



# ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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guided by the light of Christ

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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

*Loving Father,  
Thank you for all who are part of our school.  
Please grant us your encouragement, wisdom and peace.  
Please pour out Your blessings upon our whole school community.  
In Jesus' name.*

*Amen*

We are delighted with the installation of our new Trim Trail. Thank you to everyone for supporting our wonderful PTFA who have funded this latest project for us. It really will make a huge impact to the quality of our children's playtime experiences. Tonight, the PTFA will be hosting our first ever Ceilidh 7.30-11.00pm in the School Hall. It's not too late to purchase a ticket, please go to the PTFA website if you are able to support this event.



This week we have celebrated Children's mental health week. Mr. Morgan has run football activities at lunchtime every day of this week. The children have all got involved and enjoyed releasing a lot of energy. Thank you, Mr. Morgan, for getting us all moving, it certainly has made us all feel good!



I have a lot of information to share with you at the end of this term so please do make a note of the following:

### **School uniform**

I have noticed that a number of children are coming to school in heavily logo'd sportswear. Please can I remind all parents and carers that pupils should come dressed in a navy sweatshirt or jumper. This doesn't not have to be a St Bon's logo jumper. On PE days your child should come to school in navy leggings, shorts or joggers. Again, I would ask that these are not heavily logo'd or branded.

Now the weather is becoming warmer I am asking pupils to remove all outdoor clothing whilst they are inside the building. This includes snoods and hats. Please remember our PTFA has a wonderful second-hand uniform rep who would be able to help you if you need additional school uniform.

### **Update on planned Industrial action**

As you are aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has scheduled a series of planned strike days throughout March. The dates that will affect St Bonaventures are:

- Thursday 2nd March
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

I want to reassure you that we are currently planning for these strike days in order to minimise disruption to your child's education. However, **I would encourage you to start making alternative child care arrangements for these dates in the event that we are unable to open.**

### **Parent focus group update**

A big thank you to our parents focus group who continue to meet each term to support the senior leaders. This term the group has met to review the end of year pupil report and has made recommendations for the arrangement of 2023-24 parent evenings.

If you have a non-urgent matter you would like this group to bring to our next meeting in term 4, please email the group on [parentfocusgroup@stbons.uk](mailto:parentfocusgroup@stbons.uk)

### **School swimming lessons**

This year we have moved from Horfield Leisure Centre to Badminton School pool for our school swimming lessons. We now have exclusive use of the swimming pool at Badminton for the lunch hour. This enables our pupils to have a full 30 minutes in the water. We have been fortunate enough to secure a Penguin swimming teacher and a secondary school PE teacher who alongside the class teacher deliver high quality swimming lessons. The cost of transporting the children to and from the pool is included within the cost passed on to parents.

The quality of the teaching within the lesson is of a very high standard and focuses on technique which I have seen has had an impact on all pupils including the pupils who also attend a weekly lesson out of school. I am aware that the cost of school swimming lessons is a concern for some families. If you would like to discuss this further please do make an appointment to see me.

### **World Book Day**

World book day falls on Thursday 2nd March which you will have seen is one of the planned strike days. To avoid any disruption, I have made the decision to celebrate World Book day in school on Friday 3rd March.

On Friday 3rd March we are inviting all pupils to come to school **dressed to express**. Children can come as their favorite book character or as a word which most represents them. This year, we want to give the children the opportunity to have fun and express themselves.

We would also like to arrange a book swap on this day and are therefore inviting all children to come to school with a book that they no longer want and are happy to swap for a new pre-loved book. Throughout the day, year groups will swap books and be able to take their new book home!

Wishing you a relaxing half term break,  
Sarah Ballantine  
Head teacher



## English as an Additional Language



If English is not your first language, please do join us for our 'EAL' coffee mornings at 9am 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](mailto:ratiba.preisner@bristol-schools.uk)

### Events from 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (MENU week 1)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February: Term 4 commences  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: 3H Class Assembly (10:10am) Parents and carers of 3H are welcome  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March: Year 4-5 Netball Festival

