



St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,



We are very lucky at St Bonaventure's to have such a fantastic new building and outside space for our children to thrive in. As many of you will know, we also have a very active PTFA which supports the school with many of our projects.

You may not be aware however that we also run the FUTURE LOTTERY every month (previously known as the 200 club) which anyone can join. For as little as £5 a month, you and your family can be in with a chance of winning monthly cash prizes whilst also contributing funds to our school. The top prize is a very generous £50!

The money raised from the Lottery has already contributed to the cost of Phase 4 of our new building (the administration block and the Hall) and was used to purchase the trees planted outside as well as the colourful markings on our playground.

We would now like to raise funds for our outside space to provide the best environment for our children. The diagrams sent out with this letter will show how the St Francis Garden and other parts of the playground will look once work is complete. We would also like to refurbish the Foundation Stage outside classroom.

The leaflet which accompanies this letter (hard copies will also be handed out in class) outlines exactly how the lottery works and how you can join. It also gives you details of the fantastic monthly prizes.

We are always thankful for the generosity of our parents, carers, staff and members of our local community. I hope you will consider contributing to our school in this way.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Williams (formerly Miss Jowett) on the news that she and her husband are expecting their first child who is due in May next year.

Best wishes,

Lucille Charles
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 21st November 2016 (**MENU** no: 1)

Monday 21st:	Drama – change of schedule – pls see note below
Weds 23rd:	NO football training today
Friday 25th:	Year 4 mass at 9.15am

Events week commencing: Monday 28th November 2016 (**MENU** no: 2)

Monday 28th:	Book fair all this week Recording school Christmas CD
Tuesday 29th:	5P class assembly – parents welcome from 2.45pm Years 4, 5 and 6 – Reconciliation service at the Church
Wednesday 30th:	Year 6 leave for Kintbury retreat
Thursday 1st Dec:	Years 1-5 only : book look in classrooms from 2.45 – 3.05pm

Curriculum information evening

Thank you to those of you who attended the curriculum information evening on Wednesday – we hope you found it a useful evening.

For those of you who weren't able to attend, you can find Powerpoint presentations relating to the topics of Maths, PSHE and developing a growth mindset on the curriculum area of our website.

Book Fair

We will be holding a book fair in school during the week of 28th November. The books will be on display for you and your children to browse after school in the Hall. Payment is by cash or cheque only.

Shoe boxes for Albania

Many thanks to everyone who donated shoe boxes for the Albania appeal arranged for us by parents Mr and Mrs Mico. We were able to hand over 150 boxes which was fantastic. The boxes will be distributed to children in Albania in the run up to Christmas. My thanks to Mr and Mrs Mico for also giving an assembly and for collecting and distributing the boxes.

Christmas CD

We have extended the deadline for this until **3.30pm today FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER**.
Please get all orders in by then.

All the children from FS to Y6 will be involved in making the CD. It will be a professional recording and an amazing memento of our children's talents. If you would like to order a CD please read the attached letter.

School Library Reading Challenge

Today we launched our library reading challenge. We would like all children to use the library more and develop their love of reading. We have launched a challenge for all children to read as many books as possible between Monday 14th November 2016 and Monday 6th February 2017.

This is open to all year groups including Reception. To take part in the challenge, children need to borrow a book from the library (ensuring the book is logged out through our library computer system) and then complete a short book recommendation and post it in the box in the library. Reception parents please scribe for your child.

Reception children will visit the library every Friday with their class teachers and can also visit during the after school sessions. Years 1 to 6 can visit the library during any of the times listed below.

The library opening times are:

Mondays 3.15pm – 3.45pm for children and parents

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 12.15 – 12.45 pm for children in Years 1 to 6

Thursdays 3.25pm – 3.55pm for children and parents.

Children can currently borrow one book at a time but during the last week of this term, we will change this restriction so the children can borrow up to 3 books for the Christmas holiday.

Please encourage your child to take part in our school reading challenge and visit the library to change their books.
I look forward to reading all of their book recommendations.

Mrs Harris

Dress up day for Children in Need

Many thanks to all the children who donated £1 to dress up in spots this year. We will let you know how much we have raised in next week's newsletter!

Drama - IMPORTANT

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO THE SCHEDULE: This Monday 21st - Elephants and wolf cubs and (Act 1) Mowgli only. Sorry for the short notice this is due to unforeseen circumstances.

New Chair of Governors

We have a new Chair of Governors in Jacob Preisner. I would like to welcome him to this important role.

Our thanks go to Eddie Romero for all his years of service to our school.

Congratulations to Agnes!

We would like to say a massive well done to Agnes in Year 6 who has raised over £200 for Shelter, the homeless charity. Agnes hula hooped for a whole 30 minutes! Agnes organised this all on her own and is a true example of letting your light shine.

St Bon's Community Quiz Night



Thank you to all the teams that helped to make the first St Bon's Community Quiz an absolutely brilliant success. Special mention to Liz Romero for being an excellent quiz master with some tough questions.

