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Friday 15th March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Lord Jesus,
I give you my hands to do your work.
I give you my feet to go your way.
I give you my eyes to see as you do.
I give you my tongue to speak your words.
I give you my mind that you may think in me.
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.
Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all mankind.
I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you,
Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me.
Amen.

Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported our launch evening of Window Wanderland. It was great to see so many of you. We were delighted to be able to host the event again this year. Our motivation for getting involved in this project is quite simple- to build and strengthen our links with the local community. It was great to see so many local people out and about enjoying the atmosphere that this event creates. Our chosen charity to support was our local St Bon's community food pantry. Thank you to everyone who made a donation on the evening, we raised £165.92

I would also like thank the staff who worked tirelessly in the months and weeks before the event and who made sure the school windows were lit up!

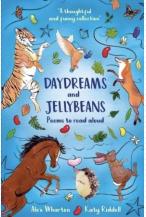






Author visit

The whole school were treated to an author visit today. Alex Wharton led a whole school assembly followed by workshops for years 3 and 4. Thank you to our PTFA who funded the event.



Marble run week

We've had a very busy week taking part in the NW24 marble run challenge. Children have enjoyed working in small groups to create a marble run that will take the slowest amount of time to get from the top of the board to the bottom thinking about gravity and what materials might slow the marble down. The winners from KS1 were 2G and KS2 5SK.



Things to looks forward to next week

- DT week; Some year groups have been asked to bring in materials from home to support with their construction of a vehicle.
- Reception Seasons week
- Easter Festival auditions will take place- see your child's Google classroom home page for more information.
- Big Lent Walk
- Parents evening Thursday 21st March
- SEND parent/carer support group facilitated by our school nurse 9-10am Friday 22nd March all parents welcome to attend no need to book

Best, Sarah Ballantine Head teacher

UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 18th March (menu week 3)

DT week all week.

Monday 18th – St Patricks house wear Green

The Big Lent Walk.

Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st- Level 1 & 2 Bikeability.

Thursday 21st- Parents evening.

Friday 22nd- Year 6 cake sale.

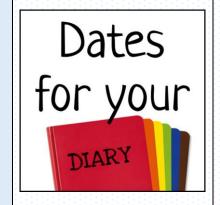
Monday 25th - Caryl Hart author visit to KS1

Tuesday 26th - Parents evening

Thursday 28th – Last day of term

Easter festival

Doughnut & drinks sale after school



Catholic Life of our school this week

This week has been a whirlwind of activity, all centred around living out our Catholic values!

Reflecting Together:

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who participated in Window Wanderland! It was a resounding success, bringing families and neighbours together to enjoy the beautifully lit displays, the voices of our choir and the warm atmosphere. This event was our first step towards achieving the Live Simply award, promoting unity within our school and the local community.

The whole school Lent reflection this week was led by our chaplains. Using the candle from the "Lent in a Bag," they reminded us of Jesus as the light of the world. Children were encouraged to think about how they can share their own light and make a positive difference.

Seeking Truth and Showing Solidarity:

4H presented a thought-provoking assembly around the theme "Seek the Truth." They explored the importance of water in our lives, delving into the water cycle and rain formation. Through poems, music, and discussions, they highlighted the Catholic Social Teaching principle of caring for creation. They emphasized the plight of those around the world who lack access to clean water and encouraged everyone to show solidarity.

The Big Lent Walk:

Get ready to walk for a cause! On Monday, we'll be hosting our Big Lent Walk, aiming to raise money for a fishing community in Liberia, helping them fish safely. Key Stage 1 will enjoy a fun walk around the school grounds, while Key Stage 2 will embark on a more challenging walk to Horfield Common and back. Please sponsor your children and consider volunteering to help with the Key Stage 2 walk!

Together, let's keep shining our lights through these Lenten activities!





Kidzone playscheme will operate during the Easter holidays as follows:

Tuesday 2nd April- Friday 5th April Monday 8th April – Friday 12th April

Kidzone will be closed on Easter Monday

We offer two sessions:

Full Day - 8:30am - 5:45pm - £28.00 Short Day - 10am - 4pm - £21.00

Bookings are now open via SchoolGateway-Bookings should be made by the 25th March.

Please note that if your child has a 1:1 bookings will be made manually by Kidzone who will be in contact shortly.....please be aware spaces are limited for this provision.



English as an Additional Language Coffee Mornings



If English is not your first language, please come along, share your views, meet other parents, be a part of your child's learning and relax at our coffee mornings from 9 – 10am on Mondays in the School – come to the office.

The group is run by Mrs Cela – if you would like more information, please email her at esmeralda.cela@bristol-schools.uk

Clubs and sports at St Bon's



Sport and club's - week starting 18th March

If your child is on the register for any clubs and isn't going to attend for any reason could you please let the office know so their absence from the register is noted.