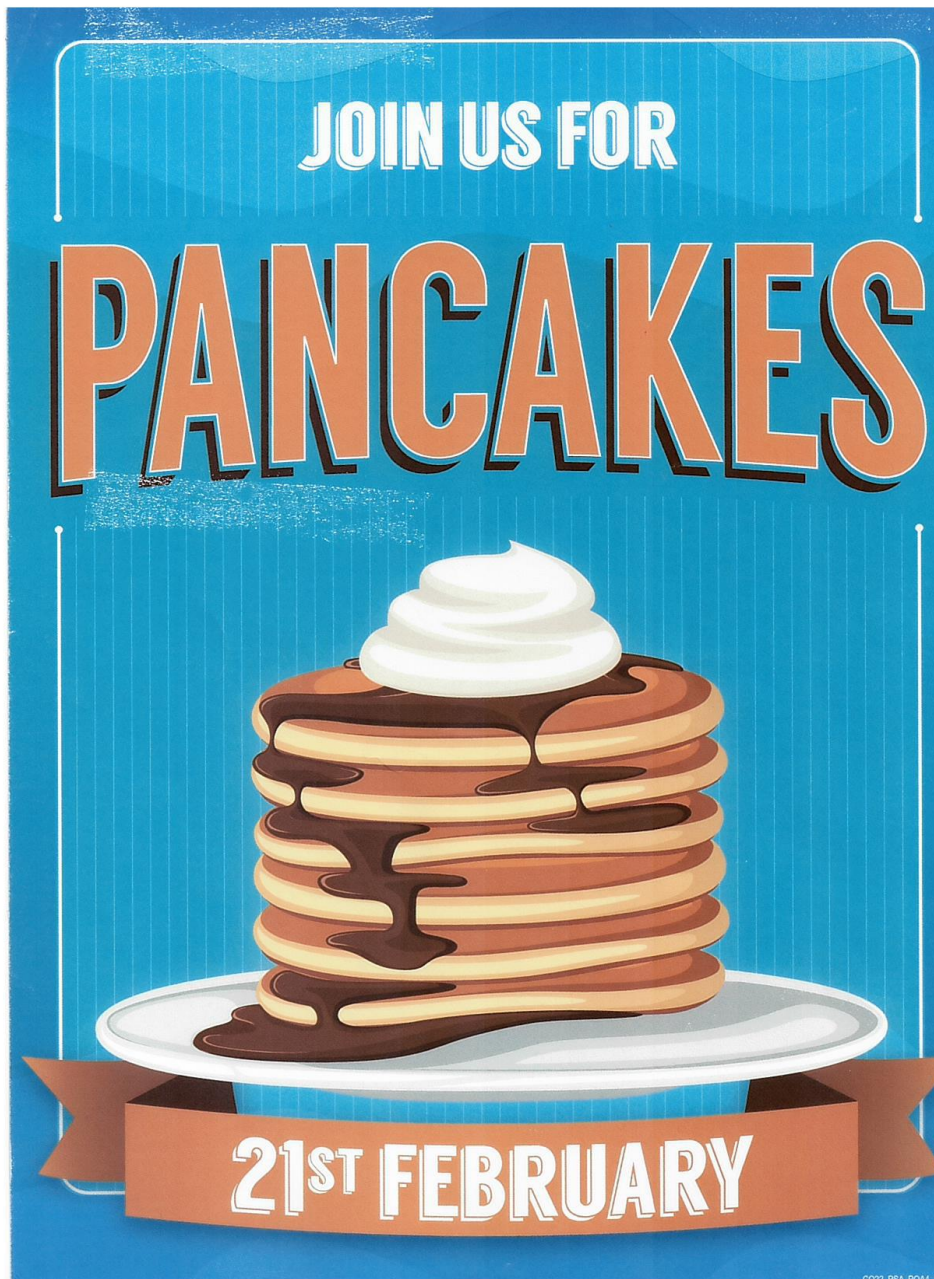
### Change to 3B Assembly date

Dear 3B parents and carers,  
Please note that 3B's Class Assembly will now take place on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am** and not on 17<sup>th</sup> March, as previously reported.  
Many thanks  
Ms Byrne

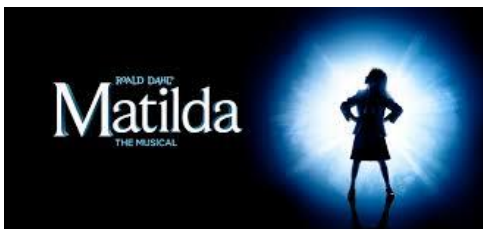
### \*\*\*\*\*FUND RAISING APPEAL\*\*\*\*\*

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February we will be fundraising to support the aid efforts following the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. We are asking all children to wear red and/or white and bring £1 to show solidarity with the people of those countries.

