



Friday 21st October 2022

Dear parents and carers,

*Loving Father,
Thank you for all who are part of our school.
Please grant us your encouragement, wisdom and peace.
Please pour out Your blessings upon our whole school community.
In Jesus name.
Amen*

Thank you to everyone who came to school dressed in pink today and made a donation for Wear It Pink day. I'll let you know how much we raised once your donations have been counted next term.

Parent focus group update

Moving forward, I am going to be providing you with a termly update from our parent focus group.

As you aware, this group of parent/carers volunteers meets termly to discuss school related topics. This term, we have discussed:

- School shoes vs trainers - I am aware that buying school shoes is expensive and some parents have been disappointed that children are not in school shoes every day. All pupils are welcome to wear school shoes every day if this is parental preference as long as they bring their trainers in a bag on PE days.
- School library - the school library is now open every lunchtime and pupils are welcome to visit the library and borrow a book. Year 6 library monitors share stories with KS1 children.
- Well-being pod- our well-being pod is used regularly by whole classes, small groups and individuals. Mrs Woolley has been provided with a budget and is currently updating the décor and interior furnishing. I'll share some photos with you once she's finished.
- Weekly newsletter - we are currently working on a redesign for our weekly newsletter- watch this space!
- Buddies - every year 6 child has been buddied up with a Reception pupil. Buddies look out for the Reception children on the playground and class teachers will plan activities for them to engage in together throughout the year.

Arrangements for Christmas

Although we are not yet in the season of Advent, I'd like to share with you the arrangements we have made for Christmas so that you are able to put dates in your diaries.

Reception & KS1 Nativity performances

We have set the dates for the Reception and KS1 nativity performances as follows:

- RHM, 1P & 2G - Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th December at 2pm.
- RH, 1CR, 2T - Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December at 2pm.

We plan to give each child two tickets for each performance. This will be reviewed nearer to the time to ensure we are compliant with local COVID rates.

KS2 Carol Concert

Pupils in KS2 will be inviting all parents and carers to their carol service which will be held in St Bonaventure's Catholic church on Tuesday 13th December at 6pm. More details will follow nearer to the time.

Pupil Christmas lunch

Our school kitchen will be serving Christmas lunch to all pupils on Wednesday 14th December. More details to follow next term.

EAL parent support group

Our EAL parent support group will continue to meet every Monday morning at 9am throughout term 2. The group provides support for parents where English is not a first language. Please see Mrs Preisner if you want to find out more.



On behalf of the staff and governors, thank you for your continued support, I hope you all find time to rest and recharge at some point next week.

Best,

mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events from 31st October 2022 (NEW MENU week 1)

Monday 31 st October:	INSET day – school closed
Tuesday 1 st November:	First day of term 2 All Saint's Mass 9.15am – parents welcome
Friday 4 th November:	Parent meeting with Mrs Ballantine – re School Improvement Plan 9-10am
Monday 7 th November:	Bags 2 School collection
Friday 11 th November:	5J class assembly at 10am – parents welcome

Volunteer and donations needed

Miss Rigg is looking for a parent helper (who doesn't have a child in Reception) to accompany her and Reception class children to Forest School on some Monday mornings, leaving after school drop off and returning at 11.30am.

If you can help, please email the school office.



We also need donations of zip-up, non-hooded fleeces for children aged 4, 5 and 6.
Please bring any you have to the school office.

Drama Club – update



There will be no Drama Club on Monday 31st October due to the INSET day.

We will therefore have a **FULL CAST REHEARSAL** on Thursday 3rd November until 4.30pm.

Holiday homework from Mrs Woolley

We will be celebrating All Saints Day when we return to school after half term. Years 4, 5 and 6 will join the mass in the church and years 1, 2 and 3 will join from the school hall.

I asked the children in assembly this week to think about their favourite saints and those that are an inspiration to them. I suggested that they may want to research more about one of those saints and produce a double page spread (A3 size page) giving information on who they were, what they did, why they were made a saint and how they are an inspiration.



This work can be as visual and creative as they would like it to be. I would love to share some of the children's examples in an assembly next term.

