



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear parents and carers,

*Father God,  
Bless our school.*

*May all who enter here be filled with your love and may we all learn to follow in the footsteps of Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who came to give us light and life.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

Thank you to everyone who attended our EYFS/KS1 parent/carer reading session on Tuesday afternoon. If you were not able to attend, staff are running the same session again on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9am. Please make the effort to pop along and find out how we teach reading at St Bons and how you can support your child at home.

### **Book fair**

I want to remind you all that we have arranged for the local bookshop Max Minerva to host a book sale for us after school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> for KS1 and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November KS2. The sale will take place outside the office. Please do pop along, it's a great opportunity to pick up some Christmas gifts. Both adult and children's books will be available.

### **SEND parent/carer group**

Thank you to those parents/carers who came along to our SEND support group this morning. The focus of our meeting was sharing resources to support children with Autism. Take a look on the news section of our website to see a copy of the presentation and resources shared.

### **Window Wanderland**

We are really excited to be hosting Bishopston Window Wanderland again this year. We are looking for parents and carers, and members of our school community who are able to join our working party.

What we need:

- Someone who would be willing to support with social media
- Local business who are happy to sponsor the event.

If you think you could help us in any capacity please email us at [Georgina.Beattie@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:Georgina.Beattie@bristol-schools.uk)

Best,  
Sarah Ballantine  
Head teacher

## Catholic Life Of Our School

### **Whole School Display: Let Our Lights Shine**

This week the photo shows whole school display reminding us all to let our lights shine. Each child has reflected on what makes them unique and special, and how they can bring the light of Christ to others. The display is a beautiful reminder of the diversity and richness of our school community.

### **Headteacher's Assembly**

In this week's Headteacher's Assembly, Mrs Ballantine echoed the above message by sharing the book 'We're all wonders' with the children. The children discussed that we are all different and that God made each of us special and unique.

### **Celebration of the Word**

In this week's Celebration of the Word, we talked about the parable of the ten bridesmaids. We learned that God wants to share his love with everyone, and that we should always be prepared to receive him.

### **Faith Awards**

The children in each year group are starting to plan what they are going to do for their Love thy Neighbour faith awards before the end of term. Year 6 pupils are working together to plan fundraising and actions to help others. Next Friday at 3.30 they will be raising money by selling cakes, books and toys at to raise money for their chosen charities. Please support them in fundraising to make a difference to others.

### **RE Lessons**

As part of their learning in RE, the children in year 3 were very excited to welcome Mgr. Bernard to their classes today to answer their questions on the sacrament of Reconciliation. The children in Year 5 were learning about pilgrimages this week, and had the opportunity to talk to Mrs Molloy about her visits to Lourdes.

We are so grateful for the rich and vibrant Catholic life of our school community. Thank you to all of our parents, staff, and students for your continued support.



### Events w/c 13<sup>th</sup> November (MENU week 3.)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>- Max Minerva book sale KS1 after school.  
- Reading information session Reception & KS1 9:00 in hall.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>- Max Minerva book sale KS2 after school.  
- Year 5 sports event at St Bede's

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 measurement screening

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>- 1CR Class Assembly  
- Year 6 Charity Sale- Cakes, Books and Toys- after school.

#### UP COMING DATES:

Disco- 17<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Fair- 3<sup>rd</sup> December

KS1 Nativities- Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 Carol concert- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6pm



### Nasal Flu Immunisations 15<sup>th</sup> December

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net) or 03001245515 for more information.

### First Holy Communion 2024

The application process for the First Holy Communion programme is now open. If your child is in year 3 or above, and you wish to enrol him/her for the preparation programme starting in January, please complete an online [application form](#).

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 11th May 2024.

For more details, please contact the parish office on 0117 942 4448 or visit

<https://stbonsbristol.com/sacraments/> .

## Reception places for September 2024



Just a reminder that applications for Reception places for September 2024 are now open, We still have spaces on our open days, book on to a tour with the office if you feel this would be helpful.

The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.



### 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 Wednesdays 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](mailto:esmeralda.cela@bristol-schools.uk)

**A special invitation is extended to parents/carers of children who have just joined us.  
If you would like more information about the group – please email Mrs Cela.**



### Running Club

\*Running/walking club\*

Do you want to get fit and have fun at the same time!  
Join us on Wednesday mornings at 7.50am.  
Children and adults are welcome.

