



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone who has supported us by engaging with contact tracing when their child has been recognised as a close contact of a positive COVID case. I appreciate your support.

Parents' Evening

You will have received the link to book your remote parents' evening appointment which will take place on either Thursday 14th or Tuesday 19th October. Please remember to complete the parent teacher consultation form and return to school before your appointment to enable staff to be fully prepared for your meeting. Thank you. A copy of the form is attached to the email with this newsletter.

Reception & KS1 Nativity

It is our intention to perform a Nativity this year. Things will need to be different to ensure social distancing is maintained. Therefore, we are planning to run the nativity over three days. Each class will perform on two afternoons and one morning in the week beginning 6th December. Each child will be allocated two tickets only.

If, at the time, COVID rates mean we cannot perform we plan to film the performance and share this with parents and carers. A letter requesting parent/carers permission to film will be sent out at the start of term 2.

SMSA vacancy

We are still looking for a School Meals Supervisor Assistant (SMSA) to work for an hour each lunchtime. If this is something you are interested in, please speak to Mrs Woolley or Mrs Ballantine on the school gate and we can tell you a bit more about the role. We are looking for someone who would like to work 5 days a week during school time for one hour between the hours of 11.45am and 1.30pm (exact timing to be confirmed). This role involves supervising children during their lunch break.

Best wishes,

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 11th October 2021 (NEW MENU week 2)

Thursday 14th October:

Individual and sibling photographs (all Reception children will have an individual photo even if they also have a sibling. All other children with siblings will just have a sibling photo)

Parents' evening online 4-7pm

Friday 15th October:

Wear green home clothes today! Go Green for CAFOD - £1 donation gratefully received for CAFOD's Harvest Appeal

School meals – price increase from 1st November

We have been advised by our catering provider, Chartwells, that as of 1st November, the cost of a school lunch will increase from £2.25 to £2.30. This change will happen automatically when your child orders a lunch and will be reflected in their dinner money balance. Your balance can be viewed in the School Gateway app – it is only 'in debt' if there is a negative number given such as -£4.78. If it is an amount of £4.78, this is a credit balance.

October half term Playscheme

Our Playscheme will be running this October half term, the week of 25th October. We will also be open for bookings on the second Inset day – Monday 1st November. The playscheme will not be open on the first Inset day, Friday 22nd October.

The cost of the club is £28 for a full day (8.30am until 6pm) and £21 for a short day (10am until 4pm). Bookings can now be made through School Gateway – visit the Clubs tab to make bookings.

Term 2 bookings for After School and Breakfast Clubs now open

You can now book Term 2 after school and breakfast clubs. Any credits from Term 1 have already been moved forward and will automatically be used when you book sessions.

Please only book sessions you intend to use – we have had several instances of parents booking sessions then requesting for them to be cancelled and refunded. This can cause confusion and creates an administrative burden, so we would appreciate it if any changes could be kept to a minimum. Cancelled sessions may result in the school having to charge an administration fee.

If you do find that you need a last minute place, this is normally not a problem.

Just drop an email into the school office st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk or give us a call.

New iPad lunchtime club for Year 3 with Mrs Higgins

Hi everyone. I will be running an iPad club on Friday lunchtimes for Year 3. This is not a computing club as I will not be teaching the computing curriculum (as this is done as part of the school week, during class hours). The aim of the club is to promote a love of learning and computing independence using a range of fun apps.

I have spoken to the children about this and if they have expressed an interest they will have a permission slip. The club is open to all Year 3 pupils, but due to resourcing I will have to cap the numbers at 25. If your child is interested, they will have brought a permission slip home - please fill this out and ask your child to return it directly to me.

Do not send it via the school office as it will not come to me immediately. Even though this is a lunchtime club, I would ask that all children who show an interest are committed and come every week. The club will run from 12.50 so the children can come after they have eaten their school lunch in the hall as normal. The club will be in my classroom, 3H.

Many Thanks, Mrs Higgins

Spare uniform needed for Reception aged boys

We are desperately short of spare boys' clothes in Reception. If you have any unwanted boys' school trousers or shorts in sizes 3-4, 4-5 or 5-6 which you are willing to donate, please bring them to the school office. Also any spare shoes would be useful - unisex PE-style daps are ideal.

We do not need any skirts or dresses as we have plenty so these will not be taken – the PTFA will happily have them for their second hand uniform sales.

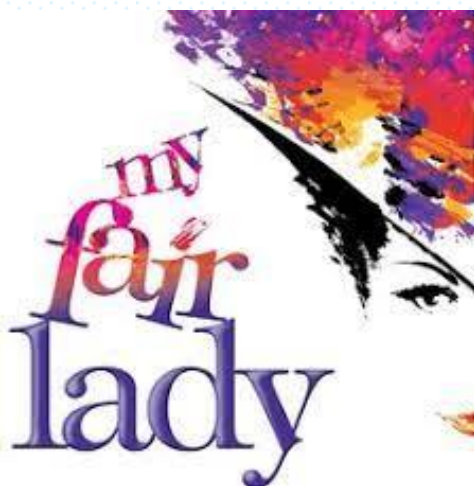
My Fair Lady – production at St Bon's!

