



Friday 5th July 2024

Dear parents and carers,

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go.

May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation.

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I would like to share with you the wonderful news that Alice Webber, our after school club leader, and her husband are expecting their first child due in November.

Our raised beds, planted by our PTFA, are continuing to provide us with healthy crops of carrots and lettuce. We hope you've noticed how healthy our school grounds are looking!



Returning all reading scheme books

Please can you return all reading scheme books to your child's class teacher by Friday 12th July. This will enable staff to audit the book scheme books and order new books ready for September. We also need all library books to be returned as soon as possible, your support with this is very much appreciated.

Parent/carer end of year survey

I included a link to our end of year parent/carer survey in my newsletter two weeks ago. To date only 9 people have completed this. This is an opportunity for you to let us know what you think we are doing well and what we could improve. Please can I ask that you complete this by Friday 12th July: <https://forms.gle/iwdDk4HhvYjQd4mf7>

Thank you in advance for your time and support.

Health and fitness week

Please remember all children are asked to come to school every day next week wearing their PE kit and trainers. You might also get a separate note home about the class/year group DT project which is cooking themed this term.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Catholic Life at St Bon's this week

This week has seen a focus on caring for our environment, a key theme within our Catholic life at school.

Two classes have taken the lead with special assemblies, each exploring the importance of protecting our planet.

5H's assembly centred around the beautiful book, "The Promise" by Nicola Davies. They shared the message that small actions, "heart by heart, seed by seed, tree by tree," can have a big impact when we work together. Their presentation reminded us of the responsibility we all have to nurture the world around us, just as we nurture our faith.

RH's first class assembly was a delightful exploration of the fascinating world of minibeasts! Through their presentation on the classic tale of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and two amazing songs they reminded us of the incredible variety of life that exists around us.

The assemblies echoed Pope Francis' powerful message in Laudato Si', his encyclical letter on care for our common home. He reminds us that we are all interconnected – people and the planet – and that protecting the environment is a matter of social justice.

This focus on care for creation is woven throughout our school life. From learning about environmental stewardship in RE lessons, to planting in our school garden, we are constantly seeking ways to live out our faith by caring for God's gift of our beautiful world.



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning Monday 8th July (menu week 3)

Health and wellbeing week- PE kit all week

Tuesday 9th- KS1 sports day 9:00-11:00

Wednesday 10th – KS2 sports day 9:00-11:00

- Year 6 fiver sale

- Year 6 leavers disco

Friday 12th –Reports to parents/carers

- Frozen Fridays

Week beginning 15th July

Monday 15th - Teddy bears picnic – bring packed lunch and a teddy.

Wednesday 17th – Year 3 trip to St Andrews park

Thursday 18th – Year 6 leavers evening with parents/carers.

Friday 19th – Last day of term

Dates for your



More news from our incredible Yr5/6 girls' cricket team. A few weeks ago they won the local level competition to earn themselves a place at the area finals held in the rather impressive surroundings of Cheltenham College. Despite an early start from Bristol, they were raring to go for Round 1. After breezing through the first match, they came up against so very tough competition (including an impressive couple of country players) and narrowly lost out by 10 runs. They didn't let that dampen their spirits and threw themselves into the final match with enthusiasm, skill and great team support. They set a good target and it was a nail-biting finish...

Unfortunately, it wasn't our day and we lost by a mere 6 runs which meant we didn't progress to the semi-finals. I'm so proud of the team's determination and sportsmanship and the improvement in their cricket skills on this journey has been fantastic. Well done team!



Well done to Marcello in year 3 who won the player of the week award for his football team on the weekend.



Sports and clubs at St Bons



If your child is on the register for any clubs and isn't going to attend for any reason could you please let the office know so their absence from the register is noted.

Club...	Is it running...	Day and year group...
Netball	YES NO	Mondays- Y 3&4 - 3:15 - 4:15 Tuesdays - Y 5&6 - 3:15 - 4:15
Circuits	YES	Thursdays - Y's 2-6 – 8:00am in with Mr Morgan
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	NO	Wednesdays 3:15 – 4:15 Finished until term 1
Chess Lunch break		Fridays 12:15 -Y5 & Y6 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays- Y5 & 6 - 3:15 Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins.
Dodge ball	YES	Fridays – Y3 &4- 8:00 in hall with Mrs Ballantine
Art/Drawing- lunch	YES	Tuesday lunch - KS2 – 12:15 In 4H
Debating Club- lunch time	YES	Wednesday lunch- Y5 & Y6 - 12:15- In 3B/3J
Well-Being Singing- lunch time	YES	Tuesday lunch 12:15 whole school - in 1P
Choir – Lunch time	KS1 YES KS2 YES	Mondays – KS1 - 12:15 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 –12:15 in 2TW
Yoga	YES	Fridays- Y1 & Y2 – 3:15-4:15 Outside club must be booked through



Running & Walking Club

Do you want to get fit and have fun at the same time?!