## Clubs and sports at St Bon's



Club...	Is it running...	Day and year group...
Netball - 3:15	YES YES	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Drama	Yes (Year 6)	Thursdays- Year 6- 3:15 – 4:15 in hall Years 4-5 will start after Christmas
Circuits	YES	Thursdays- Y1-Y6, 7:50am in hall
Running club – 7.45am	YES	Wednesdays – all welcome – outside foyer
Mr Morgan after school	YES	Wednesdays- Boys
Tag Rugby	Yes	Thursday Y5 & Y6 8:00
Chess – Lunch break	YES	Fridays - Y5 & Y6 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays - Y5 & 6 £5
Gymnastics- 3:15 – 4:15	YES	Tuesdays- Year 3
Dodge ball- 8:00	Yes	Fridays – Y3 &4- in hall
Art/Drawing 12:15-12:45	YES	Tuesday lunch - KS2 – In 4H
Debating Club 12:15	YES	Wednesday lunch – Y5 & Y6 -In 3B/3J
Well-Being Singing 12:15	YES	Tuesday lunch – whole school - in 1P
Choir – 12:15	KS1 YES KS2 YES	Mondays – KS1 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 – in 2TW
Yoga	YES	Friday Y1 – paid class – <a href="https://www.emflow.co.uk/book.html">https://www.emflow.co.uk/book.html</a>

There are still spaces available for the yoga club for Year 1 will go ahead on the following Fridays 3:15-4:15:  
3<sup>rd</sup> November, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 15<sup>th</sup> December

The link to book for Term 2 is here:

<https://www.emflow.co.uk/book.html>

## Coaching with Sophie

If you would like to book onto our clubs please do so via our website - [www.cwsophie.co.uk](http://www.cwsophie.co.uk) the bookings are now live.

Please also be aware Thursday's we have both Girls only sports and Tag Rugby/Cricket these are separate classes and Tag Rugby and Cricket are for both boys and girls, but right now it falls under girls sports on the websites.

**TERM 2 - CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

MON	TUE	WED	THU
<b>FOOTBALL CLUB</b> 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION, Y1,Y2  £24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE	<b>FOOTBALL CLUB</b> 3.30PM - 4.30PM Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6  £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE	<b>MULTI SPORTS CLUB</b> 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/.Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6  £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE	<b>GIRLS ONLY SPORTS</b> 3.30PM-4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6  <b>TAG RUGBY/CRICKET</b> 30.30PM-4.30PM Y2/Y3/Y4  £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO BOOK -  <a href="http://WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK">WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK</a>	CLUBS WILL START BACK WEEK COMMENCING TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2023 (FIRST WEEK BACK TO SCHOOL)	PLEASE NOTE THURSDAYS GIRLS ONLY SPORTS AND TAG RUGBY/CRICKET ARE <i>TWO DIFFERENT CLUBS</i> AND TAG RUGBY/CRICKET ARE FOR EVERYONE BUT IT WILL SHOW UNDER GIRLS SPORTS ON THE WEBSITE FOR THE TIME BEING.	



PTFA News

[www.stbonsptfa.com](http://www.stbonsptfa.com)

Email – [contact@stbonsptfa.com](mailto:contact@stbonsptfa.com)

Uniform – [ptfauniformrep@gmail.com](mailto:ptfauniformrep@gmail.com)

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

### **Bag2School**

Thank you for all your donations. We raised a fantastic £190. 4G won the class prize for the most donations.

### **Christmas Cards and Shop**

Our Christmas shop is open! The children have been busy creating some amazing Christmas designs. They are now all scanned in and ready for you to view and order at: <https://mychildsart.co.uk/find-artwork?username=StBonaventuresPtfa&access-code=Nc4QU92G>

Alternatively use this link and login:

<https://mychildsart.co.uk/order>. Log in with the details below and find your child's art work. Username: StBonaventuresPtfa Access code: Nc4QU92G

There is a 10% discount for two weeks until 16th November at 23:59. Discount code: StBonaventuresPtfa

