



Friday 2nd February 2024



Dear parents and carers,

*May God bless our school that in learning together and playing together
we may learn to love you and to love one another more.
Amen.*

I would like to share the wonderful news that Mrs Purnell, year 1 teacher, and her husband are expecting their first child in August 2024. We are all so pleased for you both. Mrs Purnell hopes to stay in post until the end of this academic year.

It is with sadness that I inform you that Mrs Williams, year 2 teacher, is leaving St Bons at the end of February. Mrs Williams will be moving to a school closer to her home. This has not been an easy decision for her to make and after 18 years at St Bons we will be sad to see her go but know that this is the right decision for her and her young family.



Update on behaviour at playtime

Following a discussion with the parent focus group last week, it was suggested I provide you with an update on the reasons behind our short term changes made to provision at playtime.

Due to the number of issues surrounding football and ball related games we have put a short term hold on the use of balls at playtime. We're working with the children to identify solutions to the problems we are seeing that involve misuse of balls on the playground and MUGA.

With this in mind I would encourage you to have a conversation with your child/ren about what it means to be a good sport.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Catholic Life of our school this week

This week at St. Bon's, the spirit of faith and learning blossomed in exciting ways! Following our inspiring chaplaincy assembly, our young minds have been buzzing with ideas for transforming the St. Francis garden into a haven of peace and prayer. Peek at the photos this week to see their creative visions for a space that fosters quiet reflection and connection with God.

In 3B's class assembly today, the gospel theme of "Seek the Truth" took centre stage. The class cleverly linked their history lessons about Ancient Egypt to the theme through the fascinating story of Amelia Edwards. Did you know she visited Egypt fifty years before Howard Carter and his famous discovery?

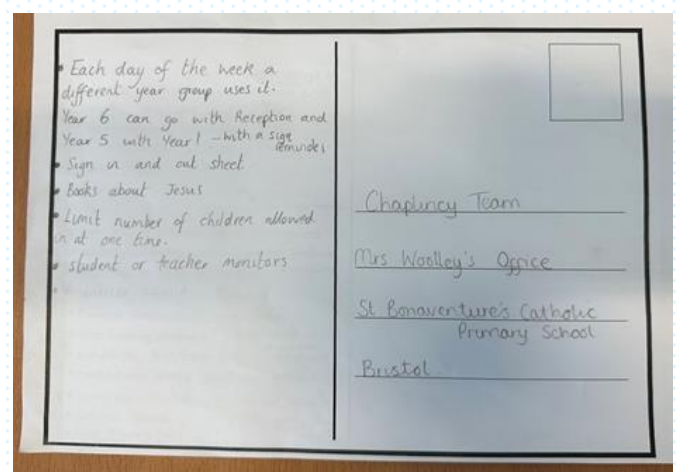
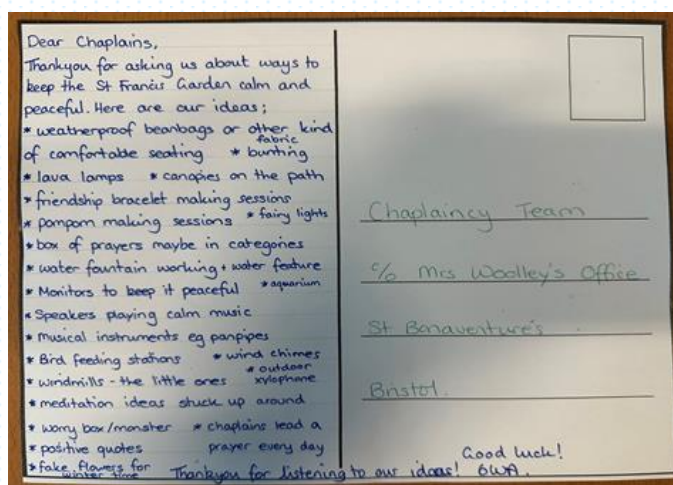
3B shared their knowledge about archaeologists, Egyptologists, and the importance of cultural heritage and conservation.