Clubs and sports at St Bon's Week of 31st October

Drama	YES – THURSDAY ONLY – FULL CAST	Monday and Thursday KS2 (see above for details)
Premier Sport Football	NOT MONDAY 31 st OCTOBER YES Tuesday 1 st November	Mondays - Y1, Y2, Y3 Tuesdays - Y4, Y5 Y6
Netball	NOT MONDAY 31 st OCTOBER YES Tuesday 1 st November	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 – GIRLS this week Y5 & 6. Training pick up at 4.30pm
Tag Rugby	Starts Thursday 10 th November	Thursdays - Y5 & 6
Badminton – 8am	Starts Friday 4 th November for those who have signed up	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Chess	YES	Fridays – Y5 & 6
Premier Sport Hockey	YES	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays - Y5 & 6

Lion King DVD - refunds

If you paid for a DVD, please would you come to the office to collect your refund before the end of term 2.

Any money remaining at the end of Term 2 will be put towards the fund for future drama productions.

Y3 Girls' take part in Football festival

A big well done to the Y3 girls that took part in the football festival at Henleaze Junior School. They were exceptional.



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 – evening, online

Everyone is welcome to attend to any and all meetings.
We would love to hear more ideas and have more help.

Ceilidh Friday 11th November

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!).

Tickets £10 per person including a welcome drink. (Available online at the start of next term)
Doors 7.30pm with music 8pm-11pm.

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

Start clearing the cupboards over half term and bring in your bags at 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 Sunday 4th December

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

This event will not be possible without people helping us to prepare for the event and volunteering on the day. If you're interested in helping us with this year's fair please get in touch.

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.

Shop and Support

Raise money for the PTFA while doing your shopping.

- STICKINS

Need new name labels for next year? Using code 19021 at checkout and Stickins will donate to the PTFA.

- AMAZON SMILE

Set up your Amazon Smile account and select St Bonaventure's PTFA as your chosen charity and every time you shop with Amazon the PTFA receives a donation.

- EASYFUNDRAISING

Download the app (available through the Apple and on android), check if your chosen retailer is on Easyfundraising, click through, shop as normal and the PTFA gets a donation

None of these options change the price you pay so please consider using them the next time you're shopping as an easy way to raise money without costing you a penny more.

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

We've made a few experimental changes to the Food Pantry this week. First, we've decided not to restock the meal bags for a while. These were intended to provide all the elements of a meal for four people in a grab-and-go bag, but we've noticed that people don't tend to take the bags themselves but rather take items out of them. We think it might make more sense to simply stock more individual items on the shelves instead.

Secondly, we've added some trial products to the shelves: drinking chocolate, long-lasting tortilla wraps and bars of soap. We'll be monitoring the popularity of them and may add them to the standard shopping list if they prove popular.

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:

Cooking oil
Tuna
Other tinned fish
Sanitary towels
Tampons
UHT milk
Flour
Kitchen roll
Cereal - but not Weetabix
Vegetable stock cubes
Sweetcorn
Pasta
Rice
Washing up liquid
Sugar
Tinned tomatoes

Please DO NOT donate:

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

Pre-school Committee Members Needed!!

St Bonaventure's Pre-School is keenly looking for new members to join its Management Committee. Many of the current committee have held their roles for quite some time and are now looking to transition away from the governance of the setting as their children are growing older.

If you have a child currently at the Pre-School or are intending to send your little ones, or perhaps are looking for a volunteering opportunity or maybe even looking for some experience to build your CV please seriously consider joining. We are looking to fill the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary positions. No experience is needed and a full handover would be provided.

The Pre-School needs a functioning Management Committee to remain open, so please let's work together to keep this high quality, much loved Pre-School a viable setting.

If you would be interested in joining or would like some further information then please email Claire (current Chair) clairekingall@googlemail.com

Bristol Penguins are running some additional swimming lessons and training sessions this October Half Term at Badminton School Swimming Pool from Mon 24th to Thurs 27th Oct. The link below has all the detailed information.

[Bristol Penguin Oct Half Term 22 Swim Camp](#)

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.