



Friday 16th December 2022

Dear parents and carers,

The end of term 2 has arrived!

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Tuesday evening for our KS2 Carol service. My thanks go out to the staff who prepared the children and to Mgr Bernard who hosted the evening in St Bon's church.

*May the light of the star guide us,
May the awe of the shepherds inspire us,
May the strength of Joseph protect us,
May the peace of Mary shelter us,
May the presence of the angels look after us,
May wisdom of the kings teach us,
May Jesus look over us today, tomorrow and for ever.*

*And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now and always.
Amen.*

Pat Hardiman's retirement

After 21 years' of service at St Bon's school, Mrs Hardiman is retiring at the end of this term. I would like to pass on my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Hardiman for all that she has done to support our children, their families and staff over these years. I know she will be missed but wish her a very long and happy retirement.



St Bon's joint top primary school in Bristol

We are very proud to have been ranked joint top school in Bristol according to The Sunday Times Guide 2023. The same guide also ranked us 10th top school in the South West. My thanks go out to the whole school community - pupils, their families, staff and governors - who all contribute to making St Bon's the great school that it is.

Holiday homework

In my assembly this week, I talked to the children about the benefits of being outside in nature. We talked about how easy it can be for us all to spend a lot of time indoors on a device or looking at a screen in colder weather. I have set the children a challenge over the Christmas holiday to take a photo of an interesting pattern in nature, landscape or scene whilst they are spending time outdoors. Please email me the photo your child takes with details of where and what has been captured. I will then share these in my assembly at the start of term 3. Thank you in advance, I can't wait to see what inspires the children!

Rear development project

I am pleased to be able to inform you that work to the pond and conservation area at the rear of the school has now been completed. Over the past two weeks a wetland area, area for a class firepit, and exploration area including a small seated hut has been installed.



We are really pleased with how the area looks and are looking forward to using it with classes in the new year.

I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Best,

Mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

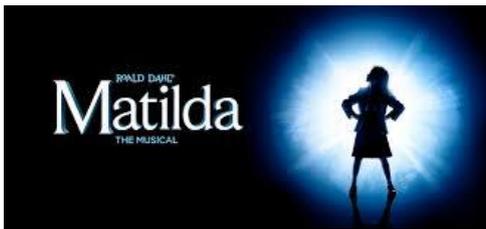
Events from 5th January 2023 (MENU week 2)

Thursday 5th January: START OF TERM 3 **NO CLUBS THURSDAY OR FRIDAY** (except Y5-6 hockey)

Wednesday 11th January: Y3 trip to Bristol Museum – Ancient Egypt

Friday 20th January: 4G class assembly at 10am – parents and carers welcome

Drama Club next term



The first rehearsal of next term will be on Monday 9th January for the whole cast, finishing at 4.30pm.

Thursday's rehearsal arrangements will be confirmed during that week.

Nativity Service at St Bon's Church

Children's Christmas Nativity Service at St Bon's Church on 17th December, 3pm - children are invited to come dressed as their favourite nativity character.



The service will be followed by refreshments and fun activities for children and mulled wine and mince pies for adults. For more info please contact Neta Roylance-Smith roylancesmith@outlook.com

Love thy neighbour – putting our theme into action

Years 1 to 6 have all identified their own projects to support our Gospel theme “*Love thy Neighbour*” this term.

Fundraising for the following charities has taken place:

Young Lives vs Cancer £758 (6WA)

CAFOD Brighten up the Harvest campaign £327 (whole school)

CAFOD Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh £282 (Year 2)

Children in Need £330 (whole school)

Cancer Research £69.00 (5SK)

Ups and Downs Southwest £33.00 (5J)



There is money still coming into school for some of the charities and Year 4 have set up a project to raise money for guide dogs for the blind.

Classes have also offered friendship to our neighbours through a coffee morning and carols for the residents of Egerton Road (3B) and visits to pre-school to read stories (Year 1). There have also been contributions from groups of pupils to the local food banks (6WA) and hygiene banks (3H).

Well done to everyone who has been involved in these projects to care for our local and global neighbours. Your efforts have made a big difference to the lives of others.

Dyslexia and Australian Flower Bush Essence

In previous school newsletters this term, we have shared information about a Dyslexia and Australian Flower Bush Essence project. We are no longer in a position to be able to support this project.

ASC and BC Term 3 – bookings now open

You can now book for Term 3 After School and Breakfast Clubs.

Please note that the charges for ASC have changed – there is now a flat rate of £11.50 per child.

For staff with children at the school, there is a 25% discount available.

School meals price increase

Our catering provider, Chartwells, has informed us that the price of a school meal has increased to £2.45.

This will come into effect from Term 3.

Clubs and sports at St Bon's Week of 9th January

Drama	YES – 4.30pm finish	Monday and Thursday KS2 (see above for details)
Sophie Morgan Football	YES – 4.30pm finish	Mondays - Y1, Y2, Y3 Tuesdays - Y4, Y5 Y6 Thursdays – Reception
Netball	YES – 4.30pm finish	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Gymnastics	YES	Tuesdays – Y4
Running club – 7.50am	YES	Wednesday mornings – all welcome
Mr Morgan after school	NO training – boys football match – letters to follow	Wednesdays - Y5 & 6
Sophie Morgan Multisports	YES – 4.30pm finish	Fridays – Reception, Y1 & Y2
Circuits with Mr Morgan – 7.50am	YES	Thursdays – all welcome
Tag Rugby	YES	Thursdays - Y5 & 6
Badminton – 8am	YES	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Yoga	YES – 4pm finish	Fridays – Y1
Chess	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays – Y5 & 6
Sophie Morgan Hockey	YES – 4.30pm finish	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays - Y5 & 6

Community Food Pantry update



Hot on the heels of last week's donations from the local Cubs groups comes kindness from the Year 11 students of Blackwell and Abbey Field schools. On a visit to the church as part of their GCSE studies, Monsignor Bernard explained to them the work of the Food Pantry. Not only did they bring monetary and food donations but on the way out of the church a great many of them got their bank cards out and donated via the donation point at the front of the church. Thank you so much for your support!

How can I help?

As well as cash donations, we are incredibly grateful for any food you can give. This time of year, Christmas treats (chocolate, sweets, nice biscuits) would be very welcome as well as the items below.

PLEASE DONATE:

Cooking oil
Tinned tuna
Tinned fish
Heinz baked beans
Pasta
Rice
Flour
Sugar
Tea
Coffee
Deodorant

Please DO NOT donate:

Fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste - but Family Food Action can take it)

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.

How do I donate my time?

If you'd like to get involved in the organisation of the Community Food Pantry, you can join our WhatsApp group by following this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Kq3UpC345FdDOPMnNwQfja>

Thank you all for your support!

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 faves like Flashdance, Pump Up the Jam, MC Hammer, Yaz 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.