Their understanding of seeking truth shone through, culminating in a beautiful prayer inspired by Amelia Edwards:

Dear God,
Thank you for giving us brains, so we can think for ourselves.
Help us always to remain curious and enquiring.
Help us to be brave enough to challenge injustice and to always seek the truth.
Amen.

This prayer reflects the values we have at St. Bon's. We encourage our pupils to be curious explorers, asking questions, and seeking deeper understanding. We want them to be brave truth-seekers, standing up for what's right and challenging injustice. And most importantly, we hope they always remember the importance of faith, which guides them on their journey through life.

So, as we move forward this week, let's carry the spirit of St. Francis' garden and 3B's inspiring prayer in our hearts. Let's be curious, be brave, and always seek the truth, both in our learning and in our lives.



On Wednesday 6WA are holding a second hand book sale to raise money for our local food bank and pantry. We would love more donations of good quality children's books! Please drop them into the office at the start of the week. Also please support the sale by coming along to see if there is a book you might like to buy!

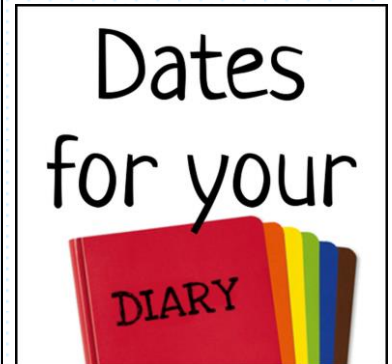
UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning Monday 5th February (week 1 menu)

- Monday 5th – Year 5 Explore dome.
- Tuesday 6th- Ten pin bowling competition
- Wednesday 7th- Year 1 SS Great Britain trip.
Year 6- Year 6 second hand book sale.
- Thursday 8th – Pancakes for pudding.
- Friday 9th - Last day of term.

Monday 12th -16th Half Term

Monday 19th- Term 4 begins



Vacancy for School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA)

We are looking to recruit an SMSA to work every lunchtime (12:00pm to 1:30pm). This involves supervising a small group key stage 2 children in the playground during lunchtime.

Please contact the school office or speak to Mrs Ballantine on the school gate if you are interested in finding out more information.



Iron on St Bonaventures logo badges

Don't forget we now have iron on logos to sell to parents, they are fantastic quality and hope it makes uniform more affordable for parents. The badges are £1.30 each and can be ironed on to cardigans, sweatshirt, polo shirts and t-shirts. We hope this makes uniform more affordable for parents

Payment can be made via School Gateway and will be payable from Monday.

If you have ordered badges please pick them up from the school office

Clubs and sports at St Bon's



Sport and clubs week starting 5th February

Club...	Is it running...	Day and year group...
Netball	YES YES	3:15 Mondays – Y3 & 4 3:15 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Drama	YES	Thursdays- Y6- 3:15 – 4:45 in hall Mondays- Y4 & Y5 3:15-4:30 (not accepting new sign ups)
Circuits	YES	Thursdays Y1-Y6 7:50am in hall
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	YES	Wednesdays- 3:15 GIRLS
Tag Rugby	YES	Thursday Y5 & Y6 8:00
Chess Lunch break	YES	Fridays -Y5 & Y6 12:15 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays- Y5 & 6 3:15. Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins.
Gymnastics	Yes	Tuesdays Y4 - 3:15 in hall
Dodge ball	NO	NOT ON THIS WEEK Fridays – Y3 &4- 8:00 in hall
Art/Drawing- lunch time	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 – whole school - 12:15 in 1P
Choir – Lunch time	KS1 YES KS2 YES	Mondays – KS1 12:15 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 –12:15 in 2TW
Yoga	YES	Friday Y1 – paid class –

WINDOW WANDERLAND



Window Wanderland – A Walking Trail to Light up our Winter

On Saturday 9th March St Bonaventures will be once again hosting the opening night of this wonderful event, please do support us by coming along. Pick up a map of the trail, view the schools amazing windows that we will create, and enjoy free hot chocolate from FED, PizzaRova pizza and sweet treats from Joes Bakery.

“Which event sums up community and creativity better than Window Wanderland?” – Featured in [The Sunday Times](#).