There are a lovely selection of products available, Christmas cards, coasters, decorations, wrapping paper and many more. 20% of everything you spend goes to the school ptfa. Happy shopping!  
Any problems contact the customer service number on 01530887650



### **Christmas Fair Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**



Ideas are coming together for this year's fair. To help us achieve the dream we're looking for:

- Decorations and artificial trees you are decluttering
- Musicians. In a band or choir and would like to perform at the fair to inject some Christmas spirit? Let us know.
- Sponsorship to help cover overheads and donations for prizes, Could your employer help? Do you know any local businesses who might support us?
- Matched funding – contact your HR and find out if by volunteering at the fair your employer could help to boost our fundraising efforts

If you can help in any way please let us know using one of the contact methods above. We'll be sending out a separate letter with some further information too.

### **How your fundraising is helping...**

A key vision for St Bons is learning through play and to help make that possible we've been looking at further ways to enhance the playground to encourage imagination, self expression and confidence and also provide spaces for quieter, calmer time. We hope to provide more details soon!

We're also looking at workshops for each year group, author visits and a Christmas treat!

If you have any suggestions for how the money you help to raise is used then please get in touch.

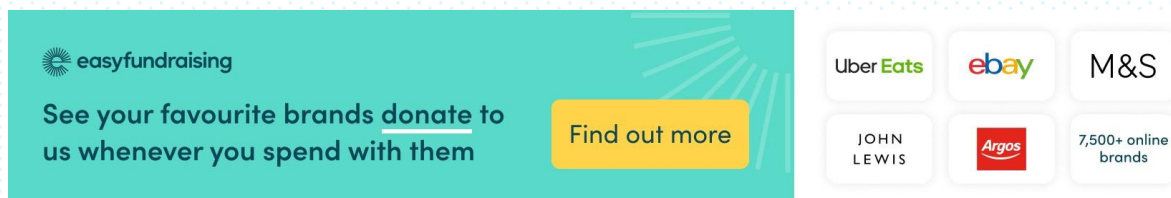
### **Committee Positions Available**

We-re looking for a new chairperson or co-chair people for the PTFA. No prior experience necessary just some enthusiasm and a desire to help the school provide our children with an amazing experience now and in the future. If you are interested please let us know. You'll have a full handover with lots of support from the outgoing chairs and the rest of the committee who are a really friendly bunch.

### **Coming up:**

✓Disco 17<sup>th</sup> November

✓Christmas Fair 3<sup>rd</sup> December



The banner features the Easyfundraising logo on the left, followed by the text "See your favourite brands donate to us whenever you spend with them". A yellow button with the text "Find out more" is positioned to the right of the text. On the far right, there are six circular icons representing partner brands: Uber Eats, ebay, M&S, JOHN LEWIS, Argos, and 7,500+ online brands.

Well done to the boys from 4H who held a loom band sale last week and raised £56 for CAFOD.







## **COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY.**

A big thank you this week to Mary for her continued and incredibly generous support of the Pantry, as she gave a much-needed donation of food recently. If you'd like to do the same, you can leave food donations in either in the clear box labelled "Community Food Pantry Donation Box" at the back of the church or in the white post box outside the front door of the Presbytery.

Anything you can give will be massively appreciated, but we particularly need the following things at the moment:

### **Please donate:**

Tinned fruit  
Tinned meat meals (for example: chilli, meatballs, casserole, curry)  
Tinned sweetcorn  
Tinned tuna  
Cooking oil  
Sugar  
Pasta sauce  
Shampoo  
Sanitary towels  
Deodorant  
Toilet roll

### **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 Jenny Glester's door at 57 Egerton Road.

## Community News

Below is a job position that is available with Clifton Diocese that might be of interest:

### **Finance Office Support**

The Finance department based in Alexander House, Bristol, are looking to recruit a team administrator to strengthen its central Finance Office function.

The role is part-time, 12hours across three days. Attention to detail, flexible can-do attitude, and the ability to be well organised are important. Experience in a similar role and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel would be highly beneficial. For further details please go to [www.cliftondiocese.com/Diocese/Working](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/Diocese/Working) For US where you will find the Job Description and application form. All applications to be sent to Simon Hussey, Head of Finance by 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023, [simon.hussey@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:simon.hussey@cliftondiocese.com)

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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 077924420999 to find out more.