



Friday 19th April 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*The Lord bless us and keep us,
The Lord make his face to shine upon us
And be gracious unto us.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us,
And give us peace.
Amen.*

Length of school week consultation

As you will be aware from my previous letters and newsletters, I am currently consulting with parents/carers on the length of our school week. I hope to provide you with an outcome at the end of term 5 with the view to implement these changes from September 2024. Please use the following link to engage in this survey by midday on Friday 26th April: <https://forms.gle/DZPFg3gLVPtD4DHSA>

SEND parent/carer support group meeting

Our next SEND parent/carer support group meeting will take place on Friday 26th April 9-10am. At this meeting we will be joined by the SENCO from St Bedes. This meeting is open for any parent/carer to attend. Refreshments will be served.

SIP parent/carer session

The next school improvement information session will take place on Friday 3rd May at 9am in the school hall. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome to attend and find out more about our current school improvement priorities and ask questions.

Plant pots

In the week beginning Monday 29th April we will be planting seeds in school to support the PTFA Grow With It fundraiser and school fete. Every child will plant a pot of seeds to take home later in the term and nurture. If you have any small plant pots you are happy to donate please drop them into the box outside the office reception area next week. We need 410 pots in total!

St Georges day

It is St Georges day on Tuesday, we invite all those in St George house to wear red home clothes on this day.

Mobile phones

A reminder that the only children bringing in mobile phones to school either are those walking home by themselves (year 5 & 6) or those in dual residence. They MUST hand them into the office before they come into school.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Celebrating Catholic Life at St. Bonaventure's!

This week has been filled with the joy of Easter and the spirit of our Catholic community.

A Big Thank You!

We'd like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has supported our Big Lent Walk campaign. Your donations will make a real difference in the lives of those in need. There's still time to contribute if you'd like to join us in making a difference: <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/> Cash donations can also be dropped off at the school office.

Reflecting on the Easter Story

Our first assembly of the week brought the Easter story to life as the children acted it out, accompanied by the words of the gospel. We then reflected on how we can find God present in our everyday lives. We look forward to hearing the children's inspiring thoughts in next week's assembly.

Easter Fun with B&A Church

Volunteers from B&A Church on Gloucester Road brought Easter alive for Year 4 pupils with their "Easter in a Box" activity. Children enjoyed re-enacting scenes, exploring the characters' emotions, and engaging in creative projects all based on the Easter narrative.

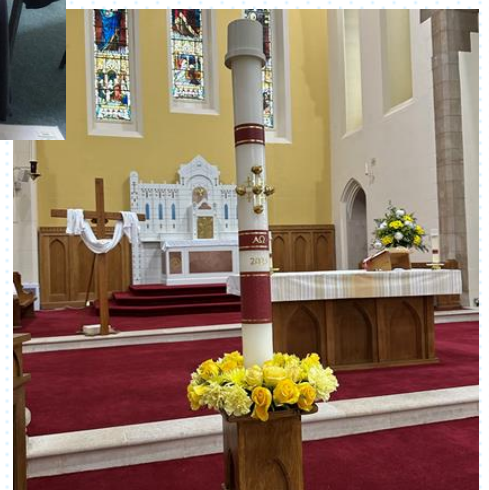
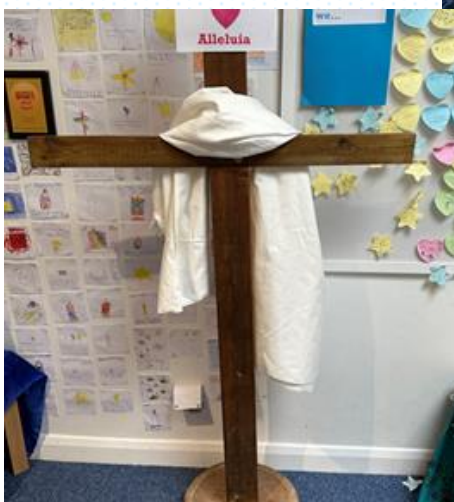
Learning from the Parable

During our start-of-term Mass, the children learned about the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats. Mgr. Bernard spoke about how we can learn from this parable and strive to "let our lights shine" throughout the term.

Care for Our Common Home

We're excited to be working with the PTFA on a fantastic project inspired by our new gospel theme for Terms 5 and 6 - "Care for our Common Home." The aim is to transform our school grounds as part of our Live Simply award, raising awareness of how we can work together to support wildlife in our school and local area.

