



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear parents and carers,

*Dear God*

*We thank you for giving us your peace.*

*Help us to spread peace at home and at school*

*By loving and caring for one another even when we don't agree.*

*Help us to spread peace by sharing our time with those  
who are lonely and need a friend.*

*Help us to spread peace by thinking and praying for children who have no food  
or who are frightened and live in fear.*

*Let us pray every day for peace for our families, our friends and ourselves.*

*Amen*



Well done to our Reception pupils who celebrated Penguin Awareness day today. You all looked amazing. We really hope you have enjoyed your recent learning about penguins.

### **SEND parent/carer support group**

Thank you to those parents who came to our SEND information session on Monday morning. SENDCAT delivered a session about supporting children with Dyslexia and Literacy difficulties. If you were not able to attend and want a copy of the slides that were shared please pop into the school office to pick up a paper copy.

### **Window Wanderland**

You will be aware that we are hosting Bishopston's Window Wanderland again this year. We are asking that windows will be decorated from 8th-10th March 2024.

We have organised a launch event from 6pm on Saturday 9th March on the St Bons playground. We have lots of local businesses who are getting involved and supporting us. To find out more and to sign up please follow this link:

<https://www.windowwanderland.com/event/bishopston-bristol-2024/>

Best,  
Sarah Ballantine  
Head teacher

## Catholic Life of our school this week

We started this week reflecting on the message of Peace Sunday, exploring ways to cultivate peace in our homes, classrooms, and the wider world. Key Stage 2 students even went the extra mile, writing peace pledges for their class reflection areas. This theme will continue to resonate through our assemblies in the coming weeks, reminding us of our shared responsibility to build a world filled with kindness and understanding.

On Friday our Year 5 Chaplains presented their brilliant plans to revive the St. Francis garden as a place of peace and prayer. Their innovative ideas sparked the imagination of the entire school, and now each class is buzzing with discussions about what they want to see and do in this special space. We hope to reopen the garden in Term 4, turning it into a sanctuary for quiet reflection and spiritual growth.

On Monday afternoon, our Foundation Stage adventurers embarked on a special trip to the church. As part of their RE journey, they learnt that Jesus welcomes everyone. By visiting the church and discussing what they saw and felt, they learned first hand the message of inclusivity at the heart of our faith.

And finally, a big round of applause to Year 2 for their incredible fundraising efforts for Bangladesh! Their dedication raised a whopping £358.17, a testament to their compassion and understanding of global responsibility. Thank you to everyone who contributed – your generosity will make a significant difference in the lives of many.



**UP COMING DATES:****Week beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January (week 2 menu)**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>- Year 5 & 6 netball at St Bede's 4:00-5:30Friday 26<sup>th</sup>- 5SK class assembly 10:00w/s Monday 29<sup>th</sup> all week- Seek the truth curriculum week.**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

## Vacancy for School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA)

We are looking to recruit an SMSA to work every lunchtime (12:00pm to 1:30pm). This involves supervising a small group key stage 2 children in the playground during lunchtime.

Please contact the school office or speak to Mrs Ballantine on the school gate if you are interested in finding out more information.

### Spare uniform

If you have any boy's trousers or joggers that you no longer need they would be greatly appreciated, especially younger sizes.

If your child comes home in borrowed clothes, could you please wash and return them to the office.

### Iron on St Bonaventures logo badges



Don't forget we now have iron on logos to sell to parents, they are fantastic quality and hope it makes uniform much more affordable for parents. The badges are £1.30 each and can be ironed on to cardigans, sweatshirt, polo shirts and t-shirts. We hope this makes uniform more affordable for parents

Payment can be made via School Gateway and will be payable from Monday.  
If you have ordered badges please pick them up from the school office





## 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](mailto: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.

**TERM 3 CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS SCHEDULE. PLEASE BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE [www.cwsophie.co.uk](http://www.cwsophie.co.uk)**

