



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Striving to be the best we can,
guided by the light of Christ

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please could all parents take note of our 'Tough Love' reminder in the newsletter below. Children should be coming to school with everything they need each day. We would be very grateful if you could work with us to help promote the children's independence and sense of responsibility. This is particularly important for those in year 6 – forgotten PE kits at secondary school are usually an instant detention.

I would like to let parents and carers know that some filming will be taking place here in school on Saturday 14th October. A charity called Coram will be hosting one of its Adoption Activity Days here and this is being filmed as part of a Channel 4 programme about adoption. This means that you may see equipment and people coming in and out of school during the run up to the filming next week. Please be reassured that all those working on site have been screened and are used to working in busy environments such as schools and hospitals with as little disruption as possible.

We are still looking for volunteers, particularly in our Reception classes and on the playground at lunchtimes. Please contact the school if you can help.



Your school STILL needs you!

As you will be aware, budgeting constraints are affecting many schools in our country, including ours. We would therefore really appreciate any voluntary help that parents and carers might be able to offer us.

We would particularly appreciate help in the following areas, but if you would like to offer other skills or time, please do let us know.

- Reading buddies (this can be from as little as 30 minutes per week)
- Support supervising games on the playground at lunchtime
- Gardening club
- Support in class.

Previous experience of working in school is not necessary – where training is needed, we can provide it.

Best wishes,

L. Charles

Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 9th October 2017 (MENU no: 3)

Harvest Week

Mon 9th: DEADLINE for Christmas card designs + payment
PTFA meeting @ 9am
Tues 10th: 6GW class assembly 2.45pm – parents welcome
NO KNITTING CLUB TODAY NO NETBALL
Weds 11th: Harvest Mass 9.15am – parents and carers welcome
Swimming Gala 7.30pm at Horfield LC
Thurs 12th: Pupils' individual and sibling photos
Fri 13th: **Non-uniform day - £1 for CAFOD – wear bright clothes**

Events week commencing: Monday 16th October 2017 (MENU no: 1)

Mon 16th: Y6 trip (morning only) - Bristol Insight Tour
Tues 17th: **Open Day for Reception 2018 parents – 9.30, 11.00 or 1.30pm**
Year 1 walk to St Andrews park
Thurs 19th: **Open Day for Reception 2018 parents – 9.30, 11.00 or 1.30pm**
Kilve – year 5 parents information meeting @ 3.30pm
Fri 20th: **Last day of Term 1 – Term 2 starts Monday 30th October**

Apologies

In last week's newsletter we made a mistake, saying Emily R is House Prefect for St David's. We should have said Emily H. Please accept our apologies for any confusion.

Knitting Club

Please note that knitting club will not be happening on Tuesday 10th October due to staff training after school. Thank you.

Tough love!

As a school, we are always keen to ensure that our children develop a sense of independence and responsibility. Part of this is helping them to remember what they need in school on any given day.

Below, we have set out how we would like the system to work:

If a child realises they have forgotten something during the school day, they should go to the office to check and see if it has been brought in. This includes items such as packed lunches, musical instruments, PE and swimming kits, changes of clothes for clubs after school, forgotten coats when it is cold and so on. Even if a child does not know that their parent is bringing an item into school, if they realise they do not have something that they need, they should come and see us in the office. Items which are not collected because they have not been needed will remain with the office and will need to be collected at the end of the school day.

As a general rule, the office will not be distributing forgotten items around the school. Exceptions to this are for children in Reception and year 1. Your cooperation in encouraging your children to support us in this would be much appreciated.

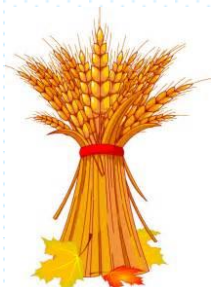
Mrs Ballantine has held an assembly on this and teachers are aware of the protocol. Teachers will be encouraging children to come down to the office if they have forgotten something.

PTFA Meeting – Monday 9th October

All parents / carers welcome. Please join us in the DT room after drop off on Monday morning at 9am. Sign in through the school office.

Drama

Monday 9th October: 3.30pm – 4.15pm all parts to be given out.



Harvest Week

At St Bon's we will be celebrating Harvest next week. During the week the children will be taking part in different Harvest themed activities.

On Wednesday 11th October we will celebrate with a whole school parish Mass at 9.15 in the church, parents are welcome to attend.

On Friday 13th October children are invited to come to school with a £1 donation for CAFOD and come dressed in their brightest clothes. Money raised will go to CAFOD's 'Brighten Up This Harvest' campaign.

Throughout the week we'd also like to invite children to bring in donations of dried and tinned food which we will donate to our local Salvation Army.

Thank you in advance for your support, Mrs Ballantine.

Flu vaccinations

If you completed your form giving consent for your child to have a flu vaccination in school then this will be happening on the mornings of Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st October.