**\*\*\*February 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 - Pancake Day\*\*\***



### **Drama Club**



**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb** -whole cast - rehearsal finishes at 5:15pm

**Thursday rehearsal:** Please see the rehearsal schedule.

**Clubs and sports at St Bon's -  
Week of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY AS SOME TIMES AND DATES HAVE CHANGED FOR ACTIVITIES WITH  
COACHING WITH SOPHIE**

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 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 27 <sup>th</sup> March 6-week course - £24  Tuesdays - Y4, Y5 & Y6 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb – 28 <sup>th</sup> 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	YES – 4.30pm finish	Wednesdays - Y5 & 6 girls
Sophie Morgan Multisport	YES – 3.15pm -4.15pm	Weds – Reception, Y1 & Y2 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb – 29 March 6-week course - £24 To book email: Coachingwithsophie@hotmail.com Clubs are open to all
Sophie Morgan Football	YES – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Thursday – Reception & Y1 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb – 30 <sup>th</sup> March 6-week course - £24 To book email: Coachingwithsophie@hotmail.com Clubs are open to all
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  <b><u>No Yoga Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February or 31<sup>st</sup> March</u></b>
Chess	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays – Y5 & 6
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays - Y5 & 6



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**\*New Addition - 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.

**Requests for donations**

Please could Reception have any old tights or leggings for girls which are no longer needed.

Also, we would appreciate any of the following: fancy dress accessories e.g. different hats and headwear, glasses, feather boas, waistcoats and jackets, fancy dress costumes for creative play, Dinosaurs, mythical creatures and animal toys, Lego, large scraps of different materials, large outdoor games such as outdoor chess set.

**February Playscheme – bookings now open**

We will be running a holiday club during February half term. Sessions can now be booked in School Gateway for either a full day (£28) or a short day (£21).

**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)

**Support the PTFA And Support Your School!**

Here's how you can support the PTFA currently so we can fulfil the school wish list and enrich your child's experience....

**1. Please, please come to the Ceilidh tonight!**

Overdue a fun night out? Come to the Ceilidh tonight! We have a great band; a well-stocked bar and a welcome drink is included in the ticket price. No dance experience required, it's just an opportunity to have a real laugh. Please come!!!!

Tickets available online now or on the door this evening.

<https://www.stbonsptfa.com/events-1/ceili-barn-dance-new-date-10th-feb>

**Doors open 7.30pm, band starts at 8pm**

**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 as we know there are loads of great ideas out there to develop them. Once you've done one it will be even easier to do the next. Why not talk to some friends to see if they'd be interested or put yourself forward, getting involved is an excellent and fun way of meeting new people within the school. Get in touch if you'd like to talk about it!

**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](mailto:ptfauniformrep@gmail.com) so she knows to collect it.

**5. Come to our meetings!**

Next dates:

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 9am after school drop off
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stbonsptfa.com/news)



### COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

First of all, this week, a huge thank you to May who gave a really large donation of food for the pantry in the past fortnight. We're so grateful for her support.

Many others have also donated food recently, and it's incredibly touching to see the items we ask for on the wish list turning up in the donation box. Your generosity is absolutely wonderful to see.

Take a look at this week's wish list below and, if you're able to, add a few bits to your shopping. You can leave donations either in the box by the Pantry shelves or in the post box outside the Presbytery door when the church is closed.

We're making a particular plea for cooking oil, as many shops now limit the number of bottles a customer can buy at one time including, sadly, people like us doing bulk shops for a good cause.

How can I help?

As well as cash donations, we are incredibly grateful for any food you can give.

Please donate:

COOKING OIL (any kind)

Tuna

Other tinned fish

Pasta sauce

Washing up liquid

Sugar

Flour

Pasta

Rice

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.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### 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, 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](http://www.mum-dance.co.uk)

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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](http://www.justrock.com/clubs) and submit a 'Contact us' enquiry form.