Stay tuned for more updates on this exciting initiative!



UP COMING DATES:

Week beginning 22nd April (menu week 2)

Tuesday 23rd- **St Georges day**- those in the house can wear red.

Wednesday 24th- Year 3 Mass 9:30- parents welcome

Thursday 25th- Year 6 book and toy sale

Friday 26th- PTFA Quiz night

SEND parent/carer meeting with St Bedes SENDCO 9-10

Year 1 bake sale

Tuesday 30th- Year 4 athletics festival RGS 1:30-2:45

Friday 3rd May- 3J class assembly 10:00

School improvement plan session 9:00-10:00

Year 2 bake sale

Dates
for your



A huge congratulation to our year 6 netball team who won their recent netball match and our now county champions!

After School club

A reminder to parents that after school club has to be booked at least 24 hours before the required session.

If you require a regular session we do advise to block book as many as possible to avoid disappointment. We understand that emergencies happen and it is also easy to forget to book, we will try to accommodate any late bookings if there is availability, but if the session is fully booked it is usually not possible.

Thank you to the parents that attended PAPAYA's session on children's relationship with technology, we hope it was useful and have had excellent feedback.

Attached to this week's newsletter is a flyer inviting parents to join an online TEAMS talk, if you missed the in-school session this is a great opportunity and also equally informative if you attended on Monday.

Below are links for the slides from the parent session, and also the slides from the children's classroom workshops;

parent slides:

https://www.canva.com/design/DAF0KPCk1M/pzfyiypS42hxyHxr6nNn4g/edit?utm_content=DAF0KPCk1M&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton

student slides:

https://www.canva.com/design/DAFw9mWMh04/wxZvdyPvtqtLOJEeBk9tfg/edit?utm_content=DAFw9mWMh04&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton

Reception 2024

Reception place offers will have been sent out earlier this week via email from you LA. We are delighted to be welcoming so many siblings and also new families this coming September.

Please remember it is important that you respond to the email to either accept the offer, or appeal, even if you all ready have a sibling at the school. You have 10 days from the date sent to respond.



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 22nd April

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 YES	Mondays- Y 3&4 - 3:15 - 4:15 Tuesdays- Y 5&6 - 3:15 – 4:15
Circuits	YES	Thursdays - Yr2-6 - 7:50am in hall
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer Definitely on this week
Football	NO	Not running this week
Tag Rugby	YES	Thursday 8:00 - Y5 & Y6
Chess Lunch break	YES	Fridays 12:15 -Y5 & Y6 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays- Y5 & 6 - 3:15 Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins.
Dodge ball	YES	Fridays – Y3 &4- 8:00 in hall
Art/Drawing- lunch	YES	Tuesday lunch - KS2 – 12:15 In 4H
Debating Club- lunch time	YES	Wednesday lunch- Y5 & Y6 - 12:15- In 3B/3J
Well-Being Singing- lunch time	YES	Tuesday lunch 12:15 whole school - in 1P
Choir – Lunch time	KS1 YES KS2 YES	Mondays – KS1 - 12:15 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 –12:15 in 2TW

Bookings for Coaching with sophie are made through the website, www.cwsophie.co.uk , the time tables is below:

TERM 5- CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MON	TUE	WED	THU
FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM RECEPTION, Y1, Y2 £20 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE (BANK HOLIDAY)	FOOTBALL CLUB 3.30PM - 4.30PM Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 £24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE	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 15TH APRIL 2024 (FIRST WEEK BACK TO SCHOOL)	PLEASE NOTE THURSDAYS GIRLS ONLY SPORTS AND TAG RUGBY/CRICKET ARE TWO DIFFERENT CLUBS AND TAG RUGBY/CRICKET ARE FOR EVERYONE .	

🧸 Y6 TOY & BOOK SALE! 📖

📖 After School on Thursday 25th April 🧸

📣 As part of the Year 6 fundraising efforts for their leavers celebrations, a **pre-loved toy & book sale** will be held next week on **Thursday 25th April** after school 😊

😊 All **toys and books** will be £1 so come and grab a bargain and help support the Year 6 Leavers 📣



Running & Walking Club

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

Wednesday mornings at 7:50

Meet outside the office foyer

Children and adults welcome

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We now have a designated walker so if you do not want to run please come along for a walk.



www.stbonsptfa.com

Email – contact@stbonsptfa.com

Uniform – ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

PTFA news

It's (almost) quiz time!

