



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear parents and carers,

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

Thank you so much to everyone who visited our book fair this week. It was great to see the children so excited about their new books and I hope you managed to pick up some Christmas gifts early.

In school this week we held the last of our EYFS/KS1 reading information sessions for parents. If you missed the session please look on the news section of our website for a copy of the presentation.

#### **Reading information sessions for parents/carers of KS2 pupils**

KS2 staff will be leading a session for parents/carers of KS2 children in the school hall on the following dates:

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 9am
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm

Please do try to attend. You'll receive an update on our reading curriculum and be shown how and what we teach in school plus how you can support your child at home.

**\* \* FREE anti-bullying session for parents/carers Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2.45-3.15 in the school hall \* \***

#### **EYFS/KS1 Nativity tickets**

Tickets were sent home this week. If you have tickets that you are not going to use please return them to the school office via the drop box and we can re-allocate them to another family, or if you would like to change the day which you given please come into the office. There are a number of spare tickets, if you would like any extra tickets please email the office and they will be allocated accordingly.

Best,  
Sarah Ballantine  
Head teacher

## Catholic Life Of Our School

### **Key stage 1 kindness assembly**

This week, Key Stage 1 children had the opportunity to participate in an assembly that focused on the importance of kindness. The assembly was based on the story "One World Together," which teaches the values of empathy, compassion, and understanding through the story of a boy who travels round the world meeting children in different countries. The children listened to the song Imagine by John Lennon and thought about what it would be like to live in a peaceful world.

### **Key Stage 2 kindness assembly**

Key Stage 2 students were also treated to an assembly about random acts of kindness. The assembly highlighted the positive impact that even small acts of kindness can have on others. The children were encouraged to make an effort to be kind to others on a regular basis, whether it's holding the door open for someone, offering to help with a task, or simply being a good listener.

### **Love thy Neighbour Faith Awards Update**

As the end of the term approaches, classes are busy planning what they are going to do to show love and kindness to others. Year 6 has organised a cake, book, and toy sale today to raise money for The Salvation Army and support their work locally. Year 4 had a Christmas jumper day this week to raise money for Christmas wrapping paper to wrap their gifts for the homeless in Bristol. Year 1 have started planning an end of term visit to preschool to read stories with the children there.

### **1CR class assembly**

In an inspiring assembly today, 1CR linked Remembrance Day and their class book *The Snail and the Whale* with our Love thy Neighbour theme. They talked about courage and standing up for what is right. Their performance conveyed the message that no matter how small or young we may be, we have the capacity to make a significant difference in the world.

We are incredibly proud of all of our students for their efforts in making our school a more loving and compassionate place.

This week's art work is from Year 5 who painted pictures using our theme 'Love Thy Neighbour'



## Events w/c 20<sup>th</sup> November (MENU week 1.)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>- Year 4 Roman fort trip.  
Year 4 loom band sale after school.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 6 Kintbury retreat.

### UP COMING DATES:

Christmas Fair- 3<sup>rd</sup> December

KS1 Nativities- Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 Carol concert- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6pm

Christmas Lunch- KS2 12<sup>th</sup> December, KS1 13<sup>th</sup> December



## Nasal Flu Immunisations 15<sup>th</sup> December

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net) or 03001245515 for more information.

## First Holy Communion 2024

The application process for the First Holy Communion programme is now open. If your child is in year 3 or above, and you wish to enrol him/her for the preparation programme starting in January, please complete an online [application form](#).

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 11th May 2024.

For more details, please contact the parish office on 0117 942 4448 or visit

<https://stbonsbristol.com/sacraments/> .

## Reception places for September 2024



Just a reminder that applications for Reception places for September 2024 are now open, We still have spaces on our open days, book on to a tour with the office if you feel this would be helpful.

The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.



### 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 Wednesdays 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](mailto:esmeralda.cela@bristol-schools.uk)

**A special invitation is extended to parents/carers of children who have just joined us.  
If you would like more information about the group – please email Mrs Cela.**



### 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.



## Clubs and sports at St Bon's



Club...	Is it running...	Day and year group...
Netball - 3:15	YES YES	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Drama	Yes (Year 6)	Thursdays- Year 6- 3:15 – 4:15 in hall Years 4-5 will start after Christmas
Circuits	YES	Thursdays- Y1-Y6, 7:50am in hall
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Mr Morgan after school	YES	Wednesdays- Boys
Tag Rugby	Yes	Thursday Y5 & Y6 8:00
Chess – Lunch break	NO	Fridays - Y5 & Y6 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays - Y5 & 6 £5
Gymnastics- 3:15 – 4:15	YES	Tuesdays- Year 3
Dodge ball- 8:00	Yes	Fridays – Y3 &4- in hall
Art/Drawing 12:15-12:45	YES	Tuesday lunch - KS2 – In 4H
Debating Club 12:15	YES	Wednesday lunch – Y5 & Y6 -In 3B/3J
Well-Being Singing 12:15	YES	Tuesday lunch – whole school - in 1P
Choir – 12:15	KS1 YES KS2 YES	Mondays – KS1 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 – in 2TW
Yoga	YES	Friday Y1 – paid class – <a href="https://www.emflow.co.uk/book.html">https://www.emflow.co.uk/book.html</a>

## Coaching with Sophie

If you would like to book onto our clubs please do so via our website - [www.cwsophie.co.uk](http://www.cwsophie.co.uk) the bookings are now live.