Wednesday mornings at 7:50

Meet outside the office foyer

Children and adults welcome

For runners and walkers of all abilities

Thank you for your donations of pipes, we now have enough. We do still need guttering, if you have any old guttering lying around please bring it in early next week.

Reception would be grateful for donations for the following:

- *small toy cars
- *magnetics
- *wooden bowls
- *wicker baskets
- *fidgets or sensory toys
- *small world animals
- *sand and water toys
- *diggers
- *Duplo
- *cake tin trays
- *Natural coloured rugs
- *floor lamp
- *bean bags
- *metal tea cups/ pots
- *wooden toys/houses
- *sling bookcase
- *plastic/wooden play food

If you are having a clear out and have any of these items please bring to the office or give directly to the Reception team.



English as an Additional Language Coffee Mornings

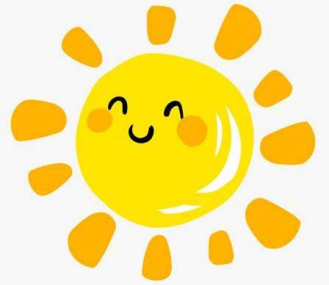


If English is not your first language, please come along, share your views, meet other parents, be a part of your child's learning and relax at our coffee mornings from 9 – 10am on Mondays in the School – come to the office.

The group is run by Mrs Cela – if you would like more information, please email her at esmeralda.cela@bristol-schools.uk



Summer holiday club



We are delighted to announce that bookings for our upcoming Summer Playscheme and activities are now open!

The deadline for bookings is Friday 12th July.

We shall be open for the whole six week holiday apart from the August Bank Holiday Monday. There will be opportunities to take part in many activities including cookery, craft, games, access to multiple outdoor play spaces as well as free play on a day-to-day basis.

There will also be opportunities to join in with various workshops booked for set days - please check out our activity plans on the website to see when these are happening - [St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary School - Summer Playscheme 2024 \(st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk\)](http://StBonaventure'sCatholicPrimarySchool-SummerPlayscheme2024.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk)

We can also accept bookings for children who attend other schools so any friends are welcome to join.

Any queries - please do not hesitate to contact us - kidzonestbons@bristol-schools.uk

We look forward to seeing you there!
The Kidzone Play Team

This years extra activities are:

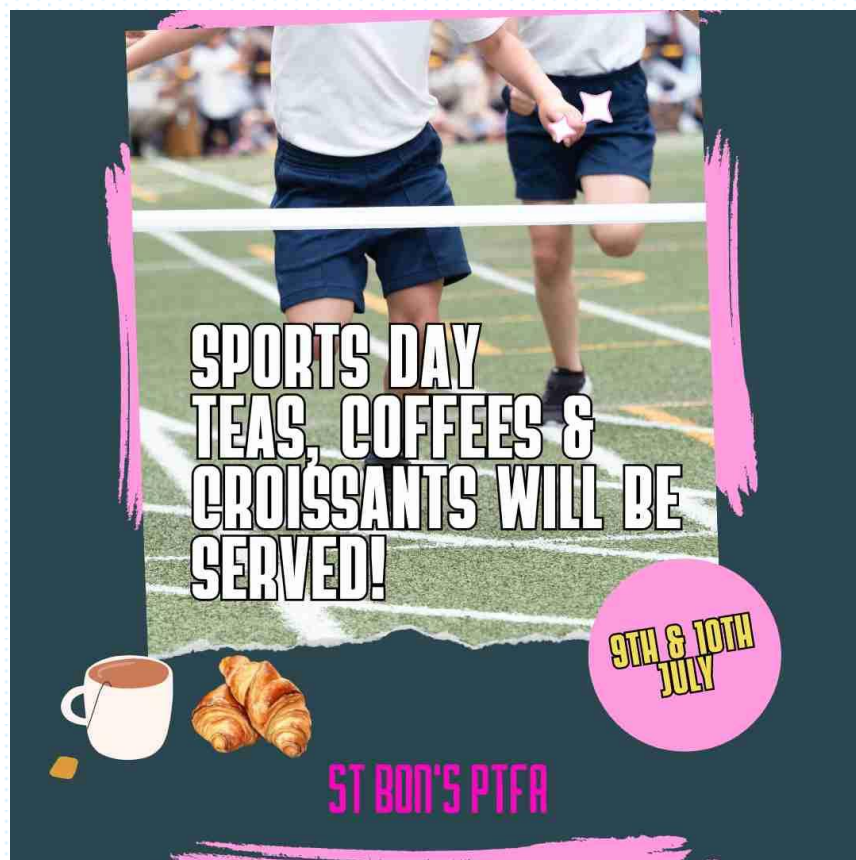
- Wednesday 24th July – Inflatable obstacle course
- Monday 29th July – animal workshop
- Monday 5th August – Keyring making
- Tuesday 13th – Magnet making
- Tuesday 20th August – pebble making
- Thursday 22nd August – Activity bouncy castle
- Tuesday 27th August – Animal workshop