The Big (St) Bon's Quiz of the Year, Friday 26 April: There's now just a week to go until the biggest quiz event of the year, exclusively for the grown-ups! Tickets are still available on our [website](#). We already have a good number of people signed up so it should be a really great evening, with a bar, snacks, music and prizes too. It's open to all parents/carers, teachers, and friends, so please feel free to bring others along too. The more the merrier!

Planting day: We are looking forward to planting our raised beds at the front of school tomorrow morning, 20 April, from 9.30. If you have volunteered to help, please bring a spade and a trowel. See you there!

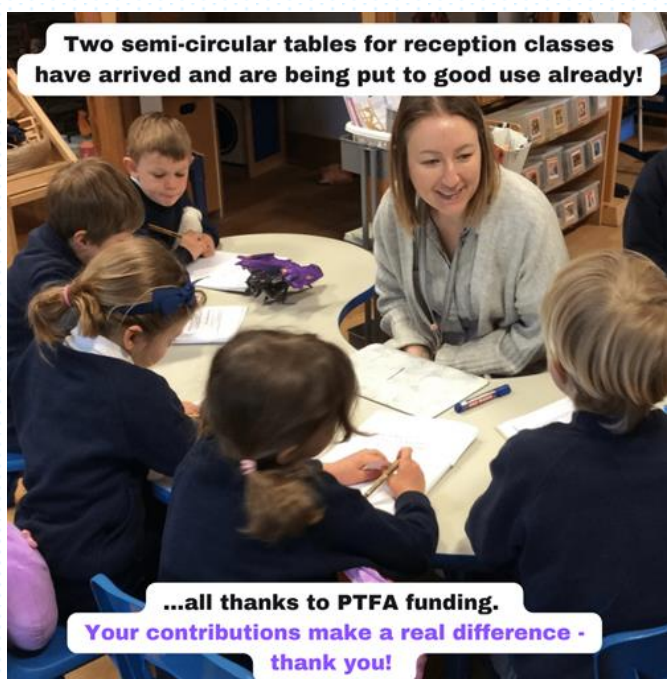
Grow With It: Planting the raised beds is part of the first phase of our [Grow With It project](#). If you are interested in joining a group to oversee each phase of the project, please email Helen (helen.albon@stbonsptfa.com)

Bake sales: The year 1 bake sale is on **Friday 26 April**, and the year 2 bake sale will be on **Friday 3 May**. Proceeds from year group bake sales will go directly to class teachers to buy resources for their classes. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Calling all businesses: We're looking for businesses who would be interested in sponsoring, and /or donating prizes for our Summer Fair on 23 June. If you can help, then we would love to hear from you – please email us at: contact@stbonsptfa.com

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

We're so lucky to be supported by the members of St Bonaventures Church and School and the local residents: there's been an increase in donations to the pantry recently and we couldn't be more grateful. We must say a big thank you in particular to the wonderful Mary who recently dropped off a really generous donation of food for our store cupboard.

If you're able to pop a couple of items into your trolley next time you shop, we'd appreciate any of the following things:

Please donate:

Long life milk
Dried lentils
Tinned tuna
Other tinned fish
Oat cakes
Crackers
Oil
Flour
Washing up liquid

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.

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.



COMMUNITY NEWS

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



S O L I H U L L A P P R O A C H

Families in focus are launching a new [Family Hubs virtual offer](#), which includes a new package of online learning for every parent and carer in Bristol for free! The courses have been developed by the Solihull Approach, alongside the NHS, health experts and parents too! Their mission in Bristol is for every parent in Bristol to complete the Solihull Approach – the learning is for everyone, not only for when you are struggling!

The courses cover a whole range of topics to support parents and carers through all stages of a child's development including:

- Pregnancy and post-pregnancy support
- How to understand your child or teenager's mental health
- Help for understanding relationships
- Support for children with additional needs

There are also courses for teenagers to help them understand their mental health and feelings.

Parents and carers can access the courses through this link [Family Hubs virtual offer](#) or by taking these 5 simple steps:

Step one: Go to [the Solihull Approach](#)

Step two: Go to inourplace **tab on front page**

Step three: Click on "Apply Access Code" **tab**

Step four: Enter code : **GROWING**

Step five: Answer the monitoring questions and add your Bristol post code and you are good to go!!