



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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guided by the light of Christ

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Friday 4th November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

*I pray that God will speak loudly
And that you will hear humbly.
I pray that God will act mightily
Ans that you will receive graciously.
I pray that God will bless amazingly
And that you will share freely.
I pray that God will be close
And that you will walk safely.*

Amen.

Welcome back, it's been a busy start to the new term. We celebrated All Saints Mass in church on Tuesday.



Sportshall competition



We are extremely proud of our Y6 team who represented St Bon's yesterday at a Sportshall Competition at St Bede's. The team did brilliantly, coming first and moving onto the next stage. Well done all of you!

Firework safety

As many of you will be attending firework displays this weekend, I've attached a leaflet produced by the Child Accident Prevention Trust. Please take a few moments to read through the safety guidance within the leaflet.

Homework policy

Following our consultation with parents on homework, I am now in a position to share the homework policy with you. It can be found on this webpage of the school website (the list is alphabetical) <http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/policies/270975> and for ease is also attached to this newsletter.

Class assemblies

The dates for the remaining class assemblies have now been set and are as follows:

4G	Friday 20 th January
4H	Friday 3 rd February
3H	Friday 3 rd March
3B	Friday 17 th March
1P	Friday 28 th April
1CR	Friday 5 th May
RHM	Friday 26 th May
RH	Friday 16 th June
2G	Friday 23 rd June
2T	Friday 7 th July

All assemblies will take place in the school hall and will start promptly at 10am.

Thank you to those who attended the presentation in the Hall this morning. I will make the slides available on our website next week and let you know where to find them.

Finally, a big thank you for your generosity in supporting our Harvest fundraising day for CAFOD – you raised an amazing £372.07.

Best,

Mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events from 7th November 2022 (NEW MENU week 2)

Friday 11 th November:	5J class assembly at 10am – parents welcome PTFA Ceilidh event
Weds 16 th November:	Y6 cake sale in aid of Young Lives vs Cancer (cash only please)
Friday 18 th November:	5SK class assembly at 10am – parents welcome

Drama Club - update

Drama club next Monday will finish at 4.30pm. WHOLE CAST!

POLITE REMINDER

Please could we remind all parents/carers to inform After School Club if your child will not be attending a booked session for any reason (including illness or if they're attending off-site tournaments).

You can let us know via email alice.webber@bristol-schools.uk or to the main office, or via text message on 07760 181381. These messages will be picked up before After School Club starts and we will not then need to chase. Many thanks!

Charity cake sales being held this term by Year 6



As part of our Love thy Neighbour topic, two groups of year 6 children will be holding cake sales this term:

Weds 16th November at 3.30pm - Natasza, Julia, Sophia F and Hannah M are organising a cake sale raising money for Young Lives vs Cancer

Weds 30th November - children from 6D are organising a cake sale raising money for Barnardos.

Please support these children in making a difference to the lives of other children. Cash only please.

Clubs and sports at St Bon's

Week of 7th November

Drama	YES – now full and running a waiting list	Monday and Thursday KS2 (see above for details)
Premier Sport Football	YES	Mondays - Y1, Y2, Y3 Tuesdays - Y4, Y5 Y6
Netball	YES	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Gymnastics	YES	Tuesdays – Y3
Running club – 7.50am	YES	Wednesday mornings – all welcome
Mr Morgan after school	YES	Wednesdays – BOYS this week Y5 & 6. Training pick up at 4.30pm
Tag Rugby	YES	Thursdays - Y5 & 6
Badminton – 8am	YES	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Yoga	YES	Fridays – Y1
Chess	YES	Fridays – Y5 & 6
Premier Sport Hockey	YES	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays - Y5 & 6

Reception places for September 2023



Just a reminder that we are currently running Open Days for parents who will be applying for a Reception place for September 2023. Book on to a tour with the office if you feel this would be helpful.

If you are applying on faith grounds, we will need a copy of your child's Catholic baptism certificate please. You can bring in the original to be copied in the office or email us a copy. We will provide you with a dated receipt.

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2023.

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com



Future meeting dates are:

Thursday 17th November 8pm

<https://vrtx.zoom.us/j/3232294047?pwd=RmZld2QzZlZCShkxTnNmYXBCY2l3Zz09&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 323 229 4047

Password: PTFA

Everyone is welcome to attend to any and all meetings. We would love to hear more ideas and have more help. Don't worry if you can only attend for part or join late.



Ceilidh Friday 11th November

Tickets available now on the website!

- <https://www.stbonsptfa.com/events-1/ceilidh-barn-dance>
- **Tickets £10 per person including a welcome drink. (Available online at the start of next term)**
 - **Doors 7.30pm with music 8pm-11pm**

Woo hooo! A chance for parents and carers to let their hair down and have a good ol' fashioned knees up with a Ceilidh dance! You can expect a cracking live band, well stocked bar and some memorable dance moves (dad dancing is actively encouraged!).

