



Friday 1st October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

You will be aware from my letter dated Wednesday 29th September that we have seen a small increase in the number of COVID cases within school. Following this letter being sent, Public Health England have advised that I implement some advanced control measures. This includes asking parents of pupils, whom the school identify as close contacts of a positive case, to arrange a PCR test for their child. If your child is identified as a close contact, we will inform you via phone call (or email if we cannot contact you by phone) and then send a follow up letter. If your child is well, they can continue to attend school as normal whilst you wait for the PCR test outcome.

Please can I ask that you do not send your child to school if they have a high temperature, a cough and/or a loss of smell or taste. We are also aware that children with coronavirus can often have upset tummies and sickness. We have currently got a 48-hour rule for any cases of diarrhoea or sickness – please do not bring your child back to school for 48 hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

I am also aware that a number of parents have used lateral flow tests on their children, obtained a negative result, their child has subsequently developed more symptoms and then tested positive on a PCR. I would ask that any child or person in your household who displays symptoms arranges a PCR test as soon as symptoms appear.

If you are at all concerned please speak to either Mrs Woolley or myself on the gate in the morning or at the end of the day.

Parents' evenings

Parents' evening appointments will be available to book online from 4pm this afternoon. You will receive an email with all the details and the link which is <https://stbons.schoolcloud.co.uk>. We have increased the length of meetings this term from 8 to 10 minutes.

You will also receive a parent consultation form that you are invited to complete and return to school prior to your meeting. Printed copies are available from the school office if you do not have access to a printer.

Christmas cards

The deadline for returning completed card designs is Wednesday 13th October. Please see the PTFA section for more information.

St Bede's open evening

St Bede's senior prefect team has produced a personal invitation for their partner primary school children to attend the College Open Evening on Thursday 7th October. For ease of access, the video can be accessed via this link to their YouTube channel https://youtu.be/h_R-BZZyVHc and is entitled 'Invitation to St. Bede's 2021'.

Running club

Just a reminder that running club is back. All abilities are catered for. The group leaves school at 7.50am on Wednesday mornings. Parents and children in all year groups are encouraged to attend. Please come ready to run!

Best wishes,

Mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 4th October 2021 (NEW MENU week 1)

October half term Playscheme

Our Playscheme will be running this October half term, the week of 25th October. We will also be open for bookings on the second Inset day – Monday 1st November. The playscheme will not be open on the first Inset day, Friday 22nd October.

The cost of the club is £28 for a full day (8.30am until 6pm) and £21 for a short day (10am until 4pm). Bookings can now be made through School Gateway – visit the Clubs tab to make bookings.

School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA) vacancy

We are looking for someone who would like to work 5 days a week during school time for one hour between the hours of 11.45am and 1.30pm (exact timing to be confirmed).

This role involves supervising children during their lunch break.

If you are interested, please contact the school office next week and we will be able to provide more details.

Mr Morgan's Y4 football trials

Trials for any child in year 4 for the school football team will take place next Wednesday 6th October after school – pick up will be at 4.30pm.

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

Christmas Card Payments

🌲 Christmas card payment options 🌲

There is a lot of admin that goes into this, so please take a minute to read the below to make our Christmas card volunteers' lives a little easier.

Online (preferred method)

☀️ Please go to stbonsptfa.com/shop and read the instructions at the top of the page

👤 Add the products you would like to order to your basket

🚫 *important please do a separate order for each child to make sure we can identify all payments and complete the paperwork required by the company*

🍪 Put your child's name in customer details (and cardholder's name in billing details)

☀️ When payment is complete, please write your order number on the form with your child's drawing on it

👤 Return paper form with drawing and order number on it to school office by Wednesday 13th October.

Cheque

☀️ Please make cheques payable to St Bonaventure's Primary School PTA

🚫 *Incorrect cheques will be returned* 🚫

👤 Write the child/children's name and class on the back of the cheque or include a note with this information.

📄 Return paper form with drawing on it and payment to school office by Wednesday 13th October.

Cash

☀️ Please make sure cash is in a sealed envelope

👤 On the front of the envelope please write the child/children the payment is for and the class names.

📄 Return paper form with drawing and order number it on to school office by Wednesday 13th October.

KS1 Virtual Disco

After the huge success of the virtual disco last year, we're holding another one for reception, yr 1 and yr 2 on Thursday 28th October.

