PTFA](#). Don't miss out – Grotto slots are limited!

▲ **Auction:** Not going to make it?? No problem, we are excited to announce our AMAZING online auction where you can bid as much or as little as you like to win prizes including:

- ✍ Bristol Bears rugby top signed by the current team!
- ✍ Signed cricket tops by local and international players!
  - ✍ Family trip to Longleat!
  - ✍ Family trip to Bristol City match!
  - ✍ Surf lessons at The Wave!
  - ✍ Steam railway trips!
- ✍ Vouchers for top restaurants, hairdressers, beauticians and more.....

You might win a bargain! Ideal for Christmas gifts and it's open to anyone! So please let your family, friends, colleagues know!

Please refer to your class reps or the previously emailed 'Christmas Fair info sheet' for detailed information on everything fair related. In summary:

▲ **Class Hampers:** if you are donating to your class hamper please bring in your items to school or hand to your class rep!

- ▲ **Stall Volunteers:** coming to the fair? Help out and have fun by signing up to your class stall!
- ▲ **Things to bring in:** week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> Nov, you can contribute by donating pre-loved teddies, kids books, Christmas jumpers, bottles for the bottle stall and filling up goodie bag envelopes!
- ▲ **Sponsorship:** do you know a business that would be able to sponsor our fair? We are open to amounts and in return will publicise sponsors via our channels in the runup and during the fair. Email us if so!

 **Ceilidh – new date Fri 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Tickets available NOW online. We are excited to have fantastic live band, Jiggerty, joining us! They provide a 'caller' who will guide you through some basic but fun set dances. No experience needed! Followed by disco (let us know your requests!)

<https://www.stbonsptfa.com/events-1/ceilidh-barn-dance>

 **Uniform Shop**

If anyone has any outgrown St Bons school jumpers, cardigans or polo shirts (of any size) in **good condition** please could the PTFA have them for our pre loved uniform stock? We are running particularly low on these items and would love to be able to pass them to others in the school. Unfortunately, we can't take any trousers, shorts or skirts but would love jumpers, cardis and polo shirts if you have them! Thanks in advance, Ellie (PTFA uniform rep). [ptfauniformrep@gmail.com](mailto:ptfauniformrep@gmail.com)

 **Join the Committee!**

We're looking for a **new secretary** to take over when our current secretary steps down later this year. Full handover will be given and Lu would be happy to support the incoming volunteer while they find their feet. If you'd like more info on the role please get in touch.

## Community Food Pantry update



Thank you so much to all those who are continuing to support the Community Food Pantry. We know that times are getting tough - for *all* of us, not just those who use the Pantry. We are always grateful for any monetary donations alongside food donations (see our list below).

If you feel you could spare some cash to help with the weekly shopping trips, please pop it in an envelope and through the door of 57 Egerton Road. We're currently working on setting up a bank account so you'll soon be able to donate electronically.

We are often asked if we accept fresh food in the Pantry. We don't - but there is a new charity called Family Food Action who are providing free fresh food to those in need. You can donate fresh fruit and vegetables to Family Food Action in the specially-labelled box at the back of St Bonaventures Church on SUNDAYS ONLY. You can also donate food in the box outside number 90 Egerton Road on MONDAYS ONLY.

**How can I help?**

As well as cash donations, we are incredibly grateful for any food you can give. 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:

Oil  
Tuna  
Pasta  
Rice  
Washing Up Liquid  
Sanitary Towels  
Deodorant  
Shaving foam  
Toothpaste  
Sugar  
Biscuits  
Baked Beans  
Passata  
Tinned tomatoes

**Please DO NOT donate:**

**Fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste - but Family Food Action can take it)**  
**Tinned soup (it doesn't get taken)**

**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

**Santas on the Run** is a 2k festive fun run where you can walk, jog or run the route, all whilst raising vital funds for Children's Hospice South West. We're very excited that this year, Santas on the Run is being held on the grounds of our Charlton Farm Hospice in Wraxall - it's the first time we have held the event on site and hope you agree that it's going to be our most scenic Santas yet! The run starts at 11.00am, and there will be an event village to enjoy from 10am before the run starts. Santas on the Run is for all ages, so why not sign up the whole family for a festive morning out?!

Adults (16+) are £12, children aged 3 – 15 are £9, and children two and under are free! Sign up today at [Santas on the Run Bristol 2022 | Childrens Hospice South West \(chsw.org.uk\)](https://www.chsw.org.uk)

Festive fancy dress is highly encouraged, and there will be music on the morning to get you in the mood, along with entertainment on the route.

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### Parent moving to Shirehampton

Hello, I wondered if any families living in Shirehampton would like to get in touch to discuss possible sharing of the school drops off and a general chat as we are thinking about moving over to the area but don't know any families there.

We would be driving through Shirehampton Road, so any families in Coombe Dingle or Sea Mills, also interested in school drop offs, please get in touch on 07738 657283. Thank you.

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Brownies is about trying new things that teach girls aged seven to 10 about themselves, their community and their world.

Brownies introduces girls to a world of new opportunities, challenges and fun. Girls go along to holidays, day trips and sleepovers. They get together with their friends at regular meetings where they learn new hobbies, get creative, develop skills and have outdoor adventures.

As well as trying activities in their meetings, girls choose from interest badges related to things they want to know more about.

**Spaces are currently available** at 106th Brownies who meet at St Bonaventure's Parish Hall. Visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> to sign up.

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JUST ROCK® Bristol is a music club for children (7-18) and adults (19+) in Redland. We offer group lessons in guitar, bass, drums and singing and the opportunity to perform regularly as part of a live band. Beginners are very welcome!

The 90-minute, weekly sessions are held on Mondays after school in Redland Church Hall, Redland Green Road, Bristol, BS6 7HE

Timings:

Juniors (7-11s) 4.15pm-5.45pm

Seniors (11-18s) 6.00pm-7.30pm

Adults (19+) 7.45pm-9.15pm

Our end of year gig will be held in July 2023 at The Fleece, Bristol.

To book, go to [www.justrock.com/clubs](http://www.justrock.com/clubs) and submit a 'Contact us' enquiry form.