Please note that extra activities incur an additional cost which is paid as an add on in school gateway under payments.



Sports day refreshments – can you help?

We are looking forward to serving parents and carers teas, coffees and croissants at the Reception & KS1 sports morning (9 July) and KS2 sports morning (10 July). We'll also be serving fresh fruit for all children. We need a few volunteers to arrive early on both days (around 8.30am) to help cut up the fruit for the children, and also to serve refreshments for a short while before the event starts. Please email contact@stbonsptfa.com if you can help! Thank you.



Frozen Friday: Year 5 will go next on Friday 12 July. This will be our last one! Thank you for all your support for Frozen Fridays, we'll let you know ASAP how much was raised.

Summer Fair: What an incredible day! We raised **£8,643** – this fantastic total will help us fund a natural playground at the back of school!

A massive thank you to our PTFA Committee, the Summer Fair team, class reps, teachers and all the incredible volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the fair a truly special event for everyone.

If you missed all the excitement, then you can read more about the day in our [PTFA blog](#), and watch our reel on [Instagram](#).



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

This week, we want to say a massive thank you to the residents of Egerton Road. They held their annual street party on Saturday 15th June, and despite the very rainy weather, raised lots of money for the Community Food Pantry and Aid Box Community - a whopping £665, of which half will go to the pantry. Thanks to everyone who helped organise the day, and a particular thanks to the wonderful Jenny Glester for her superhuman organisation skills!

Please donate:

Long-life milk (dairy)

Long-life milk (soya)

Cereal

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned tuna

Toilet paper

Please DO NOT donate:

Fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste)

Where do I leave food donations?

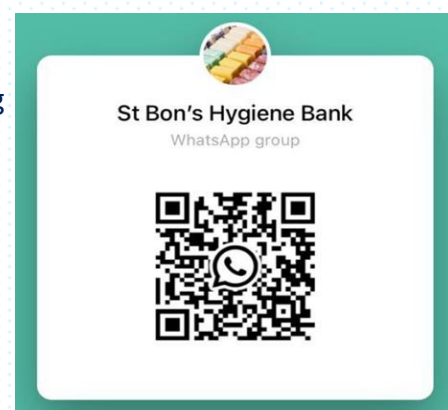
Please put **food donations** either in the **clear box labelled "Community Food Pantry Donation Box"** at the **back of the church** or in the **box outside the front door of the Presbytery**.

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 Trish's door at 55 Egerton Road

St. Bon's Hygiene Bank provides families of children at the school with bags of hygiene products every half term. We have an amazing group of parents who regularly donate supplies of things like toothpaste, shampoo and washing up liquid to the bank, but it would be great to have some new people in the group. If you think this is something you would like to help with, please scan the QR code below to join the St. Bon's Hygiene Bank WhatsApp group:

We would also love to hear from anyone who is interested in volunteering to help run the hygiene bank. Call or message Nicola on 07947 690569 or Katie on 07792 420999 to find out more.





Prayer Group for St Bons.

We are looking to start a monthly prayer group for parents, friends, carers who are interested in simply meeting for 30 mins to prayer for our school. It most likely will be straight after drop off or just before pick up to make it easier. It will be run by parents from the school. First date will be after half term.

If you are keen to be kept in the loop on this, please send a message to Lorna Savage on 07855108729, giving your name and we'll get a WhatsApp group set up.

Babysitter.

Would you like some help with childcare over the summer period? I'm a 16 year old, ex-St Bons student, currently finishing my GCSEs at Redmaids' High School. I enjoy being with children and I have experience of childcare through helping out at a primary school after school club, as well as through regular babysitting for primary school aged children. I am patient and happy to help with learning, organising activities and cooking. Feel free to contact me via email at elsasumpter@icloud.com.