



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to the Go Green for CAFOD Harvest Appeal yesterday. We will let you know the amount raised next week. Thank you also to Liz Baldwin from CAFOD who came to speak to the children at the start of Mass. The wonderful Harvest Loaf was kindly donated by Joe's Bakery – thank you to them as well – it was amazing as always!



### **COVID Update**

We have seen an increase in the number of children and staff testing positive on lateral flow tests and subsequently negative on PCR tests. I received the following from Alison Hurley, Director of Education and Skills for Bristol yesterday:

“UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have been made aware of some areas reporting positive LFD test results with subsequent negative PCR tests and are currently looking into the cause. Whilst the UKHSA investigation is under-way, we advise that if a pupil or staff member has been in close contact with a positive case (such as a household member) or has displayed COVID-19 symptoms and has tested positive on an LFD (but subsequently tested negative on a PCR), they are treated as potentially infectious. We recommend they isolate and remain out of the setting, for 10 days.”

Parents should continue to keep us informed of any positive COVID test results. This allows us to monitor any emerging patterns across the school. You can help mitigate the spread of the virus by not attending school if suffering from symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature, loss of taste or smell, continuous cough). Please can you, therefore, ensure that your child only returns to school when they well enough and are not displaying any signs of illness. Thank you for your ongoing support through this period.

### **INSET days**

I just want to remind you all that we have two inset days approaching: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. We are able to provide a holiday club on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Please sign up for this via the Gateway App.

### **Parent focus group**

The parent focus group held their first meeting of the academic year earlier this week. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and contribute. The use of Google classroom was discussed and the school has some points to action in response.

In addition, the wearing of face coverings on the school premises was also raised. I have, therefore, set up a poll to find out if parents and carers think they should be required to wear a face covering whilst on our school site. To access the poll please use the link below:  
<https://forms.gle/4sZUSQQ4ZnxvhFB3A>

The poll will close at midday on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. To remind everyone, this group has an email address for parents to use if they want to raise an issue for the parent focus group to discuss. Please note this email address is not checked daily therefore urgent concerns should continue to go through the school.  
[parentfocusgroup@stbons.uk](mailto:parentfocusgroup@stbons.uk)

#### **Parking on nearby residential roads**

I have received a complaint from a concerned resident of King's Drive. It has been reported to me that parents of St Bon's pupils are parking on the zig zag markings leading up to the pedestrian crossing on King's Drive.

Please can we all ensure we are parking considerately when dropping off in the morning. I have informed our local PCSO who will be visiting the area to ensure parents are parking both legally and safely.

#### **SEND information on school website**

Ms Kurzik, our school SENDCO, has set up a new section on the school website, under the SEND section, called 'Resources for parents'. This information will be organised using padlets. The first padlet provides information about anxiety. Additional topics will be covered throughout the year:  
[www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/resources\\_for\\_parents\\_/576217](http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/resources_for_parents_/576217)

Best wishes,

*Mrs Ballantine*

Sarah Ballantine  
Headteacher

### **Events week commencing: Monday 18th October 2021 (MENU week 3)**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Parents' evening online 4-7pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: INSET day – school is closed to children today

### **Extra-curricular activities at St Bon's**

Mr Morgan's Year 5 & 6 Football for girls and boys is on next Wednesday 3.30pm-4.30pm. Training will be every Wednesday next term unless Mr Morgan advises otherwise.

As previously advised, for some clubs, we will have to run them across different terms for different children as the number of responses was so high. We will let you know next week about the allocation for Term 2.

### **Secondary school admissions – deadline 31<sup>st</sup> October**

For all year 6 children starting secondary school in September 2022, please be aware that the deadline is midnight on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October (during half term).

There is more information about how to apply online (and on paper if you need to) here  
<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions>

There are lots of Open Days taking place so do keep an eye on the school websites for dates and times.

## School meals – price increase from 1<sup>st</sup> November

We have been advised by our catering provider, Chartwells, that as of 1<sup>st</sup> November, the cost of a school lunch will increase from £2.25 to £2.30. This change will happen automatically when your child orders a lunch and will be reflected in their dinner money balance. Your balance can be viewed in the School Gateway app – it is only 'in debt' if there is a negative number given such as -£4.78. If it is an amount of £4.78, this is a credit balance.

## October half term Playscheme

Our Playscheme will be running this October half term, the week of 25<sup>th</sup> October. We will also be open for bookings on the second Inset day – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. The playscheme will not be open on the first Inset day, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

The cost of the club is £28 for a full day (8.30am until 6pm) and £21 for a short day (10am until 4pm). Bookings can now be made through School Gateway – visit the Clubs tab to make bookings.

## PTFA News

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

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – [ptfa.stbons@gmail.com](mailto:ptfa.stbons@gmail.com)

### KS1 Virtual Disco



Get your tickets now!

After the huge success of the virtual disco last year the fantastic Party Peeps are back. 45 mins of entertainment the whole family will enjoy.

**Friday 22<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm or 5pm**

Tickets, with suggested donation amounts, are available for both sessions on the website at <http://www.stbonsptfa.com/events>

### **Save the Date – Christmas Fair**

The Christmas Fair will be on the afternoon of **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December**. We're hoping to make it a super magical event so please save the date.

