



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Striving to be the best we can,
guided by the light of Christ

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents and carers who came along to parents' evening this week. The partnership between home and school is extremely important in helping develop children's learning and we appreciate the constructive conversations that parents' evening can bring.

We are very proud of all the children who were elected as house captains and prefects this week. The names of those elected have been listed below but I wanted to say a big thank you to all the children who took part. You demonstrated confidence and spoke eloquently about your hopes for our school community.

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help in school. We would still love to have people help with gardening club on Wednesday afternoons, so please contact the office if you can help.

Best wishes,

L. Charles

Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 2nd October 2017 (MENU no: 2)

Reception pupils start school full time

Tues 3rd: **6D class assembly 2.45pm – parents welcome**
Parents' evening 4-7pm

Weds 6th: **NO FOOTBALL TRAINING TONIGHT**

Thurs 5th: Reception parents information session 2.30 - 3.10pm

Fri 6th: **Year 6 cake sale after school**

Events week commencing: Monday 9th October 2017 (MENU no: 3)

Harvest Week

Mon 9th: DEADLINE for Christmas card designs + payment

Tues 10th: **6GW class assembly 2.45pm – parents welcome**

Weds 11th: Harvest Mass 9.15am – parents and carers welcome

Swimming Gala 7.30pm at Horfield LC

Thurs 12th: **Pupils' individual and sibling photos**

Fri 13th: Non-uniform day - £1 for CAFOD – wear bright clothes

Violin to lend or sell?

If you have a small violin that you would be willing to lend to the school, or would like to sell one, please let the school office know.

Drama Club

Monday 2nd October 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

THIS CLUB IS NOW FULL.



Choir for years 3-6

KS2 choir for both boys and girls is starting on Friday 6th October at 12.15 in 3CG. It's with Miss Gray and we have some great songs to start singing!

New House Captains and Prefects

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected House Captains and Prefects by their peers. We are very proud of everyone who stood for election and spoke so well.

St George – Ella, Zuriel, Catalina and Theo
St David – Ji-Han, Cameron, Emily R and John R
St Patrick – Dayo, Megan, Oriana and Joe T
St Andrews – Bea, Flynn, Annie and Josh

Lottery winners – three months' worth!

Please come and collect your cheques from the school office from Monday.
Due to the school holidays we have three months' worth to hand out!

June 2017

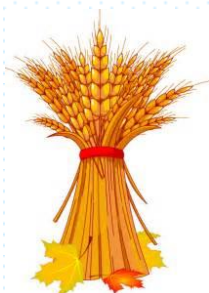
£50.00	Robert Banim
£25.00	John Lux
£10.00	Susie Carr

July 2017

£50.00	Mrs Westlake
£25.00	Kate Blunden
£10.00	Geraldine Summers

August 2017

£50.00	Gaby Pratt Walters
£25.00	John Lux
£10.00	Sharon Harris



Harvest Week

At St Bon's we will be celebrating Harvest during the week beginning 9th October. During this week the children will be taking part in different Harvest themed activities.

On Wednesday 11th October we will celebrate with a whole school parish Mass at 9.15 in the church, parents are welcome to attend.

On Friday 13th October children are invited to come to school with a £1 donation for CAFOD and come dressed in their brightest clothes. Money raised will go to CAFOD's 'Brighten Up This Harvest' campaign.

Throughout the week we'd also like to invite children to bring in donations of dried and tinned food which we will donate to our local Salvation Army.

Thank you in advance for your support, Mrs Ballantine.



CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS

You should have received your child's design from the teachers via your children by today. If you haven't please ask your teachers for them.

Instructions for ordering:

1. Complete the form and return in the plastic folder provided, with cash or cheque, to the school office.
 2. Please do not use any old £5 notes or old £1 coins.
 3. Cheques to be made payable to "St Bonaventure's School PTFA"
 4. Put any loose change / coins in a separate named envelope within the plastic folder.
 5. Please do not fold the designs as this may cause problems with the printing. Hand them direct to the office staff and do not put in the drop box.
 6. All forms must be returned by **Monday 9th October**. Any received after this date will sadly not be printed as they must be sent in one parcel to avoid confusion for the printers.
- Happy ordering and thank you for helping to raise another £500 for our school.

