



Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear parents and carers,

'Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.' John 16:24 (NIV)

Father, please pour out Your blessings upon our whole school community so that everyone grows in the knowledge of Your truth, love, wisdom and peace. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in ensuring your child/ren arrive at school on time. The school days starts promptly at 8.50am. All pupils must be on the playground at 8.50am each morning.

With this in mind, can I remind you all that only pupils in years 5 and 6 are permitted to walk to and from school without an adult. If you do want your child to walk to and/or from school unaccompanied, please complete a Permission to Walk Home form and hand this in to the school office.

Thank you to all those parents who attended the parents' school improvement session this morning. It was good to see so many faces and have the opportunity to talk to you over coffee. I will be holding a similar session each term where I update parents and carers on school improvement priorities. The next session will take place between 9am and 10am on Friday 4th November. A copy of the slide presentation is available here http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/september_2022/618644

Reminder about parent homework consultation

As you will be aware from last week's newsletter, I am currently working alongside staff and pupils to review our homework policy. Please could you take the time to complete the following survey. I will use your feedback to help shape our new homework policy:

<https://forms.gle/S6TRc3uYLHfy2j1k6>

To date, only 36 parents have completed this and I would like a true reflection of parent views in order to inform our homework policy. The survey will close on Friday 30th September 2022. Thank you in advance.

Parent/carer visits to school

It has been great to welcome parents and carers back inside the school building this year. Our parent information sessions last week are an example of this.

If you do come into school to attend a workshop or information session, we will be asking you to enter via the main school office area. It is important that parents and carers do not enter via any of the doors accessed via the playground. When you do come into school, we will be asking you to sign in to ensure we know who is in the building. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Parents/carers evenings

Parents evenings will take place on Thursday 13th and Tuesday 18th October between 4pm and 7pm. We are providing both remote and face to face meetings. Appointments will be available to book online from 9am on Saturday 24th September. An email will be sent later today, providing a link enabling you to book an appointment. Both remote and face to face meetings need to be booked using the link provided.

In response to your feedback, I have ensured that there are both face to face and remote appointments available both early and later in the evening. The focus of the parents evening this term is on how your child/ren have settled into school life. For those of you who book a remote meeting, we will be providing you with an opportunity to look at your children's books later in term 2 or 3.

A dialogue sheet will also be sent out in advance of the parents evening and this provides you with an opportunity to inform the class teacher(s) about any concerns or questions you want to discuss. Please return this to the school office by Friday 30th September.

Best,

Mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events w/c 26th September 2022 (MENU week 3)

Monday 26 th September:	Reception children start full time Bikeability Level 2
Weds 28 th September:	Bikeability Level 2
Thursday 29 th September:	Open Day for prospective Reception 2023 parents – please book with the office
Monday 3 rd October:	Open Day for prospective Reception 2023 parents – please book with the office Bikeability Level 2
Tuesday 4 th October:	Reception parents and carers information session 2.30pm in the Hall
Wednesday 5 th October:	Bikeability Level 2
Friday 7 th October:	6D class assembly at 10am

Drama Club – IMPORTANT NOTICE

Monday 26th September - 3.15-4.30pm. The club is now full.
All those who submitted a completed contract have a place.

Anyone wanting to audition for a main part needs to come with a song and poem prepared of by heart (only short because we won't have much time!). Anyone who needs to be seen again or didn't get a go will be called in for Thursday rehearsal.

Lion King DVD - update

Unfortunately, we have been unable to re edit the footage the students took of the play to make a quality DVD. We have tried everything but Miss Rigg is not happy to make DVDs from the footage we have. It's very disappointing, but we have taken the difficult decision to refund everyone and allow anyone who wants it access to a digital copy of the footage for free. We will contact you when this is available.

Clubs and sports at St Bon's

Week of 26th September

Drama	YES	Mondays and Thursdays KS2
Premier Sport Football	YES	Mondays - Y1, Y2, Y3 Tuesdays - Y4, Y5 Y6
Netball	YES YES	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Gymnastics	YES	Tuesdays – Y3
Debating club	YES	Tuesdays -Y5 & 6
Running club – 7.50am	YES	Wednesday mornings – all welcome
Mr Morgan after school	YES	Wednesdays – Y4 trials – girls and boys after school
Tag Rugby	Starts in Term 2	Thursdays - Y5 & 6
Chess	Starts 30 th Sept	Fridays – Y5
Premier Sport Hockey	YES	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays - Y5 & 6

Music lessons

Next week we will be in a position to contact all those currently studying a musical instrument in school with details about how to register with Bristol Beacon (now administering the lessons).