Boots will assess whether it is okay for your child to have the vaccination (i.e. that they are in good health on the day). If you think that they are not 100% on that day it would be useful if you let the office know so we can pass this information onto Boots to help them make their judgement.

The vaccinations will be happening in the mornings within the school day, so you do not need to do anything. However, it would be useful if you remind your child in the morning that they will be having it done. After vaccination, children will come home with a form for your information. Please do check your child's bookbag for this.

If you did NOT return your form, or returned it after the return date, but would still like your child to receive a flu vaccination, the vaccination service is available from the Boots pharmacies listed below. Boots recommend that you telephone first to check that there is someone available to do the vaccination before you arrive.

- The Junction Imperial Park - 0117 9642197
- Avonmeads Retail Park - 0117 9728056
- Queens Road - 0117 9264083
- Eastgate Retail Park - 0117 9522413

Lottery winners – three months' worth!

Please come and collect your cheques from the school office from Monday.
Due to the school holidays we have three months' worth to hand out!

June 2017

£50.00	Robert Banim
£25.00	John Lux
£10.00	Susie Carr

July 2017

£25.00	Kate Blunden
£10.00	Geraldine Summers

August 2017

£50.00	Gaby Pratt Walters
£25.00	John Lux

Nativity dates – Reception, Y1 and Y2

RH, 1H and 2W will hold their nativity play on Tuesday 5th December in the afternoon.

RM, 1MS and 2T will hold their nativity play on Thursday 7th December in the afternoon.

The exact timing of the performances will be confirmed nearer the time.

Missing library books

We have a lot of outstanding library books from last year. Please can children and parents have a good hunt at home and return any library books. If your child's book has got lost or is badly damaged, please leave a note for me in the drop box.

We are hoping to have the library fully open at lunchtimes very soon.
Many thanks, Mrs Harris

Calling parents of girls



Is your daughter in Reception or Year 1? There are two successful Brownie packs which run from St Bonaventure's Parish Hall but both have waiting lists, so if your daughter might be interested in joining Brownies when she is in year 2 or above, please add her to the waiting list for 106th Brownies or 179th Brownies by visiting the Girlguiding website

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> or send us an e-mail at nwbristolbrownies@gmail.com to find out more

Brownies are the Girlguiding section for girls aged 7-10yrs. Girlguiding provides a girl-only space for girls to have fun and enjoy crafts, games, adventures, trips and sleepovers.

We are also looking for adult helpers to join our teams, so if you might be interested, please contact Sharon at nwbristolbrownies@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS

You should have received your child's design from the teachers via your children by today. If you haven't please ask your teachers for them.

Instructions for ordering:

1. Complete the form and return in the plastic folder provided, with cash or cheque, to the school office.
2. Please do not use any old £5 notes or old £1 coins.
3. Cheques to be made payable to "St Bonaventure's School PTFA"
4. Put any loose change / coins in a separate named envelope within the plastic folder.
5. Please do not fold the designs as this may cause problems with the printing. Hand them direct to the office staff and do not put in the drop box.
6. All forms must be returned by 6pm on **Monday 9th October**. Any received after this date will sadly not be printed as they must be sent in one parcel to avoid confusion for the printers.

Happy ordering and thank you for helping to raise another £500 for our school.

Many thanks, Sophie

KidZone Playscheme for October half term

KidZone Playscheme will be running during October half term. KidZone has access to St Bon's resources including the outdoor multi use games area, school gym and Scrapstore PlayPod.

KidZone can offer your children an inclusive and safe place to play between the hours of 8:30am and 5:45pm. Fresh fruit and vegetables, pittas, dips and bread sticks are served daily and children are encouraged to take part in a variety of cooking and craft activities on offer throughout the day. On any given day children will be building dens, playing football, painting, reading, climbing about, running around or engrossed in role play.

Opening

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Open to all children, not just those who attend St Bon's.



Prices

Full Day (08:30 till 17:45) - £23

Short Day (10:00 till 16:00) - £16

Half Day AM (08:30-13:00) - £12

Half Day PM (13:00-17:45) - £12

Bookings

Can be made online, in club or via the school office.

SPORTS NEWS THIS WEEK – please see the list below for all club information

Team Football: Training as usual on Wednesday. Year 4 team are invited as well as years 5 and 6.

Well done to the boys who took part in the EFL tournament last Thursday – we are champions for the second year running! We also won against Westbury Park on Wednesday this week, so well done to everyone who played.

Netball

No netball on Tuesday 10th Oct due to Cross country event

Cross country for Yrs 3,4,5,6

Good luck to the teams competing on Tuesday 10th October at St Bede's school at 4pm. Letters have been sent home and reply slips should be in today please

Swimming gala

Good luck to the team taking part in the 1st Percy Smith swimming gala on Wednesday 11th October. Please meet at the pool at 7.15pm. All are welcome to come along and cheer them on.

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 plimsolls/daps are also needed.

