



# St Bonaventure's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended parents' evening this week. We hope you found it a positive experience. All our teachers work hard to really get to know your children during the year and to ensure they are making the best progress they can. Your support with this is much appreciated.

We have had a very busy and successful sporting week! Our swimmers did a great job at an ESSA gala at Millfield on Monday and the Bristol Schools finals on Saturday. The girls' team has qualified for the national finals in Sheffield representing the South West of England.

Year 6 had a great time playing in the QEH 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tournament and meeting players from Bristol City. Mr Davis took a mixed team of tag rugby players from Year 6 to Avonmouth Rugby Club on Thursday for a tournament. The team did really well, winning all their matches save the final. However, they are through to the next round as best runner up.

Well done to everyone involved and to Mr Morgan, Mrs McGrath and Mr Davis for their time.



The children have enjoyed auditioning for the Easter Festival today and we are really looking forward to seeing the performances and works of art next Friday.

Best wishes,

*L. Charles*

Headteacher

**Events week commencing:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 (**MENU** no: 2)

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> April:**

Year 2 – please wear sailor costumes for Topic Presentation

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> April:**

**EASTER FESTIVAL!**

Last day of term 4 – school begins again on 24 April

**Events week commencing:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (**NEW MENU** no: 1)

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April:** First day of term 5 – welcome back!

**Tues 25th April:** Bikeability for Year 3: please bring bikes and helmets Tues-Friday this week

### 3T Cake Sale for WWF

Well done to Francesca, Matilda and Annie (and their mums!) in 3T who arranged a cake sale in support of WWF's endangered animals appeal last Friday.

They raised a fantastic £154.12!

### Red Nose Day

Thank you again to everyone who got involved with Red Nose Day last Friday.

You raised an amazing £200.95! Well done...

### New website

After the Easter holidays we will be launching a new website. All the information you need will be on the new site, including latest news, reminders, a calendar of events, our policies, curriculum, and information about clubs, sports and Kidzone.

We will also have a new login area of the website, where you and your children can find more personally relevant information. We think this will help give you the information you need more easily, and help safeguard our children.

You and your children will be able to log in with a password to see their class homepage, homework, calendar and reminders, and to keep up-to-date with their learning in class. This area will only display the information relevant to you and your children; you won't see other classes or other children's information.

In the first week of Term 5, all children will receive a letter about the website with their login details and with yours. This letter will introduce you to how the new area of the website works. All children will be shown the website in class in the first week of term. We hope you enjoy using it!

### Reading with your child at home

*Drop in reading workshops for parents/carers of Foundation stage and KS1 children*

'Children are made readers on the laps of their parents' - Emilie Buchwald

Reading is the key to learning. At St Bon's we want to encourage a lifelong love of reading in our children. We also want to support you in your role as parents/carers. So during the summer term we will be running monthly 'Reading workshops' for parents/carers of children in Foundation stage and KS1 (years Reception to Year 2).

The workshops will take place on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30pm.

We will be looking at a variety of reading related topics –

- Reading with your child – the basics
- Trouble shooting, what to do if...
- Decoding, phonics and reading for meaning
  - Comprehension

The dates are – April 26th, May 17th, June 14th and July 5th

Spaces are limited, so if you would like to join in, please book a place by emailing:

[sue.rees@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:sue.rees@bristol-schools.uk)

## Thank you

Mrs McGrath and Miss Cousins would like to thank the parents of Jungle Book actors who gave us thank you gifts - we are both very touched by your kindness and generosity.

## St Bon's Bakes charity recipe book - help raise money for CAFOD during Lent



There are a few copies of the St Bon's Bakes recipe book remaining and all profits from sales of the book go to CAFOD. We would really like to make our final donation to CAFOD at Easter, to link in with the fundraising our children have been doing for CAFOD during Lent. Please get your copy before the Easter holidays - a perfect alternative to an Easter egg!

St Bon's Bakes contains recipes submitted by St Bon's families and staff and is professionally printed and bound, in a wipe clean format. A copy is on display in the school office. If you would like to buy a book, please ask at the school office or contact Melanie on [melanie\\_m\\_bunce@hotmail.com](mailto:melanie_m_bunce@hotmail.com) (or find Melanie in the playground near the 2T classroom at drop off/pick up). Books cost £8, cash or cheque payable to St Bonaventure's PTFA.

