



# ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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guided by the light of Christ

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I hope everyone had a restful half term and that you are all geared up for the excitement of Term 2!

I would like to draw your attention to the sad news that Mrs Andrews will be leaving us at the end of November. More details are below, but I know our school community will want to say a big thank you for her invaluable contribution to our school life over the last 28 years.

I am delighted in this issue to be able to include news from Father Tom about what is happening in the Church between now and Christmas. This will be a termly feature of our newsletter and I will be including a termly update in the Church newsletter about what we are doing in school. Both our school and church communities are very important to each other, so we thought this would be a good way of keeping everyone up to date.

We have a lot of events and activities taking place between now and the end of term so please do keep a close eye on the school calendar on the website and in the newsletter where we always try to include dates and information about forthcoming events.

Best wishes,

*Lucille Charles*  
Headteacher

**Events week commencing:** Mon 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (NEW MENU week 2)

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> :** Open day for Reception 2019 applicants

**Weds 14<sup>th</sup> :** Percy Smith swimming gala 7.30pm

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> :** 5P class assembly 2.45pm – parents welcome  
Open day for Reception 2019 applicants

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup>:** Guitar concert 2.45pm – parents welcome  
Children in Need : non uniform day for £1  
Cake sale after school – organised by pupils

**Events week commencing:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (NEW MENU week 3)

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> :** Brass concert 2.45pm – parents welcome

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> :** Year 5/6 sportshall activities 3.30pm

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Year 4 cake sale after school

## Parenting Spotlight

### Role modelling for our children

**“Children are great imitators ... Give them something great to imitate!”**

Children are like sponges: they are watching and taking in everything that we say and do. Be a good role model to your children, whether that is making a good food choice, participating in sport, not using bad language when you've dropped something on your toe – think about the ways you could teach your child, by example, to have good self-esteem and body image. Never put yourself down or say you're no good at something. Something we do at school is try to build resilience ... 'I'm not there yet ...'

Also show your children that you are not perfect, that you make mistakes too and are willing to own up and say sorry. Growing up can be hard for children – they can think that when they are adults they have to be 'perfect'. As they are not currently 'perfect' they can't imagine how they can ever achieve being an adult. We need to show them that we are just working hard, trying to be the best we can and that we love who we are .... Just like them! Nobody is perfect and no-one should try to be!

So next time you have to make a decision, or react to a situation, or are maybe feeling a bit negative about yourself... remember there are eyes watching and ears listening. Think how you can turn it around!

### Mrs Andrews

It is with much sadness that I have to inform you that Mrs Andrews will be leaving us at the end of this month. I am extremely grateful for the dedication Mrs Andrews has shown during her 28 years' service with us here at St Bon's as a learning support assistant, both with the whole class and with individual children.

Mrs Andrews has also been running our medical room every lunchtime for many years as well as founding our popular Knitting Club. She will be greatly missed by us here at school.

I'm sure you will want to join me in thanking Mrs Andrews for all her hard work and in wishing her all the best for the future. We will of course be celebrating her time with us here in school.

### Nativity performances for classes in Reception, Y1 and Y2



To ensure that all those who want to attend the nativity performances are able to do so, we will be running TWO performances for each class on the following days:

RM, 1GM, 2T – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm  
RT, 1H, 2W – Weds 12<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm

Four invitations per family will be sent home, two per performance. The invitations will be dated and checked on arrival, so please do use the correct tickets for the correct day!

Please return any unwanted tickets to the school office so that these can be used by other family members if needed.

## Drama club

Monday 12th November

3.15 – 5.15pm

WHOLE CAST – **LATE FINISH**

Please note the rehearsal has changed. New paper copies will be handed out on Monday.

## Update from Father Tom at St Bon's Church



The countdown to Christmas has begun! Half Term – done. All Saints – done. Bonfire Night - done. We are now heading straight for the big one, or are we? Over at St Bon's Church there is so much happening before we get anywhere near Christmas!

Our first bit of exciting news is something you may have seen on the way in to school... 'Bishopston Peace Dove'. We were very lucky to have the street artist Jody complete this piece for us and you can read more about this here:

<https://www.bristol247.com/culture/art/a-new-peace-dove-for-bishopston-jody-st-bonaventures-street-art-bristol/>

We have many events coming up in November and we would like you to know you are welcome to join us.

On **Friday 16th November** we have the St Bon's Community Quiz in the school hall which brings both our communities together for a night of fun. There is still time to book a team. It's only £10 for a team of 6, come on, you know you want to!

On **Friday 23rd November** we have something much more serious going on. We will be holding our Annual Remembrance Mass. This Mass is dedicated to remembering and praying for those in our parish who have died in the last year. We invite families who have lost someone to come and pray and light a candle for their deceased loved ones. They may not have been part of our parish community, but we still want to welcome you and pray for them.