Club	Is it running	Day and year group
Netball	YES	3:15 Mondays – Y3 & 4
	NO	NOT THIS WEEK FOR Y6- y4&5 match for invited only -3:15
		Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Drama	YES	Mondays- Y4 & Y5 3:15-4:30
		Thursdays- Y6- 3:15 - 4:45 in hall
Circuits	YES	Thursdays Y1-Y6 - 7:50am in hall
		PLEASE NOTE FROM TERM 5 CIRCUITS WILL BE FOR Y2-6 ONLY
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	YES	Wednesdays- 3:15 – 4:30 Girls training
Tag Rugby	YES	Thursday Y5 & Y6 8:00
Chess Lunch break	YES	Fridays -Y5 & Y6
		12:15 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs	YES	Fridays- Y5 & 6 - 3:15
Hinkins		Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins.
Gymnastics	Yes	Tuesdays Y4 - 3:15 in hall
Dodge ball	YES	Fridays – Y3 &4- 8:00 in hall
Art/Drawing- lunch	YES	Tuesday lunch - KS2 – 12:15 In 4H
time		
Debating Club- lunch time	YES	Wednesday lunch – Y5 & Y6 12:15-In 3B/3J
Well-Being Singing-	YES	Tuesday lunch – whole school - 12:15 in 1P
lunch time		
Choir – Lunch time	KS1 YES	Mondays – KS1 12:15 in 2TW
	KS2 YES	Thursdays – KS2 –12:15 in 2TW
Yoga	YES	Friday Y1 – paid class

TERM 4- CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MON

FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION, Y1,Y2

£24FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

TUE

FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

WED

MULTI SPORTS CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/.Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

GIRLS ONLY SPORTS
3.30PM-4.30PM
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

TAG RUGBY/CRICKET 30.30PM-4.30PM Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO BOOK -

WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK

CLUBS WILL START
BACK WEEK
COMMENCING MONDAY
19TH FEBRUARY 2024
(FIRST WEEK BACK TO
SCHOOL)

THURSDAYS GIRLS ONLY
SPORTS AND TAG
RUGBY/CRICKET ARE
TWO DIFFERENT CLUBS
AND TAG
RUGBY/CRICKET ARE FOR
EVERYONE.







Running Club

Running/walking club

Do you want to get fit and have fun at the same time!

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 7.50am.

Children and adults are welcome.

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PTFA news Buy your Quiz tickets!

The Big (St) Bon's Quiz of the Year, Friday 26 April: Tickets for the biggest event of the year (exclusively for the grown-ups) are now on sale! Doors open at 7pm and the quiz kicks off at 7.30pm. There will be some prizes for the winning team(s). There will also be a bar to help lubricate the brain cogs. Teams can be up to 6 people, but you don't have to form a team beforehand to come along. We'll make sure we find one for you to join on the night. This event is open to all parents/carers, teachers, and friends, so please feel free to bring others along too. The more the merrier!

PTFA meeting: Thanks to everyone who came to the meeting last night. There was lots of discussion about exciting plans for the future. The minutes will be available on our website shortly.

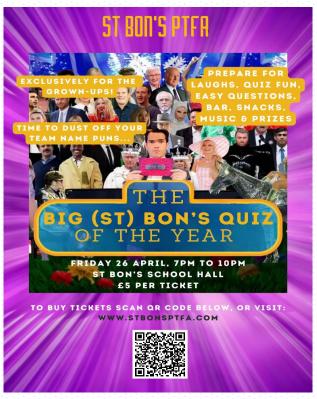
Bake sales: It's the Year 6 bake sale next **Friday 22 March**, so please come along and support them. Proceeds from year group bake sales will go directly to class teachers to buy resources for their classes.

Easter Festival: We'll be serving refreshments from 9am on **Thursday 28 March**, for those watching the Easter Bonnet Parade.

Pre-loved uniform: Many thanks to those who purchased items at the sale earlier this week. We raised £117! If you are able to donate uniform with the St Bon's logo, for future sales, please let us know by email (ptfauniformrep@gmail.com) and then leave your items with the school office.

Dates for your diary

- The Big (St) Bon's Quiz of the Year, Friday 26 April
- Discos for reception / KS1, and KS2, Friday 17 May
- Bag 2 School, Friday 7 June
- Summer fair, Sunday 23 June, 2-5pm





COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thanks to all those who took part in the cake sale at the Church last week, it raised a smashing £120 for the Pantry (and another £120 for Cafod). We also had a great response to our request for help with the Pantry stock-taking rota, it's wonderful to know there are so many people who want to support this great cause.

Please donate:

Long-life dairy milk Tuna Other tinned fish Tinned peas Tinned sweetcorn

Please DO NOT donate:

Fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste)

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 Trish's door at 55 Egerton Road.

Community News

St. Bon's Hygiene Bank provides families of children at the school with bags of hygiene products every half term. We have an amazing group of parents who regularly donate supplies of things like toothpaste, shampoo and washing up liquid to the bank, but it would be great to have some new people in the group. If you think this is something you would like to help with, please scan the QR code below to join the St. Bon's Hygiene Bank WhatsApp group:



We would also love to hear from anyone who is interested in volunteering to help run the hygiene bank. Call or message Nicola on 07947 690569 or Katie on 07792 420999 to find out more.

The following link is to a fantastic guide for Bristol families of events taking place over the Easter holidays.

https://bristolfamilyblog.com/bristol-easter-holidays