



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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guided by the light of Christ

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Friday 14th October 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest fundraising day today, raising money for CAFODs harvest appeal. We will let you know how much we raised once we have finished counting up your donations. We celebrated Mass this morning with Mgr. Bernard and would like to thank Joe's Bakery for donating a harvest loaf which we shared with all of the children.

*God of all,
Open our eyes to see the needs of our brothers and sisters.
Open our ears to hear your words of hope and compassion.
Open our mouths to speak up when people are suffering.
Open our hearts, to reach out in love.
Amen.*



Harvest Loaf kindly
donated by
JOE'S BAKERY

Inset day

I have set our fifth inset day as Wednesday 4th January 2023.

The Inset days for the rest of the school year are:

- Monday 31st October 2022
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- Wednesday 4th January 2023

Best,

Mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events from 17th October 2022 (MENU week 3)

Tuesday 18 th October:	Parents' evening 4-7pm Individual / sibling photos in school
Thursday 20 th October:	Nasal flu vaccines for pre-booked appointments
Friday 21 st October:	WEAR IT PINK TODAY - £1 donation for Breast Cancer Now 6WA class assembly at 10am – parents welcome LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday 31 st October:	INSET DAY – school closed
Tuesday 1 st November:	First day of Term 2

October Playscheme

A final reminder that if you would like your child/ren to attend, bookings must be made by the end of today please.

A decision will be made on Monday about whether or not we have enough children booked in to open the club.

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 2.

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

Clubs and sports at St Bon's

Week of 17th October

Drama	YES – now full and running a waiting list	Monday and Thursday KS2 (see above for details)
Premier Sport Football	YES	Mondays - Y1, Y2, Y3 Tuesdays - Y4, Y5 Y6
Netball	YES YES	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Gymnastics	NO	Tuesdays – Y3
Running club – 7.50am	YES	Wednesday mornings – all welcome
Mr Morgan after school	YES	Wednesdays – BOYS this week Y5 & 6. Training pick up at 4.00pm
Tag Rugby	Starts in Term 2	Thursdays - Y5 & 6
Badminton – 8am	Starts in Term 2 – please complete club permission slip if interested	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Chess	YES	Fridays – Y5 & 6
Premier Sport Hockey	YES	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays - Y5 & 6

Girls football – congratulations!!



Well done to the girls' football team who were absolutely amazing on Monday evening at St Bede's. They performed very well coming 3rd and 6th overall.

Drama Club - update

Drama Club will finish at 4.30pm on Monday 17th October.

Those needed for Thursday's rehearsal will be contacted after Monday's rehearsal.

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com



Future meeting dates are:

Christmas Fair Planning Monday 17th October 8pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://vrtx.zoom.us/j/3232294047?pwd=RmZld2QzZlZCShkxTnNmYXBCY2l3Zz09&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 323 229 4047

Password: PTFA

Thursday 17th November – evening, online

Everyone is welcome to attend to any and all meetings. We would love to hear more ideas and have more help.



Discos for KS1 and KS2 14th October

We're really looking forward to the discos tonight and hope everyone is ready to show off their best moves.

A few reminders:

- Please have your email tickets ready at the door
- If you received tickets on the waiting list, bought the wrong tickets in error or have received an adult ticket for a child we'd be very grateful for a donation for the ticket cost in the honesty box at the door on arrival.
- If another parent/carer is bringing your child please let them know if any allergies inc to face paints
 - There will be a tuck shop for children and a bar for adults both of which will accept cash/card/contactless
- **When leaving please be mindful of our neighbours, sound carries easily so please leave quietly**



Bag2School Collection 7th November

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



Ceilidh 11th November

A chance for parents and carers to let their hair down and enjoy a good reel. See you on the dance floor!



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.

This event will not be possible without people helping us to prepare for the event and volunteering on the day. If you're interested in helping us with 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 Food Pantry Update

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated food and money to the Community Food Pantry over the last two weeks. The demand for the Food Pantry continues to increase, which makes all your donations even more precious!

Not only are we supporting local families who are in food poverty and the refugees who attend the Aid Box Community, we are also now collecting FRESH FOOD DONATIONS for another charity called Family Food Action.

This is a local Bristol charity "which aims to promote community engagement, awareness and relief of food poverty in Bristol, through local networking and the collection of food and other vital supplies for distribution to community partners working with families and children in poverty and in need."

More information can be found on their website: www.familyfoodaction.org.uk/

We have agreed to have a weekly collection of FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ONLY for this charity.

You can put fresh food donations in the labelled box at the back of the church, on SUNDAYS ONLY.

There will also be a box for FRESH FOOD DONATIONS outside no.90 Egerton Road on a MONDAY ONLY.

How can I help with the Community Food Pantry?

Here are the non-perishable items we're **most in need of now**. Any amount helps, even one packet, tin or bottle!

Donations needed this week, in order of priority, are:

Cooking oil
Tuna
tins of sweetcorn
Cereal - NOT Weetabix
UHT milk
veg stock
pasta
rice
Washing up liquid
Kitchen roll
Flour
Sugar
Tinned tomatoes
Sanitary towels

Where do I leave food donations?

Please put **non-perishable 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

Brownies is about trying new things that teach girls aged seven to 10 about themselves, their community and their world



Brownies introduces girls to a world of new opportunities, challenges and fun. Girls go along to holidays, day trips and sleepovers. They get together with their friends at regular meetings where they learn new hobbies, get creative, develop skills and have outdoor adventures.

As well as trying activities in their meetings, girls choose from interest badges related to things they want to know more about.

Spaces are currently available at 106th Brownies who meet at St Bonaventure's Parish Hall.

Visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> to sign up.

Bristol Grammar School Open events

Please use the link to book tours <https://www.bristolgrammarschool.co.uk/booking> If you are able to join the event perhaps you could contact Hollie Matthews, our Admissions Manager, by telephone on 0117 933 9885 or by email at admissions@bgs.bristol.sch.uk

Bristol Penguins are running some additional swimming lessons and training sessions this October Half Term at Badminton School Swimming Pool from Mon 24th to Thurs 27th Oct. The link below has all the detailed information.

[Bristol Penguin Oct Half Term 22 Swim Camp](#)

The Royal West of England Academy (RWA) has lots of fun activities for children and families – see their website for more information <https://www.rwa.org.uk/collections/children-and-families>

Free to a good home: 40 inch Sony Bravia HD TV with stand with built in Freeview. With a blu-ray and DVD player and a home audio system with soundbar and sub-woofer (connects to TV with HDMI cable and can connect to phone etc with Bluetooth). Please let the office know if you are interested – st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.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.