



Friday 6th October 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Creator God, your world is full of life and love.

We thank you at the Harvest time for every good and perfect gift and for those who bring them to us.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Thank you to everyone who came to school wearing their brightest clothes today, making a donation to CAFOD's Harvest appeal raising money for the people of Pakistan affected by the recent floods. We'll let you know how much we raised later this term!

Thank you, Joe's Bakery who kindly donated our Harvest loaf, which we enjoyed after celebrating Harvest Mass on Tuesday. It was delicious and we all enjoyed sharing it.

On the theme of thank you, I want to say a massive thank you to everyone involved in our PTFA. At the end of last term this giant chess set was purchased and is now in use at lunchtime. We love it- thank you!

What a star!

I was so proud to receive this email from one of our parents about a random act of kindness performed by one of our year 6 pupils this week:

Hi, I just wanted to pass on a huge message of thanks and appreciation to James in year six.

Yesterday Georgia's chain came off her bike and I couldn't get it back on. James was getting his own bike and saw we were struggling. He immediately offered to help and was unbelievably capable in sorting the issue out. I just wanted to pass on my thanks and to say that I really think he embodied the spirit of St Bons community by helping someone out when he could, and I am also incredibly impressed by his bike repair skills!

Well done James, you are a star!

Parent focus group

Our parent focus group met last week. There was lots to talk about. After looking at a sample of iron on school logos for unbranded school sweatshirts and cardigans we made the decision to make an order of St Bons iron on logo badges. These can be ironed onto unbranded sweatshirts and cardigans purchased from high street retailers. We'll let you know as soon as they are available.

We're currently looking for a parent/carer of a year 1 and/or 2 child who can represent these year groups. To ensure we have a diverse representation a male volunteer would be preferable.

Can all class reps please make sure that the parents/carers of all new arrivals to St Bons are invited to join the class WhatsApp group. So much information is shared in these groups it is essential that all families are given the opportunity to be part of this network.

Lunchtime benefits

We're pleased to be able to report that as a result of our new; lunch table rules we're starting to see a positive impact. The children are eating more of their packed lunch and cooked school meal and there appears to be less food waste. We still have areas to tweak which we're working on in consultation with the children.

KS2 parent/carer reading information sessions

Dates have been set for information sessions for parents/carers of pupils in KS2:

- Monday 27th November 9am
- Tuesday 28th November 2.30pm

School uniform reminder

Please can I remind everyone about our expectations for all parents/carer to follow our school uniform expectations. I have seen a lot of children wearing brightly coloured trainers. My expectation is that all footwear, both school shoes and trainers are black. Thank you for your support.

Cyber protection

On Monday all children will be taking part in online safety workshops run by the cyber protection office.

There will also be a session for parents/carers at 3:30- 4:30 which will take place in the hall (a creche provided)

This will be an excellent opportunity for you to learn how you can help and support your child's safety whilst they are online.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Events w/c 9th October (MENU week 2)

Monday 9th ~ KS1-KS2 Online safety workshops.
~ Online safety information session for parents & carers 3.30-4.30pm creche provided

Tuesday 10th ~ Individual school photos

Thursday 12th ~ Online safety information session for parents & carers 3.30-4.30pm creche provided

Friday 13th ~ 4G Class Assembly 10:00

UP COMING DATES:

KS2 Carol concert- Thursday 14th December 6pm

The logo for 'UPCOMING EVENTS' features the words stacked in two lines. The top line says 'UPCOMING' and the bottom line says 'EVENTS'. Each letter is a different color and has a 3D effect with a shadow, making the text appear to float above the surface.

Catholic Life Of The School

This week has been a busy one for the Catholic life of our school.

Saint of the week

This week's art work is Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. The art work was done by year 3 pupils at the end of last year. The children shared with us that Elizabeth had a privileged life but spent her time helping others, working with the poor and sick.



Ethos prayer and liturgy

On Monday, we began with our ethos prayer and liturgy, where we spoke about the message of Pope Francis' encyclical Fratelli Tutti (Brothers All) and how we can be our best selves in showing love for our neighbour's. Each class is thinking about the actions they can take in school, locally, and globally to show love for others.

Harvest Mass

On Tuesday, we celebrated our harvest mass in the church. The harvest loaf, kindly donated by Joe's bakery, was shared among all 400 of our children.



Gospel prayer and liturgy

Key Stage 2 gospel prayer and liturgy focused on the parable of the two brothers who were asked to work in the vineyard by their father. We discussed that actions are more important than words and talked about how we can 'walk the walk' this week.

In Key Stage 1 prayer and liturgy, we talked about God's messengers and how we can share love for others at school. The children are going to be sharing their love with others this week, so hopefully, it is something you will notice at home.

We are so proud of the way our children have embraced the Catholic values of love, compassion, and service this week. We look forward to seeing how they continue to 'walk the walk' and show love for their neighbours in the weeks to come.

6WA class assembly

This week, our Year 6 class assembly was about climate justice. They demonstrated that it is the countries that have the smallest carbon footprint that are most impacted by the effects of climate change.

Year 6 are sending messages and artwork to the government asking them to be good neighbours and support countries who need our help. We are really proud of our children for sharing such an important message.

