



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 9th September 2022

Dear parents and carers,

We've had a wonderful first week back. It has been lovely to see you all. It has been a sad end to the week with the announcement of the Queen's death. In school we are aware that her death for some of our children and their families will trigger memories of loved ones who have died. In school over the coming days, we will be focusing on a celebration of the Queen's life and what she achieved. For those of you who have lost loved ones recently we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

I would like to share the following prayer which we've shared with our children earlier in the week:

*Dear God,
Speak to our hearts and help us to see
that we are one big family.
Old or young, short or tall,
wherever we live, you made us all.
Help us to share however hard it seems,
to make our world fair and live out our dreams.
Amen.*

I am pleased to inform you that Miss Tudhope and her partner are expecting their first child which is due in December. I am sure you'll join me in wishing them both a huge congratulations.

Class assemblies

I am pleased to be able to let you know that we are re-introducing class assemblies following a pause during the pandemic.

Throughout this school year, each class will invite their parents to an assembly led by the children. I will publish dates at the start of each 'old' term so in September, January and after Easter. Year 5 and year 6 have been allocated terms 1-2 and their dates are as follows:

- Friday 7th October 10am 6D
- Friday 21st October 10am 6WA
- Friday 11th November 10am 5J
- Friday 18th November 10am 5SK

I will release dates for all other year groups at the end of term 2.

EAL parent group

Our EAL parent group led by Mrs Preisner will restart on Monday 12th September at 9am. This is an opportunity for any parent for whom English is not their first language to come along and find out more about school life.

The dates for the term are as follows:

Tuesday 20th September 9am

Monday 26th September 9am

Tuesday 4th October 9am

Monday 10th October 9am

Tuesday 18th October 9am

We look forward to seeing you. Please enter through the main office area at the front of the school.

Parent termly drop in

This year I am going to be providing parents with a regular opportunity to come into school and talk to me about the school's priorities.

The first session I'm running is on Friday 23rd September at 9am. At this session I will be sharing the school improvement plan and providing parents with an opportunity to ask questions and find out more about what goes on in school.

Parent information sessions

Just a quick reminder that our beginning of year parent information sessions will take place next week. I am able to offer a creche on Tuesday afternoon for parents attending the year 1-2 sessions. Sadly, due to staffing I cannot offer a creche on Wednesday or Thursday.

Roald Dahl day reminder

On Tuesday 13th September we will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day and are inviting all children in the school to come to school dressed as either their favourite Roald Dahl character or in his favourite colour - yellow.

PE days

We are running a two-week timetable in school this year. At the end of next week, once we have run the timetable, I will reissue the PE days for each year group as we are currently tweaking it.

Best,



Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events w/c 12th September 2022 (MENU week 1:

Tuesday 13th September: **Roald Dahl day** – favourite book character or wear yellow

Parent information sessions this week (half an hour each):

Tuesday 13th September: Year 1 @ 3.30pm
 Year 2 @ 4pm

Weds 14th September: Year 3 @ 3.30pm
 Year 4 @ 4pm

Thurs 15th September: Year 5 @ 3.30pm
 Year 6 @ 4pm

Notice to everyone who has music lessons (except brass)

The company who supply our music teachers will now be dealing with the administration and payments of music lessons.

This may take a couple of weeks to finalise and as a consequence music lessons may start slightly later this term. We will endeavour to keep you up to date with the changes.

Many thanks, Helen Mohan

Clubs and sports at St Bon's

Week of 12th September

Premier Sport Football	STARTS w/c 26 th Sept Website to be updated soon	Mondays - Y1, Y2, Y3 Tuesdays - Y4, Y5 Y6
Netball	YES YES	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Gymnastics	YES	Tuesdays – Y3
Debating club	YES	Tuesdays -Y5 & 6
Running club – 7.50am	YES	Wednesday mornings – all welcome
Mr Morgan after school	YES – trials	Wednesdays – Y5 & 6 Girls trials will take place before school ends Boys trials will finish at 4pm
Tag Rugby	YES	Thursdays - Y5 & 6
Chess	NO – starts 30 th Sept	Fridays - Y5
Premier Sport Hockey	STARTS w/c 26 th Sept	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays - Y5 & 6

Board game donations

Mrs Garrett will be running a lunch time board game club – she would appreciate donations of board games suitable for years 3 and 4.

