



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*God our Father,*

*Lead us to find delight in our lives each day, in all the circumstances in which you place us and with the people whom you entrust to us.*

*Inspire us with your spirit that we may transform ordinary lives and be credible witnesses of your love.  
Amen.*

We've had another productive week in school. We started the week with our Big Lent Walk. Thank you to everyone who has donated online or brought in cash today. If you haven't had the chance to make a donation you can donate via this link: [The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development \(CAFOD\): The Big Lent Walk \(enthuse.com\)](https://www.enthuse.com)

We have all enjoyed taking part in our whole school DT week. All children have enjoyed making a moving vehicle. Thank you to Mrs McAllister who has organised the week.



### **Easter Festival Thursday 28th March**

A message to all children: *Don't forget to decorate your Easter bonnet this weekend and make your Easter gardens, decorated eggs and artwork. All entries will receive a point for their house team.*

Pupils can come to school wearing house colours on Easter festival day. We will start the day with an Easter bonnet parade on the playground at 9am, parents/carers are welcome to stay and watch this. The PTFA will be selling refreshments at this time. Please do look out for them and support them if you can.

### **Parents evening**

Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to attend our parents evening on Thursday. It's really important that we work in partnership with you to support your child.

An email was sent out earlier this week requesting parents/carers who are separated to attend the same appointment. I am aware that this has caused some anxiety and that this is not appropriate

for all separated parents. Therefore, if there is a reason why you feel this would not be appropriate for you please do get in touch with me.

### Parent focus group

The parent focus group met this term to share and discuss actions arising as a result of the recent parent engagement survey. Suggestions from the group include the following:

- Use of a St Bons WhatsApp channel to share/remind parents/carers of key information/events.
- Class teachers to pre-record beginning of year information sessions for parents/carers as oppose to face to face to enable all families to access information.
- Consider the introduction of an open afternoon to provide existing parents/carers the opportunity to visit their child's class and celebrate outcomes.
- Collate a list of parents/carers who have an up to date enhanced school DBS who can help with trips/swimming/sporting events.
- HT to provide parents/carers with an update on ball sports at play/lunch times in the newsletter.
- Suggestion made to provide more opportunities for pupils to engage in team/creative outcomes.
- Suggestion made to provide parenting courses.

If you have any non-urgent queries or items you'd like the group to discuss when we next meet in term 5 please email on: [parentfocusgroup@stbons.uk](mailto:parentfocusgroup@stbons.uk).

### Papaya Parents

A reminder that we have a free session for all parents/carers at 9am on Tuesday 16th April. This is an information session on supporting children to build a healthy relationship with technology. The session is aimed at parents of year 3 upwards but all are welcome. Please do come along if you can, they will talk about children's use of telephones, social media and technology.

### Things to look forward to next week

- Caryl Hart author visit Monday 25th March
- Tuesday 26th March 4-7pm parent evening
- Thursday 28th March last day of term 4.

Best,  
Sarah Ballantine  
Head teacher

#### UP COMING DATES:

##### Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> March (menu week 1)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Caryl Hart author visit to KS1

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Parents evening

Year 2 Tyntesfield trip

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term

Easter festival

PTFA serving refreshments and pastries at Easter Bonnet parade from 9am

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##### Term 5 begins Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> April- Parent session, children's relationship with technology 9:00

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>- School improvement plan session 9:00

Reception bake sale- after school

Dates  
for your





# Catholic Life of our school this week

## *A Week Filled with Faith, Fun, and Fundraising!*

### **Celebrating St. Patrick's Day:**

The week kicked off with a lively assembly led by our St. Patrick's Day house captains. We learned about the life of this beloved saint and enjoyed some traditional Irish music. The festivities continued with a whole-school Irish dancing session led by our very own dance enthusiast, Heather! Thank you, Heather, for sharing your talents and bringing some Irish cheer to our school.



### **Lenten Walks for CAFOD:**

Our second action towards our Live Simply award is related to living in solidarity with our global neighbours. On Monday morning Key Stage 1 were the first to embark on their "Big Lent Walk" around the school grounds. They walked with energy and enthusiasm to raise money for a CAFOD project in Liberia. Meanwhile, Key Stage 2 braved the elements with a muddy trek to Horfield Common and back! A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us on the afternoon walk. Together, we walked over 1,000 kilometres!