Many thanks, Sophie

Kilve information evening – Year 5

Parents of children in year 5 who will be going on the Kilve trip, please note that there will be an information meeting on Thursday 19th October at 3.30pm. There will be childcare provided by two members of staff so that parents with younger children can also attend.

KidZone Playscheme for October half term

KidZone Playscheme will be running during October half term. KidZone has access to St Bon's resources including the outdoor multi use games area, school gym and Scrapstore PlayPod.

KidZone can offer your children an inclusive and safe place to play between the hours of 8:30am and 5:45pm. Fresh fruit and vegetables, pittas, dips and bread sticks are served daily and children are encouraged to take part in a variety of cooking and craft activities on offer throughout the day. On any given day children will be building dens, playing football, painting, reading, climbing about, running around or engrossed in role play.



Opening

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Open to all children, not just those who attend St Bon's.

Prices

Full Day (08:30 till 17:45) - £23

Short Day (10:00 till 16:00) - £16

Half Day AM (08:30-13:00) - £12

Half Day PM (13:00-17:45) - £12

Bookings

Can be made online, in club or via the school office.



Your school **STILL** needs you!

As you will be aware, budgeting constraints are affecting many schools in our country, including ours. We would therefore really appreciate any voluntary help that parents and carers might be able to offer us.

We would particularly appreciate help in the following areas, but if you would like to offer other skills or time, please do let us know.

- Reading buddies (this can be from as little as 30 minutes per week)
- Support supervising games on the playground at lunchtime
- Gardening club
- Support in class.

Previous experience of working in school is not necessary – where training is needed, we can provide it.

The PTFA needs a new chair

After three years as chair of a very strong and friendly school PTFA, I will be stepping down in November.

There are already committee groups and leaders set up for many of the annual events, so the role would mainly be admin, delegation and overview. We also have a treasurer, cashier and secretary already in place.

With these positions/committees already in place it doesn't require an enormous amount of time but we do need a chair to fulfil our legal charity status - without a chair there can be no Christmas or summer fairs, discos, socials and most importantly no funds to provide essential facilities for your children.

Please, please volunteer - it would be very sad if our school and children could no longer benefit from our amazing events and funding.

Of course no-one would be left in the lurch and I and the rest of the PTFA would help with the understanding of the role and answer any queries.

Please contact me at Sophie.kidd3007@gmail.com if you are interested and would like to volunteer and/or know more.

Many thanks, Sophie Kidd

SPORTS

Team Football: there will be **NO football practice on Wednesday** after school next week due to a match taking place. Those playing in the match should have received letters home from Mr Morgan.

PE kit

Please note the school PE kit is a white round neck T-shirt (no collar) and BLUE shorts. Long legged track suit bottoms are only allowed in terms 2 and 3. Trainers or plimsolls/daps are also needed.

Yoga

Mondays in the school hall 7.50 – 8.30am. If you would like to attend please see Mrs McGrath. Letters are available from the office.

Running/walking club

Wednesday mornings at 7.50am. This club is free and open to all parents, carers and children. Please turn up at school in running clothes with school uniform in a bag.

All are welcome: any ability is catered for.

Rugby

We are hoping to start a new tag rugby club on Thursdays after school 3.15 – 4.15pm. All those who are interested need to fill in a club slip and return it to the drop box. The start date for this is not confirmed yet but we hope it will be after half term.

Dance

Wednesdays for KS2 and Fridays for KS1 after school in the hall from 3.15 – 4.30pm. This club is being run by RISE Dance Company and there will be a small charge. Letters about this have been sent home although there are spare ones in the office. The KS2 class will have to stop after half term if we don't get more participants, so please do consider this for your child. Boys and girls both welcome.

Sport clubs for our parents

We are hoping to get all the parents /carers of our school just as fit as the children! There are sports clubs available on most mornings on the school premises:

Monday – Yoga (child and parent)

Tuesday – netball (ladies only)

Wednesday – running/walking club – all are welcome and Fit Triton, a boot- camp style class for adults run by Premier Sport.