My Fair Lady: It's here, the long-awaited parish production of the classic Lerner and Loewe musical, My Fair Lady! Wouldn't it be lovely to see it?

Three performances will be taking place in St Bon's School Hall on Friday 12th November 7.30pm, and Saturday 13th November at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets available from outside St Bon's School or from Neta at St Bon's Church or by e-mailing stbonsdrama@outlook.com

Adults £5, Children £3. Proceeds to St Bon's Church and St Bon's School.

If you bought tickets for last year's cancelled performances please email stbonsdrama@outlook.com with details of the total number of tickets bought, ticket number (s) and whether adult or child. New tickets will be issued at the same price.



PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

Christmas Cards

Please remember the deadline for return of forms and payments is Wednesday 13th October

KS1 Virtual Disco

After the huge success of the virtual disco last year, we're holding another one for reception, yr 1 and yr 2.

Please note due there is a change in date the disco is now on Friday 22th October.

There will be 2 sessions at 4pm and 5pm. Tickets, with suggested donation amounts, are available for both sessions on the website at <http://www.stbonsptfa.com/events>

Please note we're not separating sessions by classes and there are limited tickets for both sessions.

Details of a KS2 event to come.... watch this space.

Save the Date – Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will be on the afternoon of Sunday 5th December. We're hoping to make it a super magical event so please save the date.

In search of...

Do you have a cricut machine?

Do you own or have access to a large marquee?

Are you a professional or keen amateur photographer?

If the answer to any of these is yes please, please get in touch with the PTFA either via email or through the website (details above)

Bag2school

Advanced notice - We will be having a Bag2school collection on Tuesday 2nd November
Start gathering those unloved but good condition clothes together!

Usborne Bookshop

Does your child have a birthday coming up? If you're considering buying a book for their class why not order through the PTFA bookshop?

You can order directly through the website or save on delivery and let the PTFA know what you would like to order we'll be putting in regular orders throughout the year to try and save on postage. Putting in combined orders also helps us earn more free books for the school library.



Secondary school admissions – deadline 31st October

An email has been sent to all year 6 parents outlining the details of a Zoom meeting being hosted by Jim Britton at Bristol City Council at 4pm on Thursday 7th October.

For all year 6 children starting secondary school in September 2022, please be aware that the deadline is midnight on Friday 31st October (during half term).

There is more information about how to apply online (and on paper if you need to) here
<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions>

There are lots of Open Days taking place so do keep an eye on the school websites for dates and times.

North Bristol Foodbank

North Bristol Food Bank can be reached on 0117 979 1399.

For areas covered see here: <https://northbristol.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

Up to date information for these outlets is available here - <https://northbristol.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>

Have you had a change of circumstances due to COVID-19?

There are lots of schemes that you could be eligible for to support your child and your wider family:

- **Pupil premium and/or Free School Meals** - Financial support that is provided to schools to help support your child and Free School Meals http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk/web/pupil_premium_and_sports_premium/270945
- **Council Emergency Payment** - To help you pay off one-off bills like heating, electricity <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/benefits-financial-help/emergency-payments-local-crisis-and-prevention-fund>
- **North Bristol Advice Centre:** The advice centre can help signpost you to initiatives that you could be eligible for to get support: <http://www.northbristoladvice.org.uk/>
 - **The Money Advice Service** - For help to manage your money during the pandemic <https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/articles/coronavirus-and-your-money>

If you are struggling to access these services and would like help, please contact the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kinesiologist

My name is Sinead Pelley and I have recently retrained as a nutritional advisor and kinesiologist. Kinesiology uses muscle testing to identify, understand and rectify any imbalance in the body and is suitable for all ages.

Kinesiology is incredibly effective for children and parents are amazed at how quickly results are achieved. With regards to children, the main conditions I deal with are anxiety, depression, fears/phobias, digestive issues, emotional issues, dyslexia, poor concentration, behavioural issues, skin problems, allergies, sleep issues etc.

Kinesiology looks at the physical aspects causing the problem but very much focuses on the emotional aspects also.

Please do have a look at my website should you wish to understand a bit more....

<https://www.healthandwellbeingbristol.co.uk/>

Due to the huge response and volume of enquiries to this post a few weeks ago, I would like to offer St Bonaventure families a free 10 minute phone consultation to ask any questions you may have and to understand how I can help you and your loved ones improve your health and well-being. I would also like to offer 10% off all initial treatments.