## Year 2 Topic Presentation – costume needed

On Monday next week years 1,2 and 3 will be giving an assembly on their topic. Year 2 will need to wear sailor costumes to school that day please – a letter has been sent home by the year 2 staff team.

## Year 2 SATS - date

For your information, the Year 2 SATS will take place during the week of 15<sup>th</sup> May.

## KidZone Playscheme for Easter holidays

KidZone Playscheme will be running during the Easter holidays. KidZone has access to St Bon's resources including the outdoor multi use games area, school gym and Scrapstore PlayPod.

KidZone can offer your children an inclusive and safe place to play between the hours of 8:30am and 5:45pm. Fresh fruit and vegetables, pittas, dips and bread sticks are served daily and children are encouraged to take part in a variety of cooking and craft activities on offer throughout the day. On any given day children will be building dens, playing football, painting, reading, climbing about, running around or engrossed in role play.



### **Opening**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
(not including Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April and Easter Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April)  
Open to all children, not just those who attend St Bon's.

### **Prices**

Full Day (08:30 till 17:45) - £23  
Short Day (10:00 till 16:00) - £16  
Half Day AM (08:30-13:00) - £12  
Half Day PM (13:00-17:45) - £12

### **Bookings**

Can be made online, in club or via the school office.

## Scarlet fever - advice

A case of scarlet fever has been reported in school. We have spoken to Jess Williams at John Milton Clinic, one of the school nurses.

Symptoms are:

- Sore Throat
- Tonsillitis
- Headache
- High fever
- White coating on tongue with red spots
- Rash on neck and face – pin head sized, dark red. These disappear when pressed with glass unlike those related to meningitis.

Scarlet fever is highly contagious but is treatable with antibiotics.

John Milton clinic have said it is not a risk to pregnant women.

If your child has scarlet fever, he or she can return to school 24 hours after starting the appropriate antibiotic treatment. This treatment is recommended for the affected child.

## Help us to help others this Lent

As part of our whole school focus 'Feeding the Hungry' we would like to encourage everyone to do more during Lent. As a result, we will be collecting dried and tinned foods for a Bristol charity called Borderlands. This charity supports asylum seekers and refugees.

All foods collected will be either used for cooking meals in the charity's kitchens or distributed to those in need directly. A drop off box for items will be in the school office reception area. The charity has requested that we donate items on the following list only:

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| - Rice            | - Pasta                       |
| - Tinned tomatoes | - Tea and coffee              |
| - Red lentils     | - Biscuits                    |
| - Chickpeas       | - Tinned vegetables           |
| - Vegetable Oil   | - Vegetable soup              |
| - Sugar           | - UHT milk                    |
| - Spices          | - Toothpaste and toothbrushes |
| - Shower gel      | - Shampoo                     |



**BORDERLANDS**  
from exclusion to  
**BELONGING**

## SPORTS

### Football

Year 6 had a great time playing a tournament at QEH 10<sup>th</sup> Year anniversary tournament. They had a great afternoon meeting all the Bristol City players and getting autographs – as well as playing football!

No training next week.

### New early morning club....circuits

There is a new early morning fitness club on Thursday mornings from 7.50am to 8.30am. This is open to KS2 children and parents, carers and staff. Please fill in a club slip available from the office. For more information ask Mrs McGrath.

### Shin Pads

If you have any shin pads that you don't need any more would you be able to donate them to school please? We will be teaching hockey and it would be great if the children were able to wear shin pads in their lesson. We need a few spare ones in case children don't own any. Many thanks

### Tag rugby

Well done to the team who took part in the north Bristol Tag rugby tournament yesterday Avonmouth. They played fantastically well and qualified for the County finals.

### Swimming

Well done to the teams who represented St Bon's at the ESSA championships at Millfield last Monday. The girl's team have qualified for the national finals in Sheffield in June which is a fantastic achievement.

### Swim time trials

The last time trials of the year will be on Sunday 23rd April. Letters about this have been sent home and emailed to KS2 parents. Please get reply slips back ASAP and include your email address so Mrs McGrath can send out a reminder in the Easter holidays. All offers of help will be gratefully received.