Reception and 1G 4pm

1HW and Yr 2 5pm

More details to follow.

Details of a KS2 event to come.

Competition Winners!

A Yoto Player and mindfulness cards have been won for the well-being pod!

Thank you to Claire Garratt for bringing the competition to the attention of the Facebook group and to everyone who entered on behalf of the school.

Bag2school

Advanced notice - We will be having a Bag2school collection on Tuesday 2nd November

Start gathering those unloved but good condition clothes together!

Usborne Bookshop

Does your child have a birthday coming up? If you're considering buying a book for their class why not order through the PTFA bookshop?

You can order directly through the website or save on delivery and let the PTFA know what you would like to order we'll be putting in regular orders throughout the year to try and save on postage. Putting in combined orders also helps us earn more free books for the school library.



Secondary school admissions – deadline 31st October

An email has been sent to all year 6 parents outlining the details of a Zoom meeting being hosted by Jim Britton at Bristol City Council at 4pm on Thursday 7th October.

For all year 6 children starting secondary school in September 2022, please be aware that the deadline is midnight on Friday 31st October (during half term).

There is more information about how to apply online (and on paper if you need to) here <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions>

There are lots of Open Days taking place so do keep an eye on the school websites for dates and times.

Premier Sport – Friday hockey Y3 and 4, Football Y5 and 6

We still have spaces available for Hockey years 3 & 4 on a Friday after school and for football for years 5 & 6 on a Thursday after school.

What to bring:

Plenty of water
Suitable clothing for the weather and activity
Shin pads

Dates, Times, Activities & Year Groups:

Thursday 16th September - 21st October 3:30pm - 4:30pm FOOTBALL (Year 5 & 6)
Friday 17th September - 22nd October 3:30pm - 4:30pm HOCKEY (Year 3 & 4)

Price:

£27 per club

How to book:

Visit our website - bookings must be made in advance please do not turn up on the day without booking. We will require a minimum of 8 bookings per club.

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact us on 07476 032239 or email jcahill@premier-education.com

Booking link:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/2688/?location=bs7>

North Bristol Foodbank

North Bristol Food Bank can be reached on 0117 979 1399.

For areas covered see here: <https://northbristol.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

Up to date information for these outlets is available here - <https://northbristol.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>

Have you had a change of circumstances due to COVID-19?

There are lots of schemes that you could be eligible for to support your child and your wider family:

- **Pupil premium and/or Free School Meals** - Financial support that is provided to schools to help support your child and Free School Meals http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/pupil_premium_and_sports_premium/270945

- **Council Emergency Payment** - To help you pay off one-off bills like heating, electricity
<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/benefits-financial-help/emergency-payments-local-crisis-and-prevention-fund>
- **North Bristol Advice Centre:** The advice centre can help signpost you to initiatives that you could be eligible for to get support: <http://www.northbristoladvice.org.uk/>
 - **The Money Advice Service** - For help to manage your money during the pandemic
<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/articles/coronavirus-and-your-money>

If you are struggling to access these services and would like help, please contact the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kinesiologist

My name is Sinead Pelley and I have recently retrained as a nutritional advisor and kinesiologist. Kinesiology uses muscle testing to identify, understand and rectify any imbalance in the body and is suitable for all ages.

Kinesiology is incredibly effective for children and parents are amazed at how quickly results are achieved. With regards to children, the main conditions I deal with are anxiety, depression, fears/phobias, digestive issues, emotional issues, dyslexia, poor concentration, behavioural issues, skin problems, allergies, sleep issues etc.

Kinesiology looks at the physical aspects causing the problem but very much focuses on the emotional aspects also.

Please do have a look at my website should you wish to understand a bit more....

<https://www.healthandwellbeingbristol.co.uk/>

Due to the huge response and volume of enquiries to this post a few weeks ago, I would like to offer St Bonaventure families a free 10 minute phone consultation to ask any questions you may have and to understand how I can help you and your loved ones improve your health and well-being. I would also like to offer 10% off all initial treatments.

Pair of aquatic turtles looking for a new home

Two common musk turtles and their tank with filter and heater are looking for a new home. If you are interested in finding out more, please email Mrs Benians in the office clare.benians@bristol-schools.uk