



Friday 28th January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Following on from my update on attendance in last week's newsletter, I want to make it clear that parents of KS1 and KS2 children are able to drop their children off in the playground from 8.30 each morning.

You may have noticed our new bench and seating area located on the main playground, which arrived this week. This is part of our focus on play, and we are hoping that craft and games will soon be available for the children to use in these areas outside at play and lunchtime as well as at after school club. We have another two sets on order which we hope will arrive soon.



NSPCC Pants resources

In school this term, class teachers will be revisiting the NSPCC's resources which help children to understand that their bodies belong to them and that they should tell someone if something worries or upsets them. Here is the link to the parental resources:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Inset update

The final two inset days for this academic year are:

Friday 27th May 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Parent and carer information sessions taking place in term 4

We have a lot of information sessions for our parents and carers taking place next term. Please check the school website calendar to make sure you are aware of them all.

If you have not already done so, you can sign up for the sessions below. Please contact clare.benians@bristol-schools.uk stating clearly which session(s) you would like to attend:

Support with spelling workshop - Monday 7th March 2.3pm and Friday 11th March 9am (face to face)
Supporting Early Reading - Tuesday 22nd March 9am and Wednesday 23rd March 2.30pm (face to face)

We will confirm before half term whether we need bookings for the Curriculum information evening on Tuesday 15th March from 4.00-5.00pm.

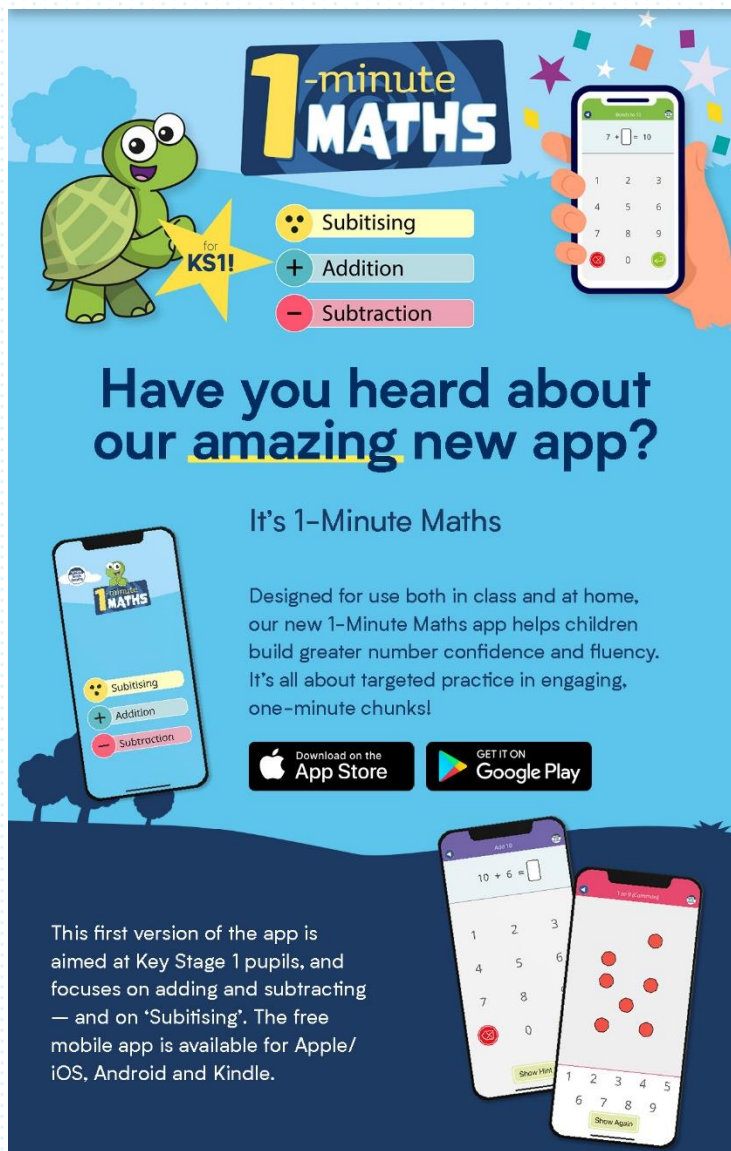
Issues that take place in school

Whilst we hope that your child doesn't encounter any issues during their time at school, if you do discover something has happened in school involving another pupil please can I remind you that it is not appropriate for parents to contact other parents and attempt to sort out these issues.

In my experience this only leads to added complications and increased levels of anxiety for all involved. Therefore, if you are aware that something has happened in school involving your child, please speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Woolley or myself on the school gate in the morning or afternoon.

1 minute of maths APP

You may have seen the flyer attached to last week's newsletter but in case you didn't, we have discovered a fantastic app for practising daily maths for KS1...



1-minute MATHS

for KS1!

- Subitising
- Addition
- Subtraction

Have you heard about our amazing new app?

It's 1-Minute Maths

Designed for use both in class and at home, our new 1-Minute Maths app helps children build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

This first version of the app is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils, and focuses on adding and subtracting — and on 'Subitising'. The free mobile app is available for Apple/ iOS, Android and Kindle.

Breakfast club vacancy

We have a job vacancy in our Breakfast Club which runs from 0750 to 0830. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more details. Children that you would need to bring with you in order to take on this role can attend Breakfast Club with you free of charge.

