



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 9th December 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Reception and KS1 nativity performances this week. It has been wonderful to see so many of you attend - thank you. I would like to extend my thanks to the staff for preparing the children, Mrs Meucci for organising all the costumes and a special thank you to grandparents Mr and Mrs Lloyd who put out the chairs for each of the performances - this really is above and beyond, we appreciate your support.

Ada, year 2, asked if I could share the prayer she has written:

*God and Jesus Christ up in heaven,
Thank you for my books, toys, family and friends.
Help me to learn to look after them as I grow bigger, taller and stronger.
Hosanna in the highest.
Amen.*

St Bon's Christmas Fair



You raised a phenomenal and record-breaking **£8,320.55** at the Christmas Fair!

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Fair on Sunday. It was a wonderfully festive day and made successful due to your generosity. Thank you for your continued support.

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to express thanks to our core group of PTFA volunteers. If you are considering becoming more actively involved in the PTFA please do email our co-chairs who will be able to let you know how you can help. The email address is ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

New website design

You may have noticed that we have a new website design. Following feedback from parents at the end of term 6, we decided to update and re-organise our school website so information could be found more easily. We're still in the process of ensuring everything is in the correct place. We'd love to know what you think of it.

Chair of Governors

Eddie Romero, Chair of Governors, has stepped down this term as our Chair of Governors. On behalf of the school community we would like to thank him for the 15 years of service he has given the school, the positive

impact he has made during his tenure and wish him all the best for the future, knowing that he will remain a friend of St Bonaventure's. Kate Lavington, Foundation Governor, has been elected to replace him as Chair.

Following these changes, we have space for two foundation governors on our governing body. Foundation governors are full Governors, appointed by the Bishop, and have a particular role on the governing body to promote Catholic Education. If you know anyone (who is not a current parent of a child at the school) who might be interested in undertaking this role to support the school, please do ask them to get in touch with us. More information is available here <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance>

Bishopston's Window Wanderland

We are very excited to announce that, thanks to parent and governor Hannah and with the support of our PTFA, we are launching and hosting Bishopston's Window Wanderland next year. The event will take place on the weekend of 4th - 6th March and will be kicked off at school with refreshments and a showcase of our pupils' art work on the school playground. More details to follow in the new year.

Finally, I need to share another parking complaint. Please do not stop in the middle of Cornwall Road or Egerton Road to drop children off. This causes traffic problems on roads which are easily congested. Please park or drop children off by pulling into a space.

Best,

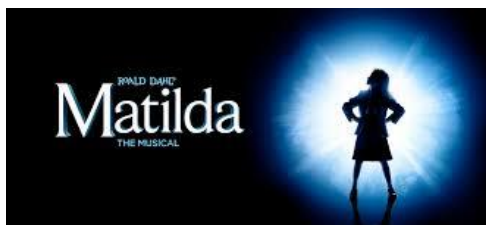
Mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events from 12th December 2022 (MENU week 1)

Tuesday 13 th December:	KS2 Carol Service in St Bonaventure's Church from 6pm
Wednesday 14 th December:	Christmas dinner day – wear a Christmas jumper!
Friday 16 th December:	9.15am End of term mass and chaplaincy commissioning LAST DAY OF TERM
Thursday 5 th January:	Term 3 starts

Drama Club next week



There will be a whole cast rehearsal on Monday finishing at 4.30pm.

Thursday's rehearsal arrangements will be confirmed next week.

School meals price increase

Our catering provider, Chartwells, has informed us that the price of a school meal has increased to £2.45. This will come into effect from Term 3.

Blue for Bangladesh

Thank you to everyone who donated money today towards supporting Bangladesh.
2T have written a prayer together which they wanted to share:

Dear God,

Please help us to raise money for people in Bangladesh who are affected by severe flooding. May they find safety, warmth and shelter if their homes are destroyed or unsafe. Help us keep them in our thoughts and in our hearts this Christmas.

*Please let them know they are loved by their neighbours at St Bonaventure's Catholic Primary School.
Amen*

Playscheme will be open for the INSET days in January

We appreciate that the Christmas holidays this year are longer than usual due to the two INSET days.

We have therefore decided to open the Playscheme for these two days - Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th January.

The cost of a full day is £28 – the opening hours are 0830 until 1745.

The cost of a short day is £21 – opening hours are 1000 until 1600.

You can now book these sessions in School Gateway.

ASC and BC Term 3 – bookings now open

You can now book for Term 3 After School and Breakfast Clubs.

Please note that the charges for ASC have changed – there is now a flat rate of £11.50 per child. For staff with children at the school, there is a 25% discount available.

Congratulations to Kei



Despite the terrible weather, Kei in year 6 completed his charity fundraising walk last weekend. Well done!

More 6WA fundraising...

Well done to Coralie and Molly who raised £80 for Young Lives Vs Cancer by holding a cake sale at their tennis club.



Nativity Service at St Bon's Church

Children's Christmas Nativity Service at St Bon's Church on 17th December, 3pm - children are invited to come dressed as their favourite nativity character.