Thursday – circuits – all are welcome

Cross country for Yrs 3,4,5,6

The next cross country competition is Tuesday 10th October at St Bede's school at 4pm. There will be trials for year 3 on Monday next week to pick the teams for this competition. Please make sure you have your PE kit in school next week as the time of the trials is TBC.

COMMUNITY SECTION

- Noah's Ark Pre-School is hosting a **Nearly New Sale** on Saturday 7th October, 10am – 12pm, at Cairns Road Baptist Church.
- 1st Bishopston Scout Group is holding a **Beer Festival** on the evening of Saturday 7th October. A great opportunity to purchase some bargains in the morning and celebrate with a few beers, wines or ciders in the evening.
- 1st Bishopston Scout Group is also actively recruiting new leaders in all age groups from Beavers to Explorers. There are varying levels of commitment – we promote flexible volunteering for busy people. If you think you haven't got enough time, you may be surprised at how you can still help! Please speak to Mrs McGrath if you would like to find out more.
- Mrs McGrath is also looking for adult leaders for Duke of Edinburgh through Scouts. If you would like to find out more, please speak to Mrs McGrath.
- The Bristol Steiner Academy will be hosting the attachment parenting event of the year on September 30th.

A day with the power to transform your parenting experience, APUK Live! will include talks on positive birth, consent-based education, active fathering, emotional resilience, childhood massage, the science & politics of sleep and positive discipline. Unique exhibitors will accompany poetry, improvised story-telling and Bristol's BYOB choir.

An amazing day for parents, professionals and carers of children of all ages. Use PROMO code: BONAVENTURE for special reduced tickets: www.attachmentparenting.co.uk/conference/

- **NEW - Act Up Drama Class**

Act Up is a new, fun-filled drama class for children aged 6-8 years old in Bristol run by former St Bon's teacher Sammi Cousins.

Sessions will be held on Monday evenings at 4.45pm-5.45pm at The Old Library, Eastville and include energetic games, exercises to build drama skills and exploring exciting themes.

First class starts on Monday 2nd October and the term will run for 12 weeks (no session during half term week). Each class is only £5 with 1 FREE session per child per term.

There are only 20 places available so please contact Sammi to confirm your child's place for the term.

Phone: 07801 417610

Email: actupdrama@hotmail.com

I look forward to welcoming your child to Act Up!

- Local dance company, Ballet Bristol, is giving a gala performance on Saturday 21st October at 6.30pm at the Olympus Theatre, SGS Wise Campus, Filton. It starts quite early in the evening and tickets are reasonably priced, making it a great half term treat! Tickets cost £6/£9 and are on sale now at www.balletbristol.co.uk/gala2017

If you have any questions about the gala or would like to find out more about Ballet Bristol, please contact St Bon's mum Melanie at melanie_m_bunce@hotmail.com

- **Mr Gotalot's Gotalot Shop: The Crystal Cheese**

The Timemaster has hidden Mr Gotalot's magical shop somewhere in time and space! Join Ms Barnet and Sidney the shop boy as they battle their way through history to bring Mr Gotalot - Back to the Future! A time travel adventure for the whole family. Tickets now on sale!

Sundays 24th September and 1st October 2017

10.30am, 1.00pm and 3.30pm

Kelvin Players Studio Theatre, Gloucester Road, BS7 8NY.

Tickets £7 each, £25 family of four, under 3s free, (booking fees apply).

Buy online at www.monkeytrouserstheatre.com

ST BONAVENTURE'S SCHOOL SPORTS & CLUBS

Please check the school website or your email for news of club cancellations. Alternatively, please ring the school on the day.