### New After school cricket club

There is a new cricket club starting on Thursdays after school run by Shine sports coaches. Please keep an eye out for details about how to sign up online.

### Easter festival

The Easter festival will be on Friday 7th April. A letter has been sent home with details about this and emailed to all parents. Please see the office staff if you didn't get one.

## COMMUNITY SECTION

- We are a new kind of Drama School for children as we are not focused on singing, dancing and acting but on new styles of theatre such as puppetry and mask work which is great for those children who want to perform but find the whole musical theatre genre a bit daunting.

Do check out our website which gives you a little more info about what we are all about.

<https://bristolacademydrama.wixsite.com/website>

- **Mr Coulson-Wright**, PGCE student at St Bonaventure's, is offering babysitting and childminding services for all ages. James has been regularly babysitting families in Bristol for the last two years, has excellent references, an enhanced DBS certificate and paediatric first-aid training. £7 p/h, evenings and weekends. Please text 07952 739487 or email [james.coulson-wright15@bathspa.ac.uk](mailto:james.coulson-wright15@bathspa.ac.uk)
- **After school childcare wanted:** We're looking for a kind, energetic, reliable person to look after our two girls (aged 9 and 11) after school 3 days a week between 3pm and 6pm. April 24 to July 21. We need you to collect them both from St Bon's at 3.15pm and then take them home. You'll walk or cycle through Horfield Common on the way. They get on very well together. We're flexible on days. Please get in touch with Linda if you're interested to find out more – call 07810 898726.

- **Local grandmother producing iron on labels**

15 Name Labels - £1.99

25 Name Labels - £2.99 + £1.50 Postage and Packing

50 Name Labels - £4.99

Email - [labelcreating@gmail.com](mailto:labelcreating@gmail.com) for your order



- **Noah's Ark Pre School - nearly new sale Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April @ Cairns Road Baptist Church**  
Come and grab some bargains at this nearly new sale 11am-1pm. Admission £1 – light refreshments will be available.
- **Free Kings Tennis Club Open Day Saturday 1st April 11-3pm**  
Free tennis fun for adults and kids including free kids and adult coaching for all levels, free adult cardio tennis for all levels, fun prizes and competitions, bouncy castle, free family court time and membership discounts to join our friendly club! Everyone welcome.

Book your place now at

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OpenDays/KingsLawnTennisClub/64824a9a-c114-45e9-a9e7-d058d026c185>

Free mini tennis March 18th - come and have some tennis fun with your children playing mini tennis with all equipment provided free! Mini tennis is played on smaller courts with slower balls so everyone can have a go and enjoy it. Book your place now at

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OpenDays/KingsLawnTennisClub/1798699f-8aa4-4999-9e43-26a222dd9998>

Free mini tennis April 12th (during Easter holidays) Come and have some tennis fun with your children playing mini tennis with all equipment provided free. Book your place now at

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OpenDays/KingsLawnTennisClub/5b10142d-374c-41e7-ba9e-850c1e25e745>

# ST BONAVENTURE'S SCHOOL SPORTS & CLUBS

Please check the school website or your email for news of club cancellations. Alternatively, please ring the school on the day.