SPORTS & CLUBS LIST

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

AFTER SCHOOL

YEARS 1 and 2

DANCE CLUB Rise: Fridays KS1 3.30-4.30pm	Fridays Rec – Yr 2
FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit www.premiersport.org or call Lee on 07917 18 7771.	Mondays Yrs 1-2
ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia: Held in St Francis Room. Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm – children are collected from their classrooms by Maria. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Tuesdays Yrs 1, 2 and 3
MULTI SPORTS CLUB Premier Sport: Wednesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm. This club is now FULL but a waiting list is running. We are hoping for another coach to join us.	Wednesdays Yrs 1 and 2

YEARS 3-6

CLUB FOOTBALL Mr Morgan: This club is for Years 5 and 6.	Wednesdays Yrs 5 and 6
DANCE CLUB Rise: Wednesdays KS2 3.30-4.30pm	Wednesdays Yrs 3-6
DRAMA Mrs McGrath: Mondays 3.30-4.30pm This club is now FULL.	Mondays Yrs 3-6
FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm	Tuesdays

To book please visit www.premiersport.org or call Lee on 07917 18 7771.	Yrs 3-6
GYMNASTICS Bristol School of Gymnastics: 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
HOCKEY TBC: We are hoping to run another Hockey club this year but we are currently without a coach. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for updates. Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Fridays TBC
ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia: Held in St Francis Room For years 4, 5 and 6 - Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm - children walk from their classrooms. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Mondays
KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews & Mrs Fox: 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 th Sept
JAGUAR MATHS CLUB Mrs Parry and Mr Harrison: This will start in term 2. Day to be confirmed.	From TERM 2
NETBALL Mrs McGrath: 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
RUGBY CLUB TBC: Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm. Please complete a club permission slip if you are interested in your child joining this club. This will be an expression of interest only at this stage.	Thursdays

EARLY MORNING

CIRCUITS CLUB Ms Wynn: 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
NETBALL FOR WOMEN: Tuesdays at 9.10am. All abilities welcome. £1 charge.	Tuesdays 9.10am
RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath: 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
YOGA CLUB Ms Sus: 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

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.	Mondays Yr 4-6
CHOIR Miss Tudhope: For years 1-2 - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 1-2
CHOIR Miss Gray: For years 3-6 - Friday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3CG classroom. New members welcome!	Fridays Yr 3-6
STORY TIME CLUB Mrs Widdowson: Wednesdays 12.45pm RECEPTION children only Mrs Widdowson leads story-telling and singing for our Reception classes. If your child would like to take part, please speak to their class teacher.	Wednesdays from TERM 2 Reception only

CHAPLAINCY Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	Thursdays Yr 5-6
DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman: 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's classroom. 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. The club will start on Thursday 14th September – please come along to find out more!	Thursdays Yr 5-6
ORCHESTRA TBC Fridays 12.30pm. We are currently trying to find a teacher or parent to take on the running of orchestra. Please keep an eye on this section of the newsletter for updates.	TBC

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

• TURTLES!!

A loving new home is needed for two small turtles! They are 2 years old, and 4 inches long, and have a tank and filter. They are very happy to be handled - and don't bite! - and are looking for an animal-loving new family in Bristol.

Please email dom.carr@sky.com if you think you can offer them a new home!

- Noah's Ark Pre-School is hosting a **Nearly New Sale** on Saturday 7th October, 10am – 12pm, at Cairns Road Baptist Church.
- 1st Bishopston Scout Group is holding a **Beer Festival** on the evening of Saturday 7th October. A great opportunity to purchase some bargains in the morning and celebrate with a few beers, wines or ciders in the evening.
- 1st Bishopston Scout Group is also actively recruiting new leaders in all age groups from Beavers to Explorers. There are varying levels of commitment – we promote flexible volunteering for busy people. If you think you haven't got enough time, you may be surprised at how you can still help! Please speak to Mrs McGrath if you would like to find out more.
- **NEW - Act Up Drama Class**
Act Up is a new, fun-filled drama class for children aged 6-8 years old in Bristol run by former St Bon's teacher Sammi Cousins.

Sessions will be held on Monday evenings at 4.45pm-5.45pm at The Old Library, Eastville and include energetic games, exercises to build drama skills and exploring exciting themes.

First class starts on Monday 2nd October and the term will run for 12 weeks (no session during half term week). Each class is only £5 with 1 FREE session per child per term.

There are only 20 places available so please contact Sammi to confirm your child's place for the term.

Phone: 07801 417610

Email: actupdrama@hotmail.com

I look forward to welcoming your child to Act Up!

- Local dance company, Ballet Bristol, is giving a gala performance on Saturday 21st October at 6.30pm at the Olympus Theatre, SGS Wise Campus, Filton. It starts quite early in the evening and tickets are reasonably priced, making it a great half term treat! Tickets cost £6/£9 and are on sale now at www.balletbristol.co.uk/gala2017

If you have any questions about the gala or would like to find out more about Ballet Bristol, please contact St Bon's mum Melanie at melanie_m_bunce@hotmail.com