Hygiene bank - help needed

The hygiene bank is urgently looking for a volunteer to help with organisation this term.

If you can help, please contact either Nicola on 07947 690569.

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope everyone had a wonderful break. We have some dates for your diary for the coming months:

PTFA meeting Wednesday 14th September 9am

The first PTFA meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 14th September at 9am in the presbytery. Everyone is very welcome to attend. We will be holding a mix of in person and online, daytime and evening meetings through the year to allow as many people as possible to attend.

Future meeting dates are:

Tuesday 11th October – evening, online
Thursday 17th November – evening, online

Reception Parents Coffee Morning Friday 23rd September 9am

To all new parents! The PTFA would like to invite you along for refreshments and treats as our way of saying welcome! This is a chance to have a nice cuppa and a chat, ask any questions about school life and meet other new parents! Meet in the Presbytery (door to the left of St Bons church entrance)

Bag2School Collection 7th November

Advanced notice to get clearing those cupboards, The first collection of the year will be in November.

Christmas Fair 4th December

Put it in your diaries now, the Christmas fair will be on Sunday 4th December! We're already getting ideas together. If you're interested in helping us plan this year's fair please get in touch.

Join the Committee!

We're looking for a new secretary to take over when our current secretary steps down later this year. Full handover will be given and Lu would be happy to support the incoming volunteer while they find their feet. If you'd like more info on the role please get in touch.

Shop and Support

Raise money for the PTFA while doing your shopping.

- **STICKINS**

Need new name labels for next year? Using code 19021 at checkout and Stickins will donate to the PTFA.

- **AMAZON SMILE**

Set up your Amazon Smile account and select St Bonaventure's PTFA as your chosen charity and every time you shop with Amazon the PTFA receives a donation.

- **EASYFUNDRAISING**

Download the app (available through the Apple and on android), check if your chosen retailer is on Easyfundraising, click through, shop as normal and the PTFA gets a donation

None of these options change the price you pay so please consider using them the next time you're shopping as an easy way to raise money without costing you a penny more.

Uniform Shop

Kids had a sudden growth spurt? Realised you could do with a couple of extra bits of uniform? The preloved uniform shop has plenty of good quality stock in so just get in touch: ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Babysitter available: My name is Ella Bunce and I am a former St Bons pupil, now in 6th form at Redland Green. I have lots of experience with young children, I am reliable and responsible, and I am available for babysitting! I can be contacted on 07401 342599. Many thanks.

OPEN EVENTS FOR PROSPECTIVE YEAR 7 STUDENTS – TRINITY ACADEMY

We are delighted to invite you to attend one of our Open Events. These events are designed for parents and children considering applying for a Year 7 place for September 2023.

The dates are:

TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2022

Visits last an hour and will include an address by the Headteacher and an opportunity to tour the school. To attend one of our visits please book onto either the 5pm, 6pm or 7pm slot. We advise that you arrive 10 minutes before your chosen start time. These events are likely to be very popular and we expect to receive a large number of visitors. Booking is essential to attend one of these Open Evenings. Please click [HERE](#) to book.

Teachers and many of our current students will be available during the open events and will be happy to answer your questions.

Please [click HERE](#) to view our welcome video or visit the school [website](#) to find out more.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch via email to

admissions@trinityacademybristol.org.

I very much look forward to meeting you

Mr Eiron Bailey

Headteacher

St Bon's Church creation mass

There is going to be a Creation Mass to celebrate God's Creation and highlight our responsibilities in caring for it, at 5pm on Sat 1st October in St Bon's Church.

There will be a plants and produce stall and food afterwards. All welcome. Any children who have participated in growing things or caring for nature would be welcome to speak during the Mass, contact

hfarey@blueyonder.co.uk to volunteer.