



Friday 8th March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*Loving God,
When our boat is rocked by poverty, illness or disaster,
You quiet the waves, and lead us safely to shore.
When we work hard, but still go hungry, you walk beside us,
calling, "cast out your nets", there is enough for all.
Lead us, Lord to play our part in calming the storm and sharing your gifts
so all people may look to the future with hope.
Amen.*

Thank you everyone for making such a great effort to celebrate World Book Day with us yesterday. There was so much going on in school: parade, assembly, teacher story swap and lots of activities taking place in class. We've also got a couple of author visits lined up over the next two weeks. Thank you to the PTFA for funding these.



We've got a very exciting weekend planned with our launch evening for Bishopston's Window Wanderland. The school gates open at 6pm and we will be welcoming members of the local community to come onto the playground, enjoy a complimentary refreshment provided by Joe's Bakery, Pizzarova and FED whilst listening to our choir sing and looking at the children's window creations. Gates close at 7pm so please make sure you pop in early doors! We look forward to seeing you.

Times Table Rockstars

Thank you to everyone who has supported our relaunch of Times Table Rockstars, TTS. We are really pleased with the uptake and all pupils who are engine with the software are making great progress with their times table recall. In school we are rewarding pupils who have made the most progress. Well done everyone!

Support for parents/carers on how to manage children's use of electrical devices

Following concerns shared by many of our parents/carers about their children's access to smartphones and other devices, we have arranged for Papaya Parents <https://www.papayaparents.com/> to come into school on Tuesday 16th April to provide an information session for parents/carers about how to support children to have a healthy relationship with their phone. They will also be spending the day delivering workshops to year groups. More details on timings will follow. Please add this date to your diary.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Catholic Life of our school this week

This week has been a busy one in the life of our school community! We've been continuing our Lenten journey with a focus on reflection, creativity, and living our faith through action.

Following in Jesus' Footsteps

Our Chaplains led a whole school reflection on Monday starting with classes sharing their outcomes from last week's reflection on temptation. The children shared their insightful posters about overcoming challenges and staying true to their faith. These thoughtful creations will be displayed in our school windows next week.

The Chaplains introduced a new object for reflection this week: a wooden figure. They shared the story of the Transfiguration, reminding us of Jesus' divinity and humanity. The children reflected on moments when they felt inspired to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

The challenge for this week is exciting! Using the wooden figure, children will creatively represent Jesus' dual nature – both fully human and fully God. We can't wait to see their unique interpretations!

Foundation Stage Sprouts Kindness

Our youngest learners focused on the theme of growing in love for others during Lent. Each child planted a seed, a symbol of their commitment to kindness and care throughout this special time.

Live Simply: Window Wanderland & Beyond

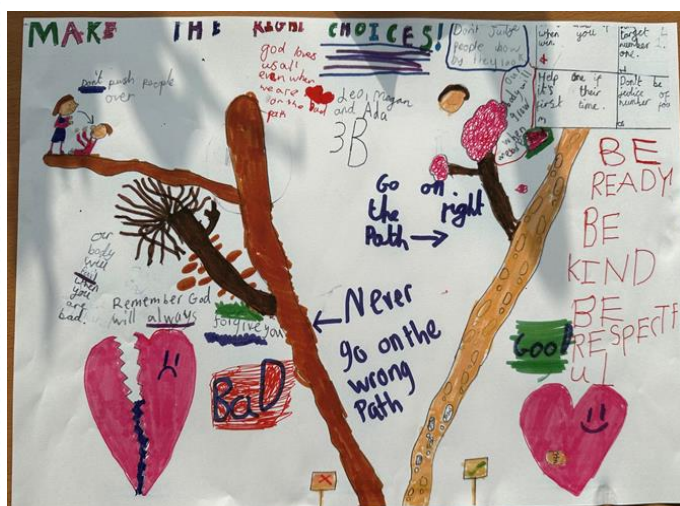
This Friday's assembly marked the exciting launch of our "Live Simply" action plan! Our first step is participating in Window Wanderland this Saturday – a community event celebrating beautiful, illuminated windows. The children have decorated windows at school and in their homes, spreading light and joy throughout the neighbourhood! This initiative aligns perfectly with the "Live Simply" principle of our action plan.

Big Lent Walk for Solidarity

Looking ahead, on March 18th, we invite everyone to join our "Big Lent Walk" – a chance to show solidarity with our global neighbours. This year, the funds raised will support a fishing community in Liberia, helping them fish safely. Please don't forget to sponsor your child and consider volunteering to help with the Key Stage 2 walk that afternoon.

Finally, a prayer and postcard will be sent home with your child today, encouraging the whole family to reflect and pray for our global neighbours throughout Lent.

We're so proud of the children's commitment to their faith and their eagerness to contribute to our community. Stay tuned for updates on their creative projects and upcoming events!



You will already be aware that there has been a case of Scarlet fever within the school. This is a notifiable disease so can we please ask parents that if your child has a confirmed or suspected case of scarlet fever or any other notifiable illness, that you inform the school as we have to notify public health, it always helps us track which classes have been affected.



On Tuesday 16th April there will be a workshop running for parents at 9am in the hall. 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.