### **In search of...**

Do you own or have access to a large marquee?  
Are you a professional or keen amateur photographer?

If the answer to any of these is yes please, please **get in touch** with the PTFA either via email or through the website (details above)

### **Bag2school**

We will be having a Bag2school collection on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** at morning drop off at the main gate (first day after half term)

Start gathering those unloved but good condition clothes together!  
Collection bags will be sent home next week but please feel free to use your own bags too.

There will be a prize for the class with the most bags so please write your child's class on the bags.

**Yes please to wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts**

**No thank you** workwear, uniforms (including school uniforms), wet/soiled clothes, curtains, towels, duvets or duvet covers, pillows or pillow cases, blankets, table cloths, linens

### Usborne Bookshop

Thinking about your Christmas shopping? Does your child have a birthday coming up? If you're considering buying a book for their class why not order through the PTFA bookshop?

You can order directly through the website or save on delivery and let the PTFA know what you would like to order we'll be putting in regular orders throughout the year to try and save on postage. Putting in combined orders also helps us earn more free books for the school library.



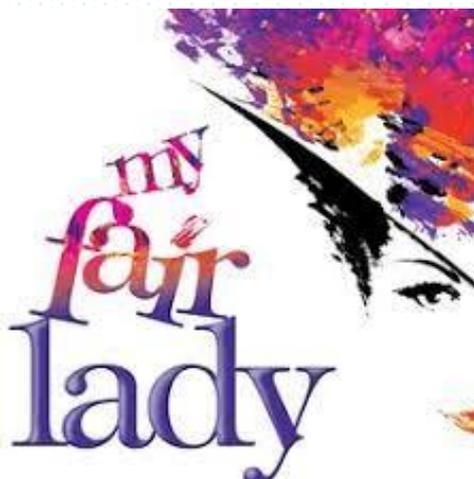
## My Fair Lady – production at St Bon's!

My Fair Lady: It's here, the long-awaited parish production of the classic Lerner and Loewe musical, My Fair Lady! Wouldn't it be lovely to see it?

Three performances will be taking place in St Bon's School Hall on Friday 12th November 7.30pm, and Saturday 13th November at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets available from outside St Bon's School or from Neta at St Bon's Church or by e-mailing [stbonsdrama@outlook.com](mailto:stbonsdrama@outlook.com)

Adults £5, Children £3. Proceeds to St Bon's Church and St Bon's School.

If you bought tickets for last year's cancelled performances please email [stbonsdrama@outlook.com](mailto:stbonsdrama@outlook.com) with details of the total number of tickets bought, ticket number (s) and whether adult or child. New tickets will be issued at the same price.



## North Bristol Foodbank

North Bristol Food Bank can be reached on 0117 979 1399.

For areas covered see here: <https://northbristol.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

Up to date information for these outlets is available here - <https://northbristol.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>

## Have you had a change of circumstances due to COVID-19?

There are lots of schemes that you could be eligible for to support your child and your wider family:

- **Pupil premium and/or Free School Meals** - Financial support that is provided to schools to help support your child and Free School Meals [http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/pupil\\_premium\\_and\\_sports\\_premium/270945](http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/pupil_premium_and_sports_premium/270945)
- **Council Emergency Payment** - To help you pay off one-off bills like heating, electricity <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/benefits-financial-help/emergency-payments-local-crisis-and-prevention-fund>
- **North Bristol Advice Centre:** The advice centre can help signpost you to initiatives that you could be eligible for to get support: <http://www.northbristoladvice.org.uk/>
  - **The Money Advice Service** - For help to manage your money during the pandemic <https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/articles/coronavirus-and-your-money>

If you are struggling to access these services and would like help, please contact the school office.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Kinesiologist

My name is Sinead Pelley and I have recently retrained as a nutritional advisor and kinesiologist. Kinesiology uses muscle testing to identify, understand and rectify any imbalance in the body and is suitable for all ages.

Kinesiology is incredibly effective for children and parents are amazed at how quickly results are achieved. With regards to children, the main conditions I deal with are anxiety, depression, fears/phobias, digestive issues, emotional issues, dyslexia, poor concentration, behavioural issues, skin problems, allergies, sleep issues etc.

Kinesiology looks at the physical aspects causing the problem but very much focuses on the emotional aspects also.

Please do have a look at my website should you wish to understand a bit more....

<https://www.healthandwellbeingbristol.co.uk/>

*Due to the huge response and volume of enquiries to this post a few weeks ago, I would like to offer St Bonaventure families a free 10-minute phone consultation to ask any questions you may have and to understand how I can help you and your loved ones improve your health and well-being. I would also like to offer 10% off all initial treatments.*

### Job Opportunity:

Pooh Corner Nursery and Preschool is looking for an Office Administrator for a job share 2 days per week. The vacancy is ideal for a local school parent.

- Working days: Thursday and Friday 9.00am – 2.00pm

Professional Skills needed:

- Good ICT knowledge and ability to learn how to work with our administration software
- Very good communication skills
- Some HR experience or looking to be trained in the field

Personal Skills needed: You must have a positive I can do attitude, be supportive, empathetic to others needs, reliable, have good time management and organisation skills. If interested, please contact Pooh Corner Nursery and Preschool at: [info@poohcornernursery.co.uk](mailto:info@poohcornernursery.co.uk)