



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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Friday 24TH March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

*I pray that God will speak loudly
And that you will hear humbly.
I pray that God will act mightily
And that you will receive graciously.
I pray that God will bless amazingly
And that you will share freely.
I pray that God will be close
And that you will walk safely.
Amen.*



Our children had a wonderful time this morning taking part in the Big Lent Walk. Thank you so much for your generous donations. This morning alone we raised over £400. You have until the end of next week to share your sponsorship money/donations either in cash via the school office labeled clearly Big Lent Walk or online, where you can donate. <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/stbonaventurescatholicprimarybishopston>

Parent focus group

Just a reminder that our parent focus group have a meeting planned for Monday afternoon. If you have any non-urgent items you would like the group to discuss, please email parentfocusgroup@stbons.uk

Easter Festival

Next Friday we will be celebrating our annual Easter Festival. For those of you who are new to St Bons or who are yet to experience this, you are in for a treat.

Children will spend the day in their house groups taking part and watching poetry recitals, and dancing and singing competitions. All children are also encouraged to decorate and wear an Easter hat for our Easter bonnet parade, which will take place on the playground at 9am. All parents and carers are invited to stay after drop off and watch.

In addition, children are encouraged to decorate eggs, make an Easter garden and paint a piece of Easter artwork. Children do not have to take part in all of the above, they are simply invited to do so. We understand that life can be busy and we would not want the preparation for the Easter festival to become too onerous. Enjoying the day is the priority. We look forward to seeing you next Friday and keep your fingers crossed for a dry day!

Support group for parents and carers with a child with a special educational need

A reminder that there is a meeting in school at 9.30am on Friday 31st March, immediately after the Easter bonnet parade. This meeting is for parents and carers with a child with special educational need. There will be an opportunity to hear about the process for identifying SEND at St Bons, including what provision can look like. There will also be time to meet other parents and carers. I look forward to seeing you there.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Very Important Notice

****Book Box Audit - help needed****

Mrs Rees is looking for volunteers to help with carrying out an audit of our levelled book boxes. Are you able to offer an hour or two on Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th or Wednesday 29th of March? Please email Mrs Rees if you can - sue.rees@bristol-schools.uk

Important Kidzone Playscheme Notification

Kidzone playscheme will operate during the Easter 2023 school holidays as follows:

Monday 3rd April - Thursday 6th April 2023
Tuesday 11th April - Friday 14th April 2023

Kidzone will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday

On the days we are open, we are offering two sessions as follows:

Full Day - 8:30am - 5:45pm - £28.00

Short Day - 10am - 4pm - £21.00

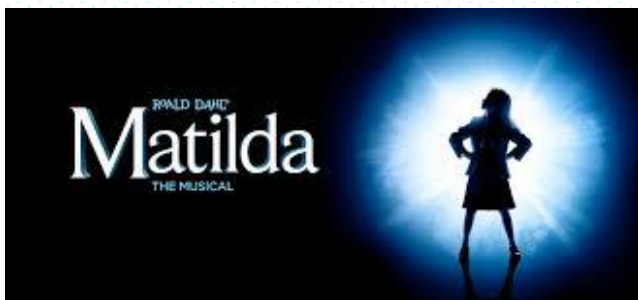
Please note that Bookings are to be made via SchoolComms



If English is not your first language, please do join us for our 'EAL' coffee mornings from 9 – 10am on Mondays in the school – come to the office. The group is run by Mrs Preisner - if you would like more information, please email her at ratiba.preisner@bristol-schools.uk

Events from 27th March 2023 (MENU week 1)

- March 28th 2023:** Parent evening 4 – 7pm
- March 30th 2023:** No Swimming
- March 30th 2023:** Passionate mass 9:15am
- March 31st 2023:** Easter festival- Poetry, singing, and dancing all day
- March 31st 2023:** School ceases for Easter holidays
- April 17th 2023:** School resumes for Term 5



Drama Club

Monday & Thursday rehearsals:

Monday 27th March 2023 - Act 2 run through- Cast A –
Finish at 5.30pm

Thursday 30th March 2023 - Act 2 run through - Cast B -
Finish at 5.30pm

Friday March 31st 2023 – St Bon's Easter Festival

**Clubs and sports at St Bon's -
Week of 27th March 2023**

Drama	YES	Monday and Thursday KS2 (see above for details)
Sophie Morgan Football	YES - 3.15pm - 4.30pm YES - 3.15pm – 4.30pm	Mondays - Y2, & Y3 20 th Feb – 27 th March 6-week course - £24 Tuesdays - Y4, Y5 & Y6 21 st Feb – 28 th March 6-week course - £24 To book email: Coachingwithsophie@hotmail.com Clubs are open to all
Netball	Monday - 4.15pm finish YES, for Tuesday – 4.15pm finish	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Gymnastics	YES – 4.15pm finish	Tuesdays – Y4
Running club – 7.50am	YES	Wednesday mornings – all welcome
Mr Morgan football after school	Boys Football training	Football team
Sophie Morgan Multisport	YES – 3.15pm -4.15pm	Weds – Reception, Y1 & Y2 22 nd Feb – 29 March 6-week course - £24 To book email: Coachingwithsophie@hotmail.com Clubs are open to all
Sophie Morgan Football	YES – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Thursday – Reception & Y1 23 rd Feb – 30 th March 6-week course - £24 To book email: Coachingwithsophie@hotmail.com Clubs are open to all
Circuits with Mr Morgan – 7.50am	YES	Thursdays – KS2
Tag Rugby	YES – 4.15pm finish	Thursdays - Y5 & 6
Badminton – 8am	YES	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Yoga	YES – 4.00pm finish	Fridays – Y1 No Yoga 31st March
Chess	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays – Y5 & 6
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays - Y5 & 6

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Running Club



Do you want to get fit and have fun at the same time!
Join us on Wednesday mornings at 7.50am.
Running/walking club
Children and adults are welcome

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

Uniform – ptfauniformrep@gmail.com



Support The PTFA And Support Your School!