We're so grateful for everyone's generosity. The donations, both on the JustGiving page and cash contributions, have been coming in all week. Let's see if we can reach our goal of £1,000 to support our global neighbours in Liberia!



### **Lenten Reflections:**

Our chaplaincy team led a thought-provoking Lenten reflection this week. Using the final object from our "Lent in a Bag" initiative - a blue cloth representing water - they discussed the importance of water in the Bible. The chaplains shared the story of Jesus' baptism, a turning point where he began his ministry of teaching and healing. They also shared personal stories of how they have made positive changes in their lives, reminding us that throughout Lent, we are all called to make changes in our own lives.

What a wonderful week! We have learned, celebrated, and reflected on our faith together. Keep an eye on the next newsletter for more exciting updates on our Catholic school life.



## Easter Playscheme

Kidzone playscheme is still open for bookings and will operate during the Easter holidays as follows:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

***Kidzone will be closed on Easter Monday***

We offer two sessions:

Full Day - 8:30am - 5:45pm - £28.00

Short Day - 10am - 4pm - £21.00

Bookings are made via SchoolGateway



### 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 Mondays 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)

# Clubs and sports at St Bon's



## Sport and club's - week starting 25<sup>th</sup> March

*If your child is on the register for any clubs and isn't going to attend for any reason could you please let the office know so their absence from the register is noted.*

Club...	Is it running...	Day and year group...
Netball	YES YES	3:15 Mondays – Y3 & 4 3:15 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Drama	YES	Thursdays- Y6- 3:15 - <b>4:45</b> in hall
Circuits	<b>NO</b>	<del>Thursdays Y1-Y6 – 7:50am in hall</del> <b>PLEASE NOTE FROM TERM 5 CIRCUITS WILL BE FOR Y2-6 ONLY</b>
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	<b>NO</b>	<del>Wednesdays 3:15 – 4:30</del>
Tag Rugby	YES	Thursday Y5 & Y6 8:00
Chess Lunch break	<b>NO</b>	<del>Fridays – Y5 &amp; Y6</del> <del>12:15 fortnightly</del>
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	<b>NO</b>	<del>Fridays – Y5 &amp; 6 – 3:15</del> <del>Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins.</del>
Gymnastics	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO GYMNASTICS FOR THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR</b>
Dodge ball	<b>NO</b>	<del>Fridays – Y3 &amp; 4 – 8:00 in hall</del>
Art/Drawing- lunch time	YES	Tuesday lunch - KS2 – 12:15 In 4H
Debating Club- lunch time	YES	Wednesday lunch – Y5 & Y6 12:15-In 3B/3J
Well-Being Singing- lunch time	YES	Tuesday lunch – whole school - 12:15 in 1P
Choir – Lunch time	KS1 YES KS2 YES	Mondays – KS1 12:15 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 –12:15 in 2TW
Yoga	YES	Friday Y1 – paid class



Coaching with sophie will be live on the website, [www.cwsophie.co.uk](http://www.cwsophie.co.uk) from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, the time tables is below

**TERM 5- CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

MON	TUE	WED	THU
<b>FOOTBALL CLUB</b> 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION, Y1,Y2  £20 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE (BANK HOLIDAY)	<b>FOOTBALL CLUB</b> 3.30PM - 4.30PM Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6  £24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE	<b>MULTI SPORTS CLUB</b> 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/.Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6  £24 FOR 6 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 Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6  £24 FOR 6 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 MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024 (FIRST WEEK BACK TO SCHOOL)	PLEASE NOTE THURSDAYS GIRLS ONLY SPORTS AND TAG RUGBY/CRICKET ARE TWO DIFFERENT CLUBS AND TAG RUGBY/CRICKET ARE FOR EVERYONE .	



### Running & Walking Club

Do you want to get fit and have fun at the same time?!

Wednesday mornings at 7:50

Meet outside the office foyer

Children and adults welcome

We now have a designated walker so if you do not want to run please come along for a walk.