Climate justice is a complex issue, but it is important for our children to understand that we all have a responsibility to care for our planet and for our neighbours.

The Year 6 class did a wonderful job of explaining this concept in a way that was both informative and engaging.

We encourage all of our families to talk to their children about climate justice and what they can do to help.

Here are a few ideas:

- ❖ Reduce your family's carbon footprint by making small changes in your daily lives, such as turning off lights when you leave a room, recycling, and driving less.
- ❖ Learn more about the impact of climate change on different parts of the world.
- ❖ Support organizations that are working to address climate change.
- ❖ By working together, we can make a difference
- ❖

Church car park

It has been brought to our attention that the designated parking spaces for Moon River Nursery are being used by parents dropping off and pickup at St Bons.

Moon River pay to use these spaces so it is important they have access to them at all times and are not being used by others.

Please can we ask you all to be considerate of this, we shall be monitoring the situation.

Nasal Flu Immunisations 15th 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 or 0300 1245515 for more information.



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

**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



Netball - 3:15	YES YES	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Drama	NO	Year 6 will run on a Thursday- more info coming soon! Years 4-5 will start after Christmas
Circuits 7:50am	YES	Thursdays- Y1-Y6 in hall
Running club – 7.45am	YES	Wednesdays – all welcome – outside foyer
Mr Morgan after school	YES This week will be a boys match, Mr Morgan will be sending out forms to those taking part	Wednesdays – Y5 & 6
Tag Rugby	NO	Will start in term 2 for Y5 & Y6
Chess – Lunch break	YES	Fridays - Y5 & Y6 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays - Y5 & 6 £5
Gymnastics- 3:15 – 4:15	YES	Tuesdays- Year 3 Now full and running a waiting list
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 – https://www.emflow.co.uk/book.html



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Instagram - @stbonsptfa

How Your Fundraising and Donations are Helping

In the next few weeks we hope to share photos of recent ways the PTFA has been supporting the school develop the resources it has for the children including the new den making equipment and forest school resources. First up, we have a brand-new chess set for the playground for the children to explore:



We have also ring-fenced funding for a performance area in the playground, outdoor reading nooks and workshops for each year group that align with their curriculum topics. We are looking also looking into funding awnings for the playground to provide some shade in warmer months.

Thank you so much for your support to make this happen.

PTFA/Christmas Fair Meeting

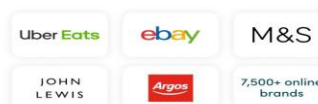
The next PTFA and first Christmas Fair meeting will be on 10th October online from 8pm with Christmas fair planning from about 8.30pm. Link to be circulated via class reps.

Disco

Our first disco fundraiser of the year will be on Friday 17th November

Coming up:

- ✓PTFA meeting 10th October
- ✓Bag2School 31st October
- ✓PTFA meeting 10th November
- ✓Disco 17th November
- ✓Christmas Fair 3rd December





COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY.

The nights are drawing in and there's a chilly breeze starting to make itself known in the streets - it must be Autumn! Tinned meat meals - like chilli, casseroles, curries, corned beef and ham - are always really popular in the Pantry when the weather turns. Please do consider adding a couple of these items to your trolley next time you go shopping and donating them to us: your generosity would be really appreciated.

A big thank you to the wonderful Mary who has once again donated a large amount of food to the pantry. We're so grateful to her for her continued support.

Please donate:

Tinned meat

Tinned meat-based meals like chilli's, curries, casseroles

Oil

Sugar

Tuna

Other tinned fish

Flour

Tinned fruit

Shampoo

Shower gel

Heavy flow sanitary towels

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.

A promotional banner for Kidzone Playscheme. On the left, a young child in a blue school uniform is jumping rope. The background is a bright blue sky. The text 'St. Bonaventure's' is written in a white arc at the top. Below it is a circular logo with a blue background, a white star, and the word 'Kidzone' in white. Underneath the logo is the word 'Playscheme' in white. To the right, the text 'Taking Bookings NOW' is displayed in large, bold letters, with 'Bookings' in yellow and 'NOW' in white. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'Phone Number: 0117 3532830 and 07784 730086 Email: kidzonestBons@Bristol-School.UK' in white.

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October Playscheme 2023

Kidzone will be open from Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October
Bookings are now open on SchoolGateway.

We are offering the following booking choices:

Full day session: £28.00 per session

Short day session: £21.00 per session

Please visit the Kidzone section of the website to see our activity plans.



Community News

The 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.

Bristol Penguins will be running **daily swimming lessons** at Badminton School from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October.

These sessions are open to both Penguin members and non-members from Stages 3 & 4, Older Swimmers who are unable to swim 25m, Swim Academy 1 (stage 5), Swim Academy 2 (stage 6), Swim Academy 3 (stage 7), Swim Academy 4 (stage 8), Junior Club and Development 1.

This will be a great chance to improve strokes and swim skills in a small group environment. Deadline for sign up is Sunday 8th October.

Penguins can also provide assistance with funding if help is needed. Please contact helen.giles@bristolpenguins.com

[Bristol Penguin October 2023 Swim Camp - sign up form](#)