Our school and your children, in particular, are a precious part of our community who are always welcome at St Bon's Church. The Church is nearly always open, why not pop in for a moment of peace and to light a candle, after drop off or before pick up? You are also very welcome to attend any of the school Masses throughout the year, whether it is a whole school Mass or a class Mass, your children would love to see you there.

If you don't have time to join us in Church, you can keep up to date with everything going on at St Bon's.

Follow us on:

Instagram (@stbonsbristol)

Facebook (/stbonsbristol)

Twitter (@stbonschurch)

YouTube (St Bons Bristol)

With thanks, Fr Tom

## WEBOX – shoe box appeal for Christmas

Thank you to everyone who has returned boxes already – we have asked for more boxes and will let you know as soon as we have received them!



Fill the box with goodies which will be packaged up and sent to Albania for children who don't usually receive Christmas presents.

Mr Mico, one of our parents, will be going with the boxes this year and will be taking photographs for us so we can see where our boxes end up.

Use the word WEBOX to help you shop!

- W – something to Wash with – soap, flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste
- E – something Educational – pens, pencils, notepad, colouring crayons, calculator.
- B – a Bar of chocolate or a bag of sweets
- O – Something to put On. Hat, scarf, gloves, socks, sunglasses, jewellery.
- X – Something eXciting – any other games or toys that a child would like to receive.

Thank you in advance for your help and generosity.

## One off payments

Thank you to all those who have already paid their child(ren)'s one off payment. Of £22,210 due to the school to cover trips, swimming, DT and theatre costs we have so far received £7,177.50 so we still have a way to go!

The costs for each year group are:

Reception:	£23.50
Year 1:	£35.00
Year 2:	£65.50
Year 3:	£63.00
Year 4:	£67.00
Year 5:	£65.00
Year 6:	£60.00

The deadline is mid-January – you are welcome to pay in instalments which are convenient to you. This is very easy to do online or with cash or cheques taken to the office.



## School dinners

The new menus are now in place and the price of meals is now £2.10.

Copies of the menu have been sent home via email and in book bags. It is also on our school website in the 'News' and 'School meals' sections.

## CAFOD fundraising

Thank you to everyone who donated money to CAFOD before half term. We are still counting all the coins so we will let you know how much we raised next week.

## PTFA news

### Christmas Fair, Sunday 2nd December

The St Bon's Christmas Fair is on Sunday 2nd December, 2.00pm-4.30pm. This is a lovely event to get the festive season off to a great start and we look forward to Santa's Grotto, mulled wine and mince pies, fabulous hampers and much more! Your class rep should already have been in touch with information about ways you can help - donating items for the hamper, making goody bags, helping on your class stall on the day of the fair and so on.

**Monday 19th November:** Please come to the DT room at 9am if you are free to help sort the raffle tickets into envelopes for distribution to all school families.

**Friday 30th November:** Non-uniform day in return for bringing a bottle for the ever-popular Bottle Stall.

### Other important PTFA dates:

**Monday 12th November:** AGM in the DT room at 9am. We need at least 20 people to attend the AGM so please come if you are free!

**Tuesday 20th November:** Deadline for voting for our Aviva Community Fund Bid (see below!)

### Aviva Community Fund 2018

St Bonaventure's PTFA has entered a project to be in with a chance of receiving a grant to regenerate the Foundation Stage playground area which includes the Pre-school and Reception classes. We need your votes to support this project - the projects with the most votes become finalists and if we reach the final we will automatically receive £500. Anyone who lives in the UK can register and will get 10 votes to use. So please vote for us and share with all your family and friends. Voting closes on Tuesday 20 November 2018. We still need lots and lots of votes! Please use this link:

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/4-2994> or visit [avivacommunityfund.co.uk](https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk) for more information.

**Monday 26th November:** 9am, Bag2School. Your child should have received a Bag2School bag to fill with clothes, shoes, soft toys etc. If you don't have the Bag2School bag then any bin bag or similar will do! The class that contributes the most bags will be able to choose a prize for their classroom, such as a set of books for the book corner. Please make sure you bring your bag in by 9am as the bags will be collected by the company that morning.

Thank you for your continued support. Please contact us on [ptfa.stbons@gmail.com](mailto:ptfa.stbons@gmail.com) if you have any comments or suggestions.

Melanie and Hilary  
Joint PTFA Chairs

## SPORTS NEWS THIS WEEK

### Team football

Normal team training on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

### Swimming

Good luck to the team taking part in the second Percy Smith gala on Wednesday 14th November at Horfield leisure centre. All swimmers please be at the pool for 7.15pm.

### Netball

Good luck to the team taking part in the netball tournament on Wednesday 14th Nov at St Bede's - please note the date change from the original letter.

### 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.

### Sport 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 club has now resumed and will take place in the school hall 7.50 – 8.30am. If you would like to attend please email Mrs McGrath for a letter on [kate.mcgrath@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:kate.mcgrath@bristol-schools.uk) It is for KS2 only.