All proceeds fund projects to enhance our children's school experience.

(Please be mindful of our neighbours when leaving and keep noise to a minimum)



Bag2School Collection Monday 7th November

Bring in your bags of donations to drop off on 7th November.

We get paid per kg of items donated with the money going to fund books for the school library and class book corners. The class that donates the most bags wins a prize for their class!

We need 4 volunteers from 8.20-approx 9.30 to collect in the bags and count up which class has the most bags. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C44ACA829A0FB6-bag2school>

We will be collecting the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, household linen, household curtains, household towels, household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

*The company **DO NOT** accept:*

- *Duvets and blankets, pillows and cushions, carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats), soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, school uniforms with and without logo, corporate clothing and workwear, textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*



Christmas Fair 4th December

Put it in your diaries now, the Christmas fair will be on Sunday 4th December! We're already getting ideas together.

Please continue to sign up to your class stall rota, buy a hamper item and look out for more info and key dates coming soon.

A huge well done and THANK YOU to the classes that have already filled their stall rotas.

Get more for your time by asking if your employer offers matched funding. We've raised an extra £1500 in 2022 because 2 people have been able to do this. Think of how we could support the school if more people did!

Join the Committee!

We're looking for a **new secretary** to take over when our current secretary steps down later this year. Full handover will be given and Lu would be happy to support the incoming volunteer while they find their feet. If you'd like more info on the role please get in touch.

Uniform Shop

Kids had a sudden growth spurt? Realised you could do with a couple of extra bits of uniform? The preloved uniform shop has plenty of good quality stock in so just get in touch: ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

Community Food Pantry update

The Pantry is continuing to be a source of nutritious food for those who need it. And with recent news reports telling us that food prices have increased by 11% this year, it's never been needed more.

This week, we'd like to say a big thank you to the Year 6 pupils at St Bonaventure's School who recently collected food donations from their year group parents and put them directly into the Pantry. Steph Woolley, Deputy Head, said: "This is a really good way for them to understand how their campaigning and kindness can impact others in a positive way." Thank you so much for your generosity!



We are often asked if we accept fresh food in the Pantry. We don't - but there is a new charity called Family Food Action who are providing free **fresh** food to those in need. You can donate fresh fruit and vegetables to Family Food Action in the specially-labelled box at the back of St Bonaventures Church on SUNDAYS ONLY.

You can also donate food in the box outside number 90 Egerton Road on MONDAYS ONLY. Those of you who have allotments may have surplus produce at this time of year, and we know Family Food Action would be very grateful if you were able to donate it to them.

How can I help?

As well as cash donations, we are incredibly grateful for any food you can give. Any amount at all is helpful, even one packet, box or bottle of something! Here are the items we're most in need of at the moment:

PLEASE DONATE:

Tuna
Other fish
Oil
Mayonnaise
Peanut butter
Jam
Flour
Sugar
Baked beans

Sanitary towels

Tampons

Shampoo

Please DO NOT donate:

Fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste - but Family Food Action can take fruit and veg)

Tinned soup (it doesn't get taken)

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 Jenny Glester's door at 57 Egerton Road.

How do I donate my time?

If you'd like to get involved in the organisation of the Community Food Pantry, you can join our WhatsApp group by following this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Kq3UpC345FdDOPMnNwQfja>

Thank you all for your support!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Brownies is about trying new things that teach girls aged seven to 10 about themselves, their community and their world.



Brownies introduces girls to a world of new opportunities, challenges and fun. Girls go along to holidays, day trips and sleepovers. They get together with their friends at regular meetings where they learn new hobbies, get creative, develop skills and have outdoor adventures.

As well as trying activities in their meetings, girls choose from interest badges related to things they want to know more about.

Spaces are currently available at 106th Brownies who meet at St Bonaventure's Parish Hall.

Visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> to sign up.

JUST ROCK® Bristol is a music club for children (7-18) and adults (19+) in Redland. We offer group lessons in guitar, bass, drums and singing and the opportunity to perform regularly as part of a live band. Beginners are very welcome!

The 90-minute, weekly sessions are held on Mondays after school in Redland Church Hall, Redland Green Road, Bristol, BS6 7HE

Timings:

Juniors (7-11s) 4.15pm-5.45pm

Seniors (11-18s) 6.00pm-7.30pm

Adults (19+) 7.45pm-9.15pm

Our end of year gig will be held in July 2023 at The Fleece, Bristol.

To book, go to www.justrock.com/clubs and submit a 'Contact us' enquiry form.