Best,

Mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 31st January 2022 (MENU week 3)

Fri 4th February: Don't forget home clothes on Friday!

February Playscheme

Our Kidzone team will be running a Playscheme this February half term from Monday 21st to Friday 25th. Bookings are now being taken and need to be made by Friday 11th February. The prices remain £28 for a full day and £21 for a short day.

Message from Mgr Bernard at St Bon's church

Dear parents and carers,

I need your help please. As I'm sure you're aware, every year the children in Year 3 have a special course to prepare them to make their First Holy Communion. We are hoping to start this in February after half term.

I need a group of adults (male and female) to help with this programme. Ideally what I need is about six or more people, with one or two being prepared to take the main lead. This number of people means that you shouldn't need to be there for every session and given the busy lives that you have, this can often make it a lot easier for people to volunteer.

The course has three books – one for the child, one for the parents (so they can follow and help their children) and finally one for the team leaders (to show them what they need to do).

The course will run on a Saturday (whether this is morning or afternoon will depend on what the volunteers decide.)

Please email me if you can help or want more information at bernard.massey@cliftondiocese.com

Thank you in advance, Mgr Bernard

Vacancy for School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA)

We are looking to recruit an SMSA to work every lunchtime (12.15pm to 1.15pm). This involves supervising the children in the school hall and on the playground as part of a team of SMSAs.

Please contact the school office if you are interested in finding out more.

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

Thank you to those to came along to our Zoom call on Tuesday, some fantastic ideas we are excited to work on!
This term you can expect:

- ✓ A second hand uniform sale
- ✓ A delicious Valentine's themed event Yum yum!

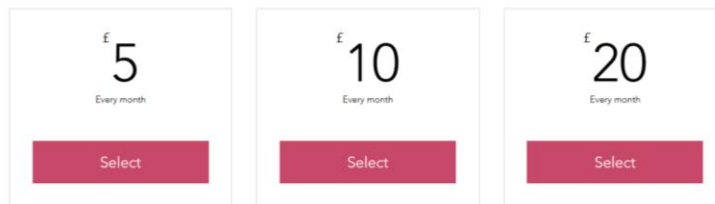
Details to follow!

New Year, New You?

Why not cut down on the lattes and Friday night takeaways - donate to your kid's school instead!!

Did you know you can set up a monthly donation towards your PTFA? For the equivalent of what many of us spend on takeaway coffees per month...*definitely not me, ahem*...you could make a real difference to St Bon's and its pupils. Check it out at www.stbonsptfa.com/plans-pricing

Make a monthly donation



A regular monthly donation is a great way to support the PTFA and will really help us deliver more of the items on the school's wish list.

If you'd like to donate and none of the options above work for you, please get in touch and we can arrange a different amount.

We'd also be delighted to take one off donations via BACS payments as well if that's your preference.

This also makes a great suggestion for a present if you just don't want more 'stuff' in your life!

North Bristol Foodbank

North Bristol Food Bank can be reached on 0117 979 1399.

For areas covered see here: <https://northbristol.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

Up to date information for these outlets is available here - <https://northbristol.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>

Have you had a change of circumstances due to COVID-19?

There are lots of schemes that you could be eligible for to support your child and your wider family:

- **Pupil premium and/or Free School Meals** - Financial support that is provided to schools to help support your child and Free School Meals http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/pupil_premium_and_sports_premium/270945

- **Council Emergency Payment** - To help you pay off one-off bills like heating, electricity
<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/benefits-financial-help/emergency-payments-local-crisis-and-prevention-fund>
- **North Bristol Advice Centre:** The advice centre can help signpost you to initiatives that you could be eligible for to get support: <http://www.northbristoladvice.org.uk/>
- **The Money Advice Service** - For help to manage your money during the pandemic
<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/articles/coronavirus-and-your-money>

If you are struggling to access these services and would like help, please contact the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS



NW24
Teaching & Learning Partnership

are seeking a Partnership Administrator
to work across the 24 schools
organising events, managing meetings & the partnership budget

21 hours a week, term time only, flexible hours, home working

Apply through ETeach (deadline Mon 31st Jan midday):
<https://www.eteach.com/job/nw24-partnership-administrator-flexible-hours-home-working-1202466>

About NW24 - [wwwhttp://sites.nw24.org](http://sites.nw24.org)

Babysitting

Hi, my name is Amelie Paul. I am 15 and an old St Bon's pupil. I'm currently at RGS and am looking for babysitting work. I have two younger sisters, one of whom is still at St Bon's, and I have been volunteering at St Bon's Brownies as part of my DofE. If you are interested, please text my mum on 07766 366569.

Sinead Pelley Health & Wellbeing

I would like to thank all the wonderful St Bonaventure's families that visit my clinic - it has been so rewarding to see the improvement in both children and parents, greatly benefiting from my Kinesiology and well-being sessions. Kinesiology is incredibly effective for children and parents are amazed at how quickly results are achieved.

Please do have a look at my website should you wish to understand a bit more....

<https://www.healthandwellbeingbristol.co.uk>

I will continue to offer a free 10 minute consultation and 10% off all initial treatments for St Bonaventure's families.

For a chance to win a FREE initial consultation and appointment in February - please like and follow my Facebook page. Good luck!!

The essence of health is inner balance.