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com



Future meeting dates are:
Tuesday 11th October – evening, online
Thursday 17th November – evening, online



Christmas Shop

The Christmas shop is now open!! Order now to get your children's own design on cards, coasters, wrapping paper and more!

This year we're making it easier for parents to order and for the PTFA to process more quickly.

All orders must be placed online: <https://www.stbonsptfa.com/christmas-shop>

When ordering please put your ***child's name*** in the **delivery address** and make sure their class is correct at the checkout.

You have until next ***Wednesday (28th September)*** to place your orders online.

Then children will design their card in school and we will place the order. You won't see the design before you order but we know they will all be wonderful and it will be great fun seeing them when they arrive.

If you would like to see the design before ordering we are offering you the opportunity to produce your own Christmas card design at home. This will need to be returned to the PTFA and attached to your online order.

If you choose to do your own artwork at home you must:

- ✓ complete it within an 18x12cm **portrait** rectangle
- ✓ only use felt tips or coloured pencils (faint colours won't reproduce well) no glitter, glue, glitter pens or crayons
- ✓ it must be kept flat (no folds)



- ✓ be **handed directly to Sarah** (she will be in the reception line - hopefully wearing a Santa hat) at drop off on Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th or Friday 30th September.
- ✓ it must be **labelled** with your child's name, class and your online order number (generated by the PTFA website when you order).

All children will still be creating artwork in school and all orders will be directly linked to those unless you hand correctly labelled artwork directly to Sarah. They must not go to the drop box, office or teacher.

No artwork will be by accepted after drop off on Friday 30th September.

We know this is a change and we understand it's different but the admin behind the Christmas cards was huge and unsustainable. We are trying to make it easier and simpler to order and organise. We considered lots of different options and this was the only feasible way while keeping the costs down.

We will review the process later in the academic year.

As always thank you for your continued support.

The most important thing is to get ordering. Orders must be placed by midnight *Wednesday 28th September.* No orders will be accepted after that.

 **Discos for KS1 and KS2 14th October**

The discos are back with Mr Morgan on the decks! More information and tickets available soon.

 **Bag2School Collection 7th November**

Advanced notice to get clearing those cupboards, The first collection of the year will be in November.

 **Ceilidh 11th November**

A chance for parents and carers to let their hair down and enjoy a good reel. See you on the dance floor!

Christmas Fair 4th December

Put it in your diaries now, the Christmas fair will be on Sunday 4th December! We're already getting ideas together. If you're interested in helping us plan 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 NEWS

Volunteers Needed to join our Pre-school Management Committee!!

Currently St Bonaventure's Pre-school is looking for new members to join our Committee. If you would like further information or would like to join the Committee please email Claire.ingall@stbonspreschool.co.uk (current Chair) or marie.taylor@bristol-schools.uk

Babysitter available: My name is Ella Bunce and I am a former St Bons pupil, now in 6th form at Redland Green. I have lots of experience with young children, I am reliable and responsible, and I am available for babysitting! I can be contacted on 07401 342599. Many thanks.

OPEN MORNINGS AT REDLAND GREEN SCHOOL

We also have tickets still available for the RGS Open Mornings taking place on the 26th, 28th and 29th September for any parents and prospective students looking to visit the school [here](#).

St Bon's Church creation mass

There is going to be a Creation Mass to celebrate God's Creation and highlight our responsibilities in caring for it, at 5pm on Sat 1st October in St Bon's Church.

There will be a plants and produce stall and food afterwards. All welcome. Any children who have participated in growing things or caring for nature would be welcome to speak during the Mass, contact hfarey@blueyonder.co.uk to volunteer.

Interested in your daughter joining Brownies?

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.

Job Opportunity

We are looking for a retrofit assistant to join our growing team. As a company VOR Group are at the forefront of decarbonisation and retrofit of both social housing and the private market.

We work with social landlords and homeowners on their journey to Net Zero, reducing energy bills for residents, reducing carbon and also creating a better living environment for residents.

The role will involve reviewing reports, issuing documents, assisting the team with reporting etc. There is an opportunity to grow for the right person such as training to be a PAS2035 retrofit coordinator or assessor.

We are super flexible - term time/ school hours and we have a lovely new office in the old North Bristol baths on Gloucester Road.

Please send CV to Kelly.brown@vorgroup.co.uk