Thank you to everyone that helped and supported the event, especially Angela Parry, Neta, Ollie, Rachel, Mel, Sheilagh, Eddie, Dave, Francis Jackson, Isabel, Cecilia and the Parish Soup Group for their kind donation! And finally thank you to the School for allowing us to use the hall and to Kate and Richard for all their help with setting up.

We raised £1,048.16! Absolutely amazing!

Lottery winners

The following people have won prizes in August's Future Lottery draw. Please come to the office to collect your winnings!

Prize	Recipient
£50.00	Anne Rose
£25.00	Martin Holley
£5.00	John Lux
£5.00	Astudillo
£5.00	J M Bailey
£5.00	MC Moore

Calling all Anglo-Italian families

We have been asked by Anna Gallo, an Italian PhD student, to invite Anglo-Italian families to take part in some research she is doing. Anna will be available for an informal chat in St Bon's Church meeting room next week at the following times:

Tues 22nd – 4-6pm

Weds 23rd – 3-6pm

Please do come along to have a chat with Anna about your perspective on being Italian / Anglo-Italian in Bristol.
Please call Anna with any questions on 07582 746251.

First Holy Communion Programme at St Bonaventure's Church

If your child is in Year 3 or above and would like to make their First Holy Communion at St Bonaventure's Church next year, please come to a meeting after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 27th November in the Church Hall to register your child with the Parish.

Please bring the following information: child's full name; class/school; date of birth; date and place of baptism (and baptism certificate if not baptised at St Bon's); school friends' names; your contact e-mail address and preferred FHC day (Saturday or Sunday). Parents of children who are not yet baptised please contact Fr Tom.

Piano and brass concerts – date change

Due to an unavoidable clash of usage of the Hall, the piano and brass concerts on the 14th and 21st November respectively will now take place in term 3. The brass concert will be on Monday 23rd January at 2.45pm and the piano concert will be on Monday 6th February at **9.00am** (please note this change in time).

Parents of piano pupils should also note that Mr Salmon will not be in school on Monday 21st November due to an overseas work commitment – we will ensure that this day's lessons are included elsewhere in the school year.

SPORTS

Football

NO Training this week due to Mr Morgan being away on a school trip.

KS1 (Y2) multi-sport club

There is a new Y2 multisport club on Wednesdays after school being run by Premier Sport. This is now full. Children will meet at the changing rooms at 3.15pm and will then be accompanied to the hall. Parents can collect their child from the entrance area at 4.15pm. Only those who have filled out a club slip (available from the school office) can attend this club.

New early morning KS2 Yoga class.

There is a new early morning Yoga class on Mondays from 7.50am to 8.30am. There is a small charge. Please see Mrs McGrath for more information.

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Cross Country

Good luck to the St Bon's runners taking part in the county finals this Sunday representing North Bristol. We are

very proud to have so many children who qualified.

Swimming

It was the 2nd Percy Smith gala last Wednesday. The team were brilliant as usual. Well done to Patrick and Amelia who swam for the first time. There will more swim time trials in January. Letters about this will be going home shortly.

COMMUNITY SECTION

- 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.
- Free kids Christmas party @ Kings Tennis Club!! Saturday 3rd December 11.30am - 2pm
All welcome!! Tennis games, prize hitting, music, fun, cupcake sale. Free food for kids, hot food on sale for adults...
<https://goo.gl/forms/vhyx2tp5pwdj3mnb3> Contact Elly with questions ellytennis.kings@hotmail.com
- 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

- George Rogers Loreda, former St Bonaventure's School student, will be taking part in the North Bristol Art Trail www.northbristolartists.org.uk/ which will take place 26th-27th Nov.

At 17, George is the youngest member of the North Bristol Art Trail

www.northbristolartists.org.uk/members-2/georgeloreda/ and for the second time he will show his work and invite everyone to come and see it (Venue number 7 @ 77, Kellaway Avenue).



- **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. Bon's children are invited to join Shine's Cricket coaching programme held at the Shine Community Sports Hall, Brecon Road, BS9. Come and improve your cricket over the Winter with our ECB qualified coaches at a level appropriate for your child.

Intermediate Cricket: Mondays from 5-6pm for children in Years 2-6. Will benefit those who wish to improve on their soft ball cricket skills and techniques.

Advanced Cricket: Mondays from 6.15-7.15pm for children in Years 4-6. Shine Cricket Academy's Advanced Cricket programme gives enthusiastic young cricketers a positive introduction to hard ball cricket. Sessions will feature both hard and soft practice balls to improve an individual's skills, techniques and cricketing knowledge.

Girls' Cricket: Tuesdays from 5-6pm for girls in Years 3-7. For girls of all abilities and experience who have an interest in the great team game of cricket. Coach Andy and team will deliver an innovative soft ball programme that will challenge newcomers, as well as those who already possess some knowledge.

Club Cricketer: Thursdays from 6.15-7.15pm for children in Years 5-7. Hard ball sessions that focus on match based scenarios as much as technique. An ideal choice for children ready to make the step up into a competitive club or school cricket team.

These sessions can easily be booked online - www.shinesportscoaching.com/term-time-activities


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.	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. 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
	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.