Please also be aware Thursday's we have both Girls only sports and Tag Rugby/Cricket these are separate classes and Tag Rugby and Cricket are for both boys and girls, but right now it falls under girls sports on the websites.

**TERM 2 - CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

MON	TUE	WED	THU
<b>FOOTBALL CLUB</b> 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION, Y1,Y2  £24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE	<b>FOOTBALL CLUB</b> 3.30PM - 4.30PM Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6  £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE	<b>MULTI SPORTS CLUB</b> 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/.Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6  £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE	<b>GIRLS ONLY SPORTS</b> 3.30PM-4.30PM RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6  <b>TAG RUGBY/CRICKET</b> 30.30PM-4.30PM Y2/Y3/Y4  £28 FOR 7 WEEK COURSE
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO BOOK -  <a href="http://WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK">WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK</a>	CLUBS WILL START BACK WEEK COMMENCING TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2023 (FIRST WEEK BACK TO SCHOOL)	PLEASE NOTE THURSDAYS GIRLS ONLY SPORTS AND TAG RUGBY/CRICKET ARE <i>TWO DIFFERENT CLUBS</i> AND TAG RUGBY/CRICKET ARE FOR EVERYONE BUT IT WILL SHOW UNDER GIRLS SPORTS ON THE WEBSITE FOR THE TIME BEING.	

## Window Wanderland

We are really excited to be hosting Bishopston Window Wanderland again this year. The event takes place in March and we are looking for parents, carers, and members of our school community who are able to join our working party.

What we need:

- Someone who would be willing to support with social media
- Local business who are happy to sponsor the event.

If you think you could help us in any capacity please email us at [Georgina.Beattie@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:Georgina.Beattie@bristol-schools.uk)





PTFA News

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

Email – [contact@stbonsptfa.com](mailto:contact@stbonsptfa.com)

Uniform – [ptfauniformrep@gmail.com](mailto:ptfauniformrep@gmail.com)

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

### **Christmas Cards and Shop**

Our Christmas shop is open! The children have been busy creating some amazing Christmas designs. They are now all scanned in and ready for you to view and order at:

<https://mychildsart.co.uk/find-artwork?username=StBonaventuresPtfa&access-code=Nc4QU92G>

Alternatively use this link and login: <https://mychildsart.co.uk/order>.

Username: StBonaventuresPtfa Access code: Nc4QU92G

There are a lovely selection of products available, Christmas cards, coasters, decorations, wrapping paper and many more. 20% of everything you spend goes to the school ptfa. Happy shopping! Any problems contact the customer service number on 01530887650

### **🎄 Christmas Fair Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 🎄**

You should have received an information letter with details of ways you can support the fair and donations we need for the stalls.

- Class stall allocations are coming soon so please help your class rep and volunteer to spend some time on your stall.
- As a gentle reminder, on 1<sup>st</sup> December we're collecting goodie bags, Christmas jumpers, party wear, bottles for the bottle stall.
- Raffle ticket money and ticket stubs can be returned to the office

We're also looking for:

- Decorations and artificial Christmas trees
- Sponsorship to help cover overheads and donations for prizes, Could your employer help? Do you know any local businesses who might support us?
- Matched funding – contact your HR and find out if by volunteering at the fair your employer could help to boost our fundraising efforts

If you can help in any way please let us know using one of the contact methods above.

### **Committee Positions Available**

We have one person interested in co-chairing the PTFA but this role is so much more fun as a team! So if you've been thinking about it please do let us know. No prior experience necessary just some enthusiasm and a desire to help the school provide our children with an amazing experience now and in the future.. You'll have a full handover with lots of support from the outgoing chairs and the rest of the committee who are a really friendly bunch.

### **Coming up:**

✓Disco 17<sup>th</sup> November

✓Christmas Fair 3<sup>rd</sup> December



## **COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY.**

A big thank you this week to Mary for her continued and incredibly generous support of the Pantry, as she gave a much-needed donation of food recently. If you'd like to do the same, you can leave food donations in either in the clear box labelled "Community Food Pantry Donation Box" at the back of the church or in the white post box outside the front door of the Presbytery.

Anything you can give will be massively appreciated, but we particularly need the following things at the moment:

### **Please donate:**

Tinned fruit  
Tinned meat meals (for example: chilli, meatballs, casserole, curry)  
Tinned sweetcorn  
Tinned tuna  
Cooking oil  
Sugar  
Pasta sauce  
Shampoo  
Sanitary towels  
Deodorant  
Toilet roll

### **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 Jenny Glester's door at 57 Egerton Road.



## Community News

The Coexist Community Kitchen, CIC, based in Easton is a not-for-profit cookery school using food as a vehicle to work with people who experience social marginalisation in our society. Through practical workshops and cooking courses, they empower participants to develop their culinary skills and foster a sense of dignity and belonging. Encouraging people to share their skills with others, creating a space where everyone feels seen, valued and at home.

The Coexist team is currently trying to fundraise £50,000 to support their outreach work, carry out essential repairs to the kitchen, invest in new equipment and hire more staff. Thanks to match funding, donations up to £150 will be **QUADRUPLED!** So a £25 donation would become £100 and a £150 donation would become £600!

If you would like to support this project, please visit the Coexist Community Kitchen Crowdfunder page [here](#) to make a donation. There are also a number of rewards on offer including cookery classes and tickets to a special fundraising dinner on the 8th December.



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 077924420999 to find out more.