Imagine walking around your streets at night and seeing your neighbourhood in a whole new light. Window Wanderland is a fun community project that started in Bristol in 2015, with amazing results, and your area will host this unique event in month, year of event.

What is it? Bishopston Window Wanderland invites Bishopston residents to make displays in their windows or gardens that will then form a magical trail which can be explored by the whole community. What goes into the displays is totally up to you: from a string of fairy lights to a band playing in the living room, from simple to spectacular: as long as it's family friendly, anything goes.

It's easy to put your house on the map if you want to make a display, just visit our event www.windowwanderland.com/event/bishopston-bristol-2024

How can I help?

- ❖ Share our poster on your local Whats App groups.
- ❖ Pop into the office and get a poster to display in your window.
- ❖ Ask the office for flyers and post them around your Bishopston neighbourhood.
- ❖ Visit our Instagram page Bishopston window Wanderland and forward to your stories.
- ❖ Get your local business involved by sponsoring the event or signing up your window.
- ❖ **MOST INPORTANTLY SIGN UP YOUR WINDOW TO OUR MAP.**

When you sign up you will receive free membership to the scrap store for the 4 weeks leading up to the opening event.



February Half term Playscheme

12 -16th February

£28 - Full Day/ **£21**- Short Day

Open for children aged 4 -11 years.

Please contact the play team or visit the website for further information.

Taking Bookings Now

Tel:07760181381

Email:Kidzonestbons@bristol-schools.uk

CRAFTS



GAMES



COOKERY





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

**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.

TERM 3 CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS SCHEDULE. PLEASE BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE www.cwsophie.co.uk

TERM 3 - CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MON

FOOTBALL CLUB
3.30PM - 4.30PM
RECEPTION, Y1, Y2

£20 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE

TUE

FOOTBALL CLUB
3.30PM - 4.30PM
Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

£20 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE

WED

MULTI SPORTS CLUB
3.30PM - 4.30PM
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

THU

GIRLS ONLY SPORTS
3.30PM-4.30PM
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

TAG RUGBY/CRICKET
30.30PM-4.30PM
Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

PLEASE VISIT OUR
WEBSITE TO BOOK -
WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK

CLUBS WILL START
BACK WEEK
COMMENCING
WEDNESDAY 3RD
JANUARY 2024 (FIRST
WEEK BACK TO SCHOOL)

PLEASE NOTE
THURSDAYS GIRLS ONLY
SPORTS AND TAG
RUGBY/CRICKET ARE
TWO DIFFERENT CLUBS
AND TAG
RUGBY/CRICKET ARE FOR
EVERYONE .





PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Email – contact@stbonsptfa.com

Uniform – ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa



Vote in our new PTFA Chair on Thursday 8th!



This **Thursday 8th Feb, 8pm** we will be holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is where we vote in the PTFA committee for the next year, including our new Chair! The meeting will be via zoom call (Zoom log in details will be circulated in advance)

Current Co-Chairs Sophie and Aisling are sadly stepping down after 3 wonderful years and a parent in the school has stepped forward to be your new PTFA Chair, so let's all show her our full support by dialling in!

We need at least 20 attendees to fulfil our legal charity obligations so please do dial in! You don't have to say anything, just be present!

✓ Annual General Meeting (AGM), Thursday 8th Feb, 8pm, online

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

A huge thank you this week to the wonderful Mary and her husband, who donated a fantastic amount of just the food items we needed - and just as the pantry was looking particularly bare. Along with Tesco in Winterbourne, who also donated some food and gift vouchers, they have really helped us out and we're very grateful indeed.

As Tesco themselves say - every little helps! So next time you're in the supermarket, why not pop one of the things in the list below into your trolley and leave it in the box outside the door of the Presbytery. Everything you donate goes towards helping local people put food on the table.

Please donate:

tinned vegetarian meals
tinned vegan meals
tinned meat meals
tinned fruit
cereal
shampoo
deodorant
toilet rolls

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.

Community News

Our year 6 drama club need your help!

We are looking for-

X 2 white jackets (small adult or age 11/12)

Feather boas

And boys tank tops. If people have the items to donate or loan please contact Miss Riggs, Miss Ansell or myself Claire Griffiths 07752808056

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.
