



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear parents and carers,

*'In this season of hope, through short days and long nights,  
In wind, rain and wet plays.  
Lord, we have so much to look forward to.  
Help us remember those who have very little.'*

I hope you all had a great half term and found time to rest. We've got a very busy term ahead of us- I've already ordered the school Christmas tree!

### **School attendance**

As we approach winter I want to share with you some information produced by the NHS: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) This provides parents/carers with essential information which will help you to make an informed decision about whether or not you should keep your child off school.

### **Rainy Weather**

We are now into winter which unfortunately means lots of rain, please can you make sure your child comes into school with a water proof jacket/coat every day.

We are getting lots of children with soggy feet, If any one has any spare or outgrown socks they would kindly donate they would be greatly appreciated, also if your child comes home in socks or clothes they've borrowed from school could you please return them to the office.

### **After School Club**

Can we please remind parents to book afterschool club at least 24hrs before the required session.

The club is now very busy and we do have a maximum capacity that we can look after.

If you require a last minute place, book late or forget to book we can not guarantee the child a place and will ask they be collected at the usual pick up time if the club is full.

### **Book fair**

We have arranged for Max Minerva bookshop to deliver a book fair on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November 3.15-4.00. Children's and adult books will be available on both dates for you to purchase. This is an ideal opportunity to pick up some Christmas gifts.

### **Anti-bullying week 2023**

National anti-bullying week will take place from 13th-17th November. Throughout this week school assemblies will focus on raising awareness of what to do if children think they are being bullied.

We have arranged for Unique Voice, a social enterprise who support and work alongside schools, to deliver assemblies and workshops with our children on Thursday 21st November.

As part of this day they are also delivering an information session for parents and carers at 2.45-3.15 in the school hall. I would urge you all to put this time and date in your diary and do your best to attend this rare opportunity.

Best,  
Sarah Ballantine  
Head teacher

## Catholic Life Of The School

### All Saints Day Service

This week, we celebrated All Saints Day in school with a service led by our Year 6 chaplains. The children in each year group shared what they had learned about their year group and house saints, and explained how each of the saints demonstrated their faith, hope, and love for others. They also talked about how the saints inspire us today. The service was a wonderful reminder of the importance of the saints in our lives. They are role models for us all, and their stories inspire us to be better people.

The art work of our school saints, along with the children's ideas, will be hung outside the classrooms as a reminder of how we can follow in their footsteps in our everyday lives.

### Year 5 Chaplaincy training

On Tuesday, our Year 5 chaplains attended training at the Newman hall with other local Catholic schools. The training was led by Louise White who is the RE advisor for Clifton Diocese and Kevin Laud who is the chaplain at St Bede's. The day was focused around Catholic social teaching principles of the dignity of the human person and Stewardship. The chaplaincy teams from each school considered how we can show love for others and how we can take care of the planet. The photos this week show some of the creative ways the children presented their ideas.

### Key Stage 1 and 2 Celebration of the Word

Our key stage 1 and key stage 2 Celebration of the Word assemblies this week reflected on last week's gospel from Matthew where the Pharisees asked Jesus what the greatest commandment was. In their discussion and their reflections following the assembly, the children thought about ways we can show love for God and others.

We have had a very busy and faith-filled week at school. We are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate the lives of the saints, to learn about the Catholic social teaching principles, and to reflect on the importance of loving God and others.



## Events w/c 6<sup>th</sup> November (MENU week 2.)

Assessment week Yrs 1-6.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>- Loom band sale, afterschool, raising money for CAFOD

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – ‘Lets Rocket’ special menu.

-Reading information session for parents/carers of reception

& KS1 2:30

-RGS year 3 sports festival 1:30 – 2:00.

### 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- Girls Training
Tag Rugby	Yes	Thursday Y5 & Y6 8:00
Chess – Lunch break	NO	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)

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

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa



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.

### 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



### Committee Positions Available

We're looking for a new chairperson or co-chairpeople 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:

- ✓PTFA meeting 10<sup>th</sup> November
- ✓Disco 17<sup>th</sup> November
- ✓Christmas Fair 3<sup>rd</sup> December



## Community News

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.



## **COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY.**

The nights are drawing in and there's a chilly breeze starting to make itself known in the streets - it must be Autumn! Tinned meat meals - like chilli, casseroles, curries, corned beef and ham - are always really popular in the Pantry when the weather turns. Please do consider adding a couple of these items to your trolley next time you go shopping and donating them to us: your generosity would be really appreciated.

A big thank you to the wonderful Mary who has once again donated a large amount of food to the pantry. We're so grateful to her for her continued support.

### **Please donate:**

Tinned meat

Tinned meat-based meals like chilli's, curries, casseroles

Oil

Sugar

Tuna

Other tinned fish

Flour

Tinned fruit

Shampoo

Shower gel

Heavy flow sanitary towels

### **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.