## After school / before school clubs

	<b>AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS CLUB</b> <b>Bristol School of Gymnastics:</b> Yr 2: Tuesdays 3.15-4.15 at school. Yrs 5-6: Thursdays 3.15 – 4.15 at school. Please contact Victoria Ashworth at BSG on 942 9620 for further information.	Tuesdays Yr 2 Thursdays Yr 5-6
	<b>CIRCUITS CLUB</b> <b>Ms Wynn:</b> Thursdays at 7.50am. Circuit training in the Hall for fitness. All abilities welcome including parents. See Mrs McGrath for more information	Thursdays 7.50am
	<b>DANCE CLUB</b> <b>Rise:</b> Fridays at 3.15-4.30pm. Years 3-6. If you would like to join please see Mrs McGrath or fill out a club permission slip.	Fridays Yrs 3-6
	<b>FOOTBALL</b> <b>Premier Sport:</b> Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm; Tuesdays Year 3-6 3.30-4.30pm. To book please visit <a href="http://www.premiersport.org">www.premiersport.org</a> or call Lee on 07917 18 7771. Places are limited.	Mondays Yrs 1-2  Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
	<b>HOCKEY</b> <b>Laura Coombs:</b> New hockey club for years 3 and 4 ONLY: Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Fridays Yrs 3-4
	<b>ITALIAN CLUB</b> takes place every Monday and Tuesday from 3:15 to 4:15 in the music/language room. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mondays are for years 4, 5 and 6: children walk from their classrooms to Italian Club where they are registered by Maria.</li> <li>• Tuesdays are for years 1, 2 and 3: children are collected from their classrooms by Maria.</li> </ul> At the end of each session, Maria brings the children down from the Italian Club so that parents can collect the children from the school reception area at 4.15pm.  Please note that Reception children do not start Italian Club until they are in Year 1.  For any information about the course, or if you would like your child to join the Italian Club, please contact Mrs. Maria Maniglia on 07900 842621 or email: <a href="mailto:m.maniglia76@gmail.com">m.maniglia76@gmail.com</a>	Mondays Yrs 4-6  Tuesdays Yrs 1, 2 and 3
	<b>TEAM FOOTBALL</b> <b>Mr Morgan:</b> Team football training for those who have been selected: Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm	Wednesdays Yrs 5 & 6
	<b>KNITTING CLUB</b> <b>Mrs Andrews &amp; Mrs Fox:</b> Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm in 3W classroom. This club is <b>NOW FULL</b> . Please fill out a club permission slip to be added to the waiting list.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-6
	<b>NETBALL</b> <b>Mrs McGrath:</b> Tuesdays after school 3.15-4.15pm for Years 3-4. Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm for Years 5-6. Squad players will be invited to early morning training on Tuesdays at 8.00am.	Tuesdays Yrs 3-4 & Thursdays Yrs 5-6
	<b>TAG RUGBY:</b> for years 3-6: Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Thursdays Yrs 3-6
	<b>RUNNING CLUB</b> <b>Mrs McGrath:</b> Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.	Wednesdays 7.50am

## Lunch time clubs

	<b>BIBLE DISCOVERY</b> <b>Miss Haime / Mrs Woolley:</b> For years 4-6 - Monday lunchtimes 12.30-1.15 in 2WR classroom. We do lots of creative activities based around prayer, scripture and reflection.
	<b>CHAPLAINCY</b> <b>Mrs Ballantine:</b> For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.
	<b>CHOIR</b> <b>Mrs Williams:</b> For years 3-6 boys and girls - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 3W classroom. New members welcome!
	<b>CHOIR</b> <b>Miss Tudhope:</b> For years 1 and 2 boys and girls- Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom.

	Children are welcome to come along to 2T for a taster session on Tuesday 20th September to see if they like it!
	<b>BOYS' CHOIR Mr Khanna: For boys only in years 3-6</b> - Monday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 5K classroom.
	<b>DEBATING CLUB Mrs Addleman: For years 5 and 6</b> - Thursdays 1.15 – 1.50pm. Children do not need to sign a form – just come along. It takes place in 4SA classroom and children should bring a packed lunch to eat it during the club. We debate issues relating to both school life and the wider world in an age appropriate and relevant way. The club will start on Thursday 15th September – please come along to find out more!
	<b>DIGITAL LEADERS' CLUB: For year 6 pupils</b> – Thursdays 12.15-1.00 in 1H classroom.
	<b>ORCHESTRA: Fridays 12.30pm.</b>  New members are very welcome, please contact Mr Khanna <a href="mailto:max.khanna@bristol-schools.uk">max.khanna@bristol-schools.uk</a> for more info if your child is interested.
	<b>STORY TIME CLUB: Wednesdays 12.45pm RECEPTION children only</b>  Mrs Widdowson leads story-telling and singing for our Reception classes. If your child would like to take part, please speak to their class teacher.

#### PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please note that the school accepts no responsibility for any private arrangements that parents make with external after school activities. If you have made arrangements for any other agency to collect your child from school you should inform your child's class teacher so that they know who your child is going home with.