The service will be followed by refreshments and fun activities for children and mulled wine and mince pies for adults. For more info please contact Neta Roylance-Smith nroylancesmith@outlook.com

Clubs and sports at St Bon's Week of 12th December

Drama	YES – 4.30pm finish	Monday and Thursday KS2 (see above for details)
Premier Sport Football	YES – 4.30pm finish	Mondays - Y1, Y2, Y3 Tuesdays - Y4, Y5 Y6
Netball	YES – 4.30pm finish	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Gymnastics	NO	Tuesdays – Y3

Running club – 7.50am	YES	Wednesday mornings – all welcome
Mr Morgan after school	YES – 4.30pm finish	Wednesdays - Y5 & 6
Circuits with Mr Morgan – 7.50am	YES	Thursdays – all welcome
Tag Rugby	NO	Thursdays - Y5 & 6
Badminton – 8am	YES	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Yoga	YES – 4pm finish	Fridays – Y1
Chess	YES – 4.15pm finish THURSDAY THIS WEEK!	Fridays – Y5 & 6
Premier Sport Hockey	YES – 4.30pm finish	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays - Y5 & 6

Last chance for Lion King DVD - refunds

If you paid for a DVD, please would you come to the office to collect your refund before the end of term.

Any money remaining at the end of Term 2 will be put towards the fund for future drama productions.

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – **ptfa.stbons@gmail.com**

ST BON'S – YOU SMASHED IT!

Thank you, thank you, thank you everyone for coming to support the Christmas fair.

It was wonderful to see everyone there enjoying themselves.

It is not easy to pull the Christmas Fair together but our amazing team of volunteers worked really hard behind the scenes! From putting together a range of stalls to securing incredible prize donations for the fantastic auction. Together with the many, many people who brought in donations for the stalls and helped out on the day, we raised a PHENOMENAL...



We are absolutely blown away by this, as we're sure you will be too! We will be meeting with school to discuss how we can best use this money for our children. If you have any suggestions you would like to put forward, please do get in touch by any of the methods above.

None of our events are possible without the support of people volunteering to organise the events in advance and run them on the day. We are always looking for more help so please do look out for ways you can help with future events. The funds we raise are hugely important to our school. If you volunteered on the day, please see if you can apply for matched funding from your employer – make your time and effort go further.

Read more here: O Night Divine! (www.stbonsptfa.com)

Ceilidh – Friday 10th February 2023

Need something to look forward to in the new year? Come and join us for a knees up on 10th February. Tickets available NOW online. We are excited to have fantastic live band, Jiggerty, joining us! They provide a 'caller' who will guide you through some basic but fun set dances. No experience needed! Followed by disco (let us know your requests!)

<https://www.stbonsptfa.com/events-1/ceilidh-barn-dance>

Uniform Shop

If anyone has any outgrown St Bons school jumpers, cardigans or polo shirts (of any size) in good condition please could the PTFA have them for our pre-loved uniform stock? We are running particularly low on these items and would love to be able to pass them to others in the school. Unfortunately, we can't take any trousers, shorts or skirts but would love jumpers, cardis and polo shirts if you have them!

If you need uniform for your child/children but aren't in a position to make a donation, please contact the school office and the PTFA will help.

Thanks in advance, Ellie (PTFA uniform rep) ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

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.

Community Food Pantry update



A huge thank you this week goes to our local Cubs group, who collected donations of food from their members and friends and have donated it all to the Pantry (and thank you to Monsignor Bernard who had to go and pick it all up!). It's so heart-warming to know that the children of Bishopston are keen to help those in need.

As we get closer to Christmas, we know that those using the pantry will be really feeling the pinch. So, we've decided to add a few festive treats to the Pantry, such as chocolate selection boxes, to help add a bit of cheer.

If you are able to buy and donate any such items, we'd be very grateful - details of how to give food donations are below.

One extremely kind donor has given us a gift of £250 in cash. This will go such a long way towards keeping people fed and nourished through Christmas and the New Year.

How can I help?

As well as cash donations, we are incredibly grateful for any food you can give. Any amount at all is helpful, even one packet, box or bottle of something! Here are the items we're most in need of at the moment:

PLEASE DONATE:

Cooking oil

Tuna

Other tinned fish

Pesto

Pasta

Rice

UHT milk

Sanitary towels

Christmas treats (chocolate coins, selection boxes etc)

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.

How do I donate my time?

If you'd like to get involved in the organisation of the Community Food Pantry, you can join our WhatsApp group by following this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Kq3UpC345FdDOPMnNwQfja>

Thank you all for your support!

COMMUNITY NEWS

NHS DENTIST

Ashley Down Dental Practice on Gloucester Road is accepting new NHS patients for a limited time. To register, please either call 0117 924 7005 or visit <https://ashleydowndentalcare.co.uk/>

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 faves like Flashdance, Pump Up the Jam, MC Hammer, Yazzy 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

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 and submit a 'Contact us' enquiry form.