### Running/walking club

Has now resumed on Wednesday mornings at 7.50am. This club is free and open to all parents, careers, and children. Please turn up at school in running clothes (school uniform in a bag)  
We would love to see more people - all are welcome any ability is catered for.

### Tag Rugby

There are still a few spaces available in our new rugby club for Y1-6, on Thursdays after school, 3.15-4.30  
Please ask in the office for a letter about joining this. 5th Oct - 20th Dec £44

### 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. KS1 class is now full but we do have spaces in KS2 class on Wednesdays. 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.

### Sport clubs for our parents

We are hoping to get all the parents /carers of our school just as fit as the children, teaching the kids by example! There are early morning sports clubs available on most mornings on the school premises;

Monday – Yoga (KS2)

Monday – netball (ladies only)

Wednesday – running/walking club – all are welcome

Thursday – circuits – all are welcome

# SPORTS & CLUBS LIST

Please check the school website or your email for news of club cancellations.

## AFTER SCHOOL

### RECEPTION, YEARS 1 and 2

<b>DANCE CLUB Rise:</b> Fridays 3.30-4.30pm – THIS CLUB IS NOW FULL – please ask if you would like your child to join a waiting list	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.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</a> .	Mondays Yrs 1-2
<b>MULTISPORTS Premier Sport:</b> Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Mrs McGrath has now confirmed which children have a place. This club is FULL.	Wednesdays Yrs 1 and 2
<b>TAG RUGBY Clifton Rugby Club:</b> Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm	Thursdays Rec - Yr 6

### YEARS 3-6

<b>DANCE CLUB Rise:</b> Wednesdays KS2 3.30-4.30pm – SPACES AVAILABLE	Weds KS2
<b>FENCING &amp; ARCHERY Premier Sport:</b> For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Fridays 3.30 - 4.30pm. Book online <a href="http://www.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</a> or call Lee 07917 187771.	Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm
<b>FOOTBALL Premier Sport:</b> Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Forms have been sent home or book online <a href="http://www.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</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 Premier Sport:</b> For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Fridays 3.30 - 4.30pm. Book online <a href="http://www.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</a> or call Lee 07917 187771.	Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm
<b>KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews:</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>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>TAG RUGBY Clifton Rugby Club:</b> Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm	Thursdays Rec - Yr 6
<b>TEAM FOOTBALL Mr Morgan:</b> Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm	Wednesdays Yr 4 – Yr 6

### EARLY MORNING

<b>BADMINTON Premier Sport:</b> Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6 Book online <a href="http://www.premier-education.com/sport">www.premier-education.com/sport</a> or call Lee 07917 187771. £20 for Term 2.	Tues 7.45 – 8.30am
<b>CIRCUIT TRAINING Mr Morgan:</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> Mondays 9 - 10.00am. All abilities welcome. £1 charge.	Mondays 9 - 10am

<b>RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath:</b> Wednesdays at 7.45am. 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.	Wednesdays 7.45am
<b>YOGA Ms Sus:</b> Mondays at 7.50-8.30am in the Hall. All abilities welcome including parents. Please collect a letter from the school office if you are interested.	Mondays 7.50am Yrs 3-6

## LUNCH TIME

<b>BIBLE DISCOVERY Miss Haime / Mrs Woolley: For years 4-6</b> - 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 Miss Tudhope: For years 1-2</b> - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 1-2
<b>CHOIR Miss Gray: For years 3-6</b> - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3CG classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 3-6
<b>CHAPLAINCY Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6</b> – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	Thursdays Yr 5-6
<p><b>DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman:</b> For years 5 and 6 - Thursdays 12.15 – 12.50pm. Children do not need to sign a form – just come along. It takes place in 4SA's classroom.</p> <p>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.</p>	Thursdays Yr 5-6

### 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.



## COMMUNITY SECTION

- **WANTED:** reliable property maintenance guy required for a second opinion on a bathroom floor leak and an appliance which is tripping the main fuse box. Just a quote needed in writing. Will pay £20 for time. If you can help – or know anyone who can - contact 07380 795362

- **North Bristol Art Trail:** 24 - 25 November, 2018. 10am - 6pm

Over 100 artists showing their original artwork in homes, studios and public venues around St Andrews, Gloucester Road, Bishopston, Montpelier, Westbury Park, Redland and Henleaze.

Trail Map: <https://www.northbristolartists.org.uk/location/>

- The annual St Bon's Church Quiz Night is taking place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November in the school hall. Tickets cost £10 per team (max 6 people) – please contact the parish office on 942 4448 or [bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bristol.stbonaventure@cliftondiocese.com)

- **LIFESKILLS – Bath half marathon places available**

Lifeskills has places for the Bath Half Marathon 2019.

The entry fee is £35 and the fundraising target is £300. The event takes place on Sunday 17th March 2019. Anyone who is interested can contact Lifeskills at [johanna@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk](mailto:johanna@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk) or by calling 0117 922 4511.

Lifeskills is a charity so every penny raised helps them to continue running the Year 6 programme that our pupils enjoy each year.