



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the busyness of today, help us to take a moment to be still and sit with you.

To slow down, breathe deeply, and release our burdens to your strong hand.

You are trustworthy, good, and true, and we thank you for caring for us so deeply and beautifully.

Open our eyes to see you at work today.

Give us your light.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us on Saturday evening for the opening night of Bishopston's Window Wonderland. It was fantastic to see so many of you. My thanks go out to the choir who entertained us, the PTFA who provided hot chocolate, and the staff who ensured the children's art work was ready for opening night!



A buzz for reading

The English team have been planning opportunities to engage our Key stage 2 children in a buzz for reading. Last week, we received a visit from Max Minerva bookshop. Funded by our PTFA, Max Minerva brought a selection of books for each year group which are carefully chosen, and linked to our whole school theme- this term, Seek the Truth. At the start of each term until term 6, Max Minerva will provide a book for the children to read for pleasure and have the opportunity to review. Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for making this possible, the children have loved it!

Netball

Congratulations to our year 5 netball team who competed on Monday afternoon. The team won all their games in the first round and then won the 1st/2nd play-off game. Only one goal scored against them all afternoon!

Emilia was voted the player of the afternoon by the coaches and she received a little trophy. Well done to Zac who played in his first tournament! We are very proud of you all. Thank you to Mrs. Hinkins for accompanying to the event.

Industrial action

A reminder that school will be closed to all pupils on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March, with the exception of those that have received a letter.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Gospel challenge

In this week's gospel assemblies, we heard the story of the Transfiguration. As a follow up to that assembly, I have asked the children in Reception and Key stage 1 to set up a prayer area at home that helps them to feel close to God. I would love to see photos of the Foundation stage and Key stage 1 prayer areas, so please email photos to school for my attention.

Key Stage 2 children have been given the challenge to make a prayer card with their own written prayer to help them, when they feel worried or anxious. They can illustrate this card with a picture of the Transfiguration. Again, please encourage your children to share their prayer cards with me in school.

Mrs Woolley

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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

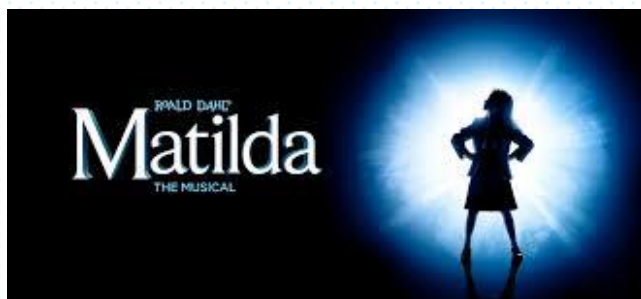
EAL Meet and Greet

At this week's EAL meet and greet (13/3/23) we will be joined by Mrs Purnell -Year1 teacher and Phonics Leader.

Please join us for an informal chat and coffee.

Events from 13th March 2023 (MENU week 2)

Tuesday 14 th March:	Year 3-6 Cross County Festival
Wednesday 15 th March:	Planned strike action day: Attendance to school - by invitation only
Thursday 16 th March:	Planned strike action day: Attendance to school - by Invitation only



Drama Club

Monday & Thursday rehearsals:

Monday 13th March 2023 Drama will finish at the later time of 5:30pm

Catholic Life of the School – Supporting CAFOD’s Big Lent Walk!

As part of our Catholic Social Teaching about solidarity, this Lent we are supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country to help support our global neighbours.

To raise money, each class will spend 30 minutes walking around the school playground and MUGA (each lap is 200 metres) on Friday 24th March. Children will bring home a sponsorship form in advance of the event and there will be a reward for the class that raises the most money.

How our fundraising will help

CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, working together with people living in poverty in some of the most hard-to-reach places in the world.

Our fundraising will support people like Dristy. She lives in a small village in Bangladesh – one of the most at-risk countries from the effects of the climate crisis. Dristy says that cyclones and floods are becoming more frequent for the people there.

Dristy’s mum, Rupali, works side by side with her, teaching her how to plant lots of different crops; how to build seed beds that won’t get flooded, what trees to plant to protect the village from cyclones; and how to use discarded household items to grow saplings.

Our fundraising will give more families like Dristy and Rupali’s the tools and training they need to grow in strength and fight the effects of the climate crisis.

We have chosen to support CAFOD as a way for our pupils to put their faith into action. By raising money together, we will be supporting our brothers and sisters around the world and living out our school mission, gospel themes and Catholic Social Teaching.

We really appreciate your support and hope that everyone has fun helping us raise money for CAFOD.



**Clubs and sports at St Bon's -
Week of 13th 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	Girls 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
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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 <u>No Yoga Friday 24th February or 31st March</u>
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

LOOK OUT FOR: PARENTS EVENINGS

THURSDAY 23 AND TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2023

Please look out for an email which was sent to all
parents on Saturday 4 March when online bookings open

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. Year Group Bake Sales

Last week got off to a great start and we hope to see reception well supported again this week! When it is your year's week, please bring in a contribution if you can, homemade or shop bought. Please make sure everything is nut free. Your class rep will be able to provide more info. The bake sales will be held on Friday afternoon's at pick up. Cash or contactless accepted.

2. 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.

3. 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 and 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>

4. 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.

5. Come to our meetings!

Next dates:

- Monday 27th March 8pm online – this will be the **AGM** and 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.

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

The Community Food Pantry is now a year old! We started this venture in February 2022, not knowing quite how it would turn out. We've been thrilled and humbled by the generosity shown by the Pantry's supporters, while sorrowful that such a service is necessary.

Mgr. Bernard and ourselves would like to extend a very warm thank you to anyone who has helped with or donated to the Pantry over the past year.

How can I help?

As well as cash donations, we are incredibly grateful for any food you can give. We're also in urgent need of carrier bags at the moment.

Please donate:

Carrier bags

Tinned fruit

Baked beans

Tuna and other tinned fish

Oil

Flour

Rice pudding

UHT milk

Biscuits

Tea

Coffee

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.

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.