Here's how you can support the PTFA currently so we can fulfil the school wishlist and enrich your child's experience....

1. ***** Attend the AGM on Monday 27th March at 8pm*****
(meeting link coming via class reps)

It's really important we get at least **20 people** joining the meeting so we can vote in the committee otherwise we can't run! So please at a minimum put this date in your diary. And to help inform the meeting....

2. **Fill in our feedback survey please!**

Let us know your thoughts in quick survey to help us set our goals for the next 12 months. We'd love as much feedback as possible before the AGM.

<https://forms.gle/JtpaK4TRcuQnxacF9>

3. **Be the new secretary**

We are looking for a new secretary to be part of the committee. The involves duties such as preparing the agendas for PTFA meetings, writing and circulating the minutes from the meetings and ensuring the relevant licenses are in place for events. We're a friendly and supportive team so please do get in touch to find out more.

4. **Year Group Bake Sales – over £600 so far!**

Thank you for the fantastic support of the bake sales! So far, we have raised over £600 in total and each year will be getting the money they raised. Please continue to support the efforts of the years running the weeks to come. Next week yr 4!

5. **Disco Squad**

The kids absolutely loved the discos. We need more help coordinating and running events. We'd love to get a disco squad together to run the next few discos. We have experienced PTFA members ready to lead the group but need some fresh voices too. If you're interested sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C44ACA829A0FB6-disco>

6. **Donate good condition logo uniform to the school uniform shop.**

We're looking for more uniform with the school logo in all sizes. If you have any unneeded uniform please leave it at the office and let Ellie know at ptfauniformrep@gmail.com so she knows to collect it.

The minutes from the most recent meeting can be found in the news section of the website. Please take a minute to have a scroll through and find out more about what we've been up to.

www.stbonsptfa.com/news



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

It was wonderful to see so many of the supporters of the Community Food Pantry at our little thanks-giving event in the Presbytery last Sunday. A big thank you to Jenny, Cecilia and Hilary for setting up and organising it and to Mgr Massey for providing the nibbles and drinks.

This week, we are particularly asking for donations of hygiene items to help restock our supplies. If you can provide any of the following, please leave them in the white box outside the Presbytery door and one of our volunteer stockers will collect them:

Sanitary towels
Shaving foam
Deodorant
Soap and/or shower gel
Washing up liquid

toothpaste and toothbrushes

Please also donate:

UHT dairy milk

Dried lentils

Pesto/pasta sauce

tinned fruit

Tinned sweetcorn

Oil

Tuna and other tinned fish

Baked beans

Biscuits

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.

Please join us at St Bonaventure's Church Cellar Sale



COMMUNITY NEWS

Get fit for 2023

Let's get physical for 2023 at Mum-Dance, the totally 80s dance fitness class. Hilarious, effective routines to all your school disco favourites like Flash dance, Pump Up the Jam, MC Hammer, Yazz and more!

Live and kicking on Mondays 7.30 - 8.30pm in the school hall. Do 5,000 steps per class, get fit the fun way and get YOU back - Lycra optional! Book now at www.mum-dance.co.uk

JUST ROCK® Bristol is a music club for children (7-18) and adults (19+) in Redland. We offer group lessons in guitar, bass, drums and singing and the opportunity to perform regularly as part of a live band. Beginners are very welcome!

The 90-minute, weekly sessions are held on Mondays after school in Redland Church Hall, Redland Green Road, Bristol, BS6 7HE

Timings:
Juniors (7-11s) 4.15pm-5.45pm
Seniors (11-18s) 6.00pm-7.30pm
Adults (19+) 7.45pm-9.15pm

Our end of year gig will be held in July 2023 at The Fleece, Bristol.

To book, go to www.justrock.com/clubs and submit a 'Contact us' enquiry form.

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Guinea Pigs in Need of Re-Homing

We are looking for a family to rehome one of our year 4 male Guinea pigs (Stitch) with his new little friend. The two have been bonded together and are looking for a new loving home. Stitch is very used to being handled and is friendly. Baby guinea pig has been handled since birth and will be used to people. Amazing family pets and brilliant for small children. If you think you can offer these animals a home please contact Mrs Garrett at victoria.garrett@bristol-schools.uk

Bristol Amateur Operatic Society

Bristol Amateur Operatic Society presents Young Frankenstein - scientifically proven to be monstrously good entertainment. A musical comedy by Mel Brooks, featuring a St Bons parent as the (tap dancing) Monster!

4 - 8 April 2023 at the Redgrave Theatre in Clifton. 13+ (but honestly no worse than a carry-on film so probably fine for years 5-6)

<https://redgravetheatre.com/event/2023/04/young-frankenstein/1566/>

Come and enjoy a West End style night out for a fraction of the price

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HOLIDAY CLUB EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

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St Nicholas Bristol is running an Easter Holiday club in the city centre for primary school children aged 4-11.

4-6 April 2023

10am - 2pm

St Nicholas Church, BS1 1UE

We are looking forward to three days full of games, crafts, interactive drama productions, terrific team sports, friendship building and music making. All whilst exploring the story of Easter. All are welcome. Here's Pirate Pearl to tell us more:

https://drive.google.com/openid=1p8HxFMzvtjznBKjFNDUuD_2tl3QnQdfy&authuser=chrii%40stnicholasbristol.org&usp=drive_fs

Click the link below and see images for further information and to book tickets!

<https://www.stnicholasbristol.org/holidayclub>

Please see the attached 2 Flyers

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