For more information follow the link below:

<https://www.papayaparents.com/new-page-1>



The Big Lent walk is taking place on Monday 18th March. Key stage 1 will walk in the morning and Key stage 2 in the afternoon.

We will need parent volunteers to help with the key stage 2 walk as they are going off site. Could parents please contact the class teacher if you are able to join us.

The link below is the fundraising page, please sign up to our fundraising page so your child can get sponsored.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-bonaventures-school-fundraising-page>

UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 11th March (menu week 2)

Monday 11th March- Science week- all week- Marble run challenge.

Monday 11th & Wednesday 13th- Bikeability Level 2 (y5&6).

Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th- Reception height, weight & vision screening.

Tuesday 12th- Cross country event @ Collegiate 2:00-3:30.

Friday 15th- 4H Class assembly 10:00.

Year 3 cake sale.

Week beginning 18th- DT week all week.

Friday 18th- The Big Lent Walk.

Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st- Level 1 & 2 Bikeability.

Thursday 21st- Parents evening.

Friday 22nd- Year 6 cake sale.

Dates
for your



Clubs and sports at St Bon's



Sport and club's - week starting 11th 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	Mondays- Y4 & Y5 3:15-4:30 Thursdays- Y6- 3:15 - 4:45 in hall
Circuits	YES	Thursdays Y1-Y6 - 7:50am in hall PLEASE NOTE FROM TERM 4 CIRCUITS WILL BE FOR Y2-6 ONLY
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	YES	Wednesdays- 3:15 – 4:30 Boys Practise
Tag Rugby	YES	Thursday Y5 & Y6 8:00
Chess Lunch break	NO	Fridays -Y5 & Y6 12:15 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays- Y5 & 6 - 3:15 Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins.
Gymnastics	Yes	Tuesdays Y4 - 3:15 in hall
Dodge ball	YES	Fridays – Y3 &4- 8:00 in hall
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

TERM 4- CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MON

FOOTBALL CLUB
3.30PM - 4.30PM
RECEPTION, Y1,Y2

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

TUE

FOOTBALL CLUB
3.30PM - 4.30PM
Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

WED

MULTI SPORTS CLUB
3.30PM - 4.30PM
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/.Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

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GIRLS ONLY SPORTS
3.30PM-4.30PM
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

TAG RUGBY/CRICKET
30.30PM-4.30PM
Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

PLEASE VISIT OUR
WEBSITE TO BOOK -

WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK

CLUBS WILL START
BACK WEEK
COMMENCING MONDAY
19TH FEBRUARY 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 .



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



Running Club

Running/walking club

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



PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Email – contact@stbonsptfa.com

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Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

PTFA news

**Join the PTFA meeting on 14 March,
and get ready to buy your Quiz night tickets...**

Quiz night, Friday 26 April: The quiz master is ready, and we're limbering up for what promises to be a memorable evening of quiz fun, trivia and music, with prizes to be won! We promise it won't be University Challenge... just prepare for laughs, random facts, easy questions, a few 'guess the nearest' and 'multiple choice' rounds, and even a 'guess the teacher baby pic' round! The bar opens at 7pm (for a 7.30pm start) and there will be snacks available too. Parents and carers, teachers, and friends all welcome. **Tickets are £5 each and will be on sale via our website very soon, so watch this space.**

Grab a bargain: The pre-loved uniform sale has been rescheduled to **Wednesday 13 March from 3pm** (weather permitting!). If you are able to donate any uniform with the St Bon's logo, in good condition, please let us know by email ptfauniformrep@gmail.com and then drop it off at the school office. Thank you.

PTFA meeting: Our next meeting will be **Thursday 14 March at 8pm** via Zoom (details to follow). We'll be discussing our upcoming events, including the Summer Fair on Sunday 23 June.

Bake sales: It's the Year 3 bake sale next **Friday 15 March**, so please come along and support them. Proceeds from year group bake sales will go directly to class teachers to buy resources for their classes.

It's all about books! We are delighted that award-winning author Caryl Hart will be coming into school on 25 March to work with EYFS and KS1 classes – a visit all paid for by the PTFA!

Dates for your diary

- ❖ **Quiz night**, 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

Date for your diary

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Thursday 14 March at 8pm, online

Zoom details to follow. Everyone is welcome!

Books, books, BOOKS!!

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will be visiting school on 25 March...

thanks to PTFA funding!!



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This week, we'd like to say a massive thank you to the pupils in class 6WA at St Bonaventure's School. After hearing about the Pantry from one its founders, Jenny, the class decided they would raise funds for us as part of their Love Thy Neighbour Award. The pupils organised and ran a book sale, and have very kindly donated all the proceeds to the Pantry to help buy food for those in need. Thank you very much, Class 6WA!

We would also like to thank parishioner Jack, who regularly donates food to the pantry. We really appreciate his support and generosity.

Finally, would you like to help out with the Pantry? We're looking for a volunteer to join our stock-taking team. It needs just a couple of hours of your time each week. If you're interested in knowing more, please email Cecilia at ceciliabrowne1@gmail.com.

Please donate:

tinned fruit
biscuits
crackers
shampoo
deodorant
washing up liquid
soap
sanitary products

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.

Community News

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.