### PTFA News

[www.stbonsptfa.com](http://www.stbonsptfa.com)

Email – [contact@stbonsptfa.com](mailto:contact@stbonsptfa.com)

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

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

### Friday Bake Sales

## THANK YOU!

We look forward to more bake sales next term!



[www.stbonsptfa.com](http://www.stbonsptfa.com)

GET READY TO

## GROW WITH IT



HELP PLANT RAISED BEDS



GROW PLANTS FOR OUR SUMMER FAIR



SPONSOR THE PROJECT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE EMAIL:  
[CONTACT@STBONSPPTFA.COM](mailto:CONTACT@STBONSPPTFA.COM)



## PTFA news Grow With It!

**Grow With It:** From creating a paradise for bees and constructing a giant Bug Hotel, to developing a Living Wall and a natural playground... we have BIG plans for the next few years! Read more about our new 'Grow With It' project in Helen's [latest blog post](#).

You can get involved now by helping to plant our raised beds and/ or by growing plants for our summer fair. We are also looking for sponsors for the project. If you can help, please get in touch by emailing: [contact@stbonsptfa.com](mailto:contact@stbonsptfa.com)

**The Big (St) Bon's Quiz of the Year, Friday 26 April:** Tickets for the biggest event of the year (exclusively for the grown-ups) are now on sale! Doors open at 7pm and the quiz kicks off at 7.30pm. Teams can be up to 6 people, but you don't have to form a team beforehand to come along. We'll make sure we find one for you to join on the night. This event is open to all parents/carers, teachers, and friends, so please feel free to bring others along too. The more the merrier!

**Easter Festival:** We'll be serving refreshments from 9am on **Thursday 28 March**, for those watching the Easter Bonnet Parade.

**PTFA meeting:** Read the minutes from our last meeting. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 18 April** at 8pm, online (details to follow).

**Bake sales:** Thank you to everyone who has supported the bake sales so far this term! We look forward to more baked delights next term, starting with the Reception classes bake sale on **Friday 19 April**. A reminder that proceeds from year group bake sales will go directly to class teachers to buy resources for their classes.

### Dates for your diary

- ❖ **The Big (St) Bon's Quiz of the Year**, Friday 26 April
- ❖ **Discos for reception / KS1, and KS2**, Friday 17 May
- ❖ **Bag 2 School**, Friday 7 June
- ❖ **Summer fair**, Sunday 23 June, 2-5pm



## COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thanks to all those who took part in the cake sale at the Church last week, it raised a smashing £120 for the Pantry (and another £120 for Cafod). We also had a great response to our request for help with the Pantry stock-taking rota, it's wonderful to know there are so many people who want to support this great cause.

### Please donate:

Long-life dairy milk  
Tuna  
Other tinned fish  
Tinned peas  
Tinned sweetcorn

### 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 Trish's door at 55 Egerton Road.

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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 07792 420999 to find out more.





## Community News

### Job Vacancy

St Bonaventure's Pre-school are looking for an Early Years Practitioner to begin with us in September 2024. Experienced Level 3 is preferred. If you or anyone you know may be interested please do pass on my email [marie.taylor@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:marie.taylor@bristol-schools.uk) for further information.

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The following link is to a fantastic guide for Bristol families of events taking place over the Easter holidays.

<https://bristolfamilyblog.com/bristol-easter-holidays>

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There is an opportunity to join Redland Choir Club next term, the choir runs after school on Tuesdays: 3.40 to 4.30pm and is open to all primary school age children. Rehearsals take place at Bristol Steiner School in the hall and can be booked [here](#).



Kings tennis have some girls only tennis courses coming up. They are 6 week courses and will receive rackets/tshirts.

Please follow the link below for more info and booking.

Wednesdays (Beginning Weds 17<sup>th</sup> April) Ages 10 - 14 5.30pm - 6.30pm [Prime Video LTA Youth Girls INTRO Course | Tennis Lessons | LTA](#)

Saturdays (Beginning Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April) Ages 5 - 8 10am - 11am [Prime Video LTA Youth Girls INTRO Course | Tennis Lessons | LTA](#)