After school activities

YEARS 1 and 2

DANCE CLUB Rise: Fridays KS1 3.30-4.30pm	Fridays Rec – Yr 2
FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit www.premiersport.org or call Lee on 07917 18 7771.	Mondays Yrs 1-2
ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia: Held in St Francis Room. Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm – children are collected from their classrooms by Maria. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Tuesdays Yrs 1, 2 and 3
MULTI SPORTS CLUB Premier Sport: Wednesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm. This club is now FULL but a waiting list is running. We are hoping for another coach to join us.	Wednesdays Yrs 1 and 2

YEARS 3-6

CLUB FOOTBALL Mr Morgan: This club is for Years 5 and 6.	Wednesdays Yrs 5 and 6
DANCE CLUB Rise: Wednesdays KS2 3.30-4.30pm	Wednesdays Yrs 3-6
DRAMA Mrs McGrath: Mondays 3.30-4.30pm This club is now FULL.	Mondays Yrs 3-6
FOOTBALL Premier Sport: Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm To book please visit www.premiersport.org or call Lee on 07917 18 7771.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
GYMNASTICS Bristol School of Gymnastics: Yr 4 Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm Yr 5 and 6 Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm Please contact Vicky Ashworth at BSG on 942 9620 for further information.	Tuesdays Yr 3 Thursdays Yr 4
HOCKEY TBC: We are hoping to run another Hockey club this year but we are currently without a coach. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for updates. Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Fridays TBC
ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia: Held in St Francis Room For years 4, 5 and 6 - Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm - children walk from their classrooms. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.	Mondays
KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews & Mrs Fox: Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm in 3W classroom. Please fill out a club permission slip if your child would like to rejoin or start this club.	Tuesdays – will start 26 th Sept
JAGUAR MATHS CLUB Mrs Parry and Mr Harrison: This will start in term 2. Day to be confirmed.	From TERM 2
NETBALL Mrs McGrath: Tuesdays after school 3.15-4.15pm for Years 5 and 6. Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm for Years 3 and 4. Squad players will be invited to early morning training on Tuesdays at 8.00am.	Tuesdays Yr 5-6 & Thursdays Yr 3-4
RUGBY CLUB TBC: Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm. Please complete a club permission slip if you are interested in your child joining this club. This will be an expression of interest only at this stage.	Thursdays

EARLY MORNING CLUBS

CIRCUITS CLUB Ms Wynn: Thursdays at 7.50am. Circuit training in the Hall for fitness. All abilities welcome including parents. See Mrs McGrath for more information	Thursdays 7.50am Yr 3-6
NETBALL FOR WOMEN: Tuesdays at 9.10am. All abilities welcome. £1 charge.	Tuesdays 9.10am
RUNNING CLUB Mrs McGrath: Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesdays 7.50am
YOGA CLUB Ms Sus: Mondays at 7.50-8.30am in the Hall. All abilities welcome including parents.	Mondays 7.50am Yrs 3-6

LUNCH TIME CLUBS

BIBLE DISCOVERY Miss Haime / Mrs Woolley: For years 4-6 - Monday lunchtimes 12.30-1.15 in 2WR classroom. We do lots of creative activities based around prayer, scripture and reflection.	Mondays Yr 4-6
CHOIR Miss Tudhope: For years 1-2 - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom. New members welcome!	Tuesdays Yr 1-2
CHOIR Miss Gray: For years 3-6 - Friday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3CG classroom. New members welcome!	Fridays Yr 3-6
STORY TIME CLUB Mrs Widdowson: Wednesdays 12.45pm RECEPTION children only Mrs Widdowson leads story-telling and singing for our Reception classes. If your child would like to take part, please speak to their class teacher.	Wednesdays from TERM 2 Reception only
CHAPLAINCY Mrs Ballantine: For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.	Thursdays Yr 5-6
DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman: DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman: For years 5 and 6 - Thursdays 1.15 – 1.50pm. Children do not need to sign a form – just come along. It takes place in 4SA's classroom. Children should bring a packed lunch to eat during the club. If they have school dinners, they can still attend, but will need to leave slightly earlier. We debate issues relating to both school life and the wider world in an age appropriate and relevant way. The club will start on Thursday 14th September – please come along to find out more!	Thursdays Yr 5-6
ORCHESTRA TBC Fridays 12.30pm. We are currently trying to find a teacher or parent to take on the running of orchestra. Please keep an eye on this section of the newsletter for updates.	TBC

PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please note that the school accepts no responsibility for any private arrangements that parents make with external after school activities. If you have made arrangements for any other agency to collect your child from school you should inform your child's class teacher so that they know who your child is going home with.