**TERM 3 - CWS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

**MON**

**FOOTBALL CLUB  
3.30PM - 4.30PM  
RECEPTION, Y1,Y2**

**£20 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE**

**TUE**

**FOOTBALL CLUB  
3.30PM - 4.30PM  
Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6**

**£20 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE**

**WED**

**MULTI SPORTS CLUB  
3.30PM - 4.30PM  
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/.Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6**

**£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE**

**THU**

**GIRLS ONLY SPORTS  
3.30PM-4.30PM  
RECEPTION/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6**

**TAG RUGBY/CRICKET  
30.30PM-4.30PM  
Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6**

**£24 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE**

**PLEASE VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE TO BOOK -**

**[WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK](http://WWW.CWSOPHIE.CO.UK)**

**CLUBS WILL START  
BACK WEEK  
COMMENCING  
WEDNESDAY 3RD  
JANUARY 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 .**



## Clubs and sports at St Bon's



Club...	Is it running...	Day and year group...
Netball	<b>NO Y3&amp;4 NETBALL THIS WEEK</b> YES	<b>NOT RUNNING THIS WEEK</b> <del>3:15 Mondays – Y3 &amp; 4</del> 3:15 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Drama	YES	Thursdays- Y6- 3:15 – <b>4:45</b> in hall Mondays- Y4 & Y5 3:15-4:30 (not accepting new sign ups)
Circuits	YES	Thursdays Y1-Y6 7:50am in hall
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	YES	Wednesdays 3:15- Boys training
Tag Rugby	Yes	Thursday Y5 & Y6 8:00
Chess Lunch break	YES	Fridays -Y5 & Y6 12:15 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	Yes	Fridays- Y5 & 6 3:15. Paid club Booked through Mrs Hinkins
Gymnastics	<b>NO</b>	<b>Not running this week</b> <del>Tuesdays Y4 – 3:15 in hall</del>
Dodge ball	YES	Fridays – Y3 &4- 8:00 in hall
Art/Drawing- lunch time	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 – whole school - 12:15 in 1P
Choir – Lunch time	KS1 YES KS2 YES	Mondays – KS1 12:15 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 –12:15 in 2TW
Yoga	YES	Friday Y1 – paid class –



## PTFA News

[www.stbonsptfa.com](http://www.stbonsptfa.com)

Email – [contact@stbonsptfa.com](mailto:contact@stbonsptfa.com)

Uniform – [ptfauniformrep@gmail.com](mailto:ptfauniformrep@gmail.com)

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

### January online meeting

Everyone is welcome to join our first meeting of 2024! Have any burning suggestions for the PTFA – then dial in and join us! Dial-in details will be circulated via class reps shortly.

### Notice of AGM to vote in new committee!

The 2024 AGM will take place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 8pm** via zoom call. (Zoom log in details will be circulated in advance). This is where we vote in the committee for the next year.

Current Co-Chairs Sophie and Aisling are stepping down and we will be voting in a new PTFA Chair.

We need at least 20 attendees to fulfil our legal obligations so please do dial in! You don't have to say anything, just be present!

### Christmas Cards and Shop

Thank you to everyone who purchased their custom designed Christmas cards and items via My Child's Art! We are pleased to announce that it raised £518.84!

### Coming up:

- ✓ January PTFA Meeting, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 8pm, online
- ✓ Annual General Meeting (AGM), Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 8pm, online

## **COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**

The cold weather and the return to school has really seemed to hit the users of the Pantry quite hard. We're seeing quite high use at the moment and this is reducing our stocks a bit - hence the long list of wished-for items below.

We know that everyone reading this newsletter will have been impacted by rising prices and inflation already this year, which is why we really appreciate each and every donation of food or money we receive. On a cold winter's day, seeing the donations you leave in the Presbytery post-box really warms the soul!

Anything you can give will be massively appreciated, but we particularly need the following things at the moment:

### **Please donate:**

Dairy milk  
Soya milk  
coffee  
sugar  
flour  
tuna  
other tinned fish  
baked beans  
oil  
peanut butter  
tinned fruit  
pulses  
cereal  
tomato purée  
biscuits  
deodorant  
soap  
toothbrushes  
toothpaste  
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 Jenny Glester's door at 57 Egerton Road.



## Community News

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.

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