



Friday 11th November 2022

Dear parents and carers,



A prayer of Remembrance

*May you be held by the God of compassion
as you remember your loved ones today.*

*May God be with you in your sorrow,
and comfort you in your loss.*

*May your God, your family and your friends,
give you strength and confidence.*

*May your spirit be lifted, may your heart be filled with peace,
and may the light of God's promise fill you with joy and hope.
Amen.*



Anti-bullying policy review

You will be aware from my email of Monday that I am currently in the process of reviewing our existing anti-bullying policy. In order to complete this review I would like to consult with all stakeholders. As well as consulting with all pupils and staff, I would like to invite parents and carers to take part in this consultation by engaging in a short Google Forms survey.

To access the survey please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/PKNX7v88gCGE4cgu8>

Please ensure your entries are submitted by midday on Friday 19th November.

Online safety

I led an assembly this week where I talked to the children about staying safe online. We talked about the devices we use and the importance of not sharing passwords.

I encourage you all to have a conversation with your children about what they should do if they see or experience something online that worries them. The message I am sharing in school is always to share with a trusted adult anything that is worrying them. In addition, I attach to this newsletter a parent guide about online bullying.

Routine medical appointments

Please can I bring to your attention that routine medical appointments such as dental check-ups should not be booked during the school day. They should be booked after school hours or during school holidays. Thank you for your co-operation.

SMSA vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime school meals supervisory assistant, SMSA. If you are interested in finding out more about this role please speak to me on the gate, email school or pop into the school office.

Best,

mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events from 14th November 2022 (NEW MENU week 3)

Wednesday 16th November: Charity cake sale @ 3.30pm

Friday 18th November: 5SK class assembly at 10am – parents welcome

Children in Need - £1 donation and wear bright colours

Wednesday 23rd November: Retreat at Kintbury for year 6 – returning on Friday

Drama Club next week

Monday's rehearsal is for the whole cast and will finish at 4.30pm.

You will be informed if your child is needed for Thursday's rehearsal. If you do not hear anything from us, please assume that your child is not required.

Clubs and sports at St Bon's

Week of 14th November

Drama	YES – now full and running a waiting list	Monday and Thursday KS2 (see above for details)
Premier Sport Football	YES: 4.30pm finish	Mondays - Y1, Y2, Y3 Tuesdays - Y4, Y5 Y6
Netball	YES – 4.15pm finish	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Gymnastics	YES – 4.15pm finish	Tuesdays – Y3
Running club – 7.50am	YES	Wednesday mornings – all welcome
Mr Morgan after school	YES – 4.30pm finish	Wednesdays – GIRLS this week Y5 & 6.
Tag Rugby	YES – 4.15pm finish	Thursdays - Y5 & 6
Badminton – 8am	YES	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Yoga	YES – 4pm finish	Fridays – Y1
Chess	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays – Y5 & 6
Premier Sport Hockey	YES – 4.30pm finish	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays - Y5 & 6

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.

Charity fundraising for Breast Cancer Now



We have now counted up the money that you kindly donated for Wear it Pink day – you raised a fantastic £341.44! Thank you.

Year 4 football tournament

Well done to the Year 4 children who took part in the tournament at St Bede's – a lot of fun was had!



New pricing for 2023 – After School Club

The Governors have agreed the following changes to start from Term 3:

After School Club fees will increase to £11.50 - an increase of £1.00 per session. There will no longer be a reduced fee for siblings – all children booked in will be charged at the same rate.

There will be a late fee of £6 for any children who are not picked up from school by 4.00pm and who need to be taken to After School Club. Similarly, for those attending after school activities, if children are collected more than 10 minutes late, they will be taken to After School Club and the late fee charged. This will include a snack.

Staff with children attending the school will be entitled to a 25% discount on the session charge.

From Term 3, we will also be introducing a one-off administration fee of £15 per child for those wanting to start using the After School Club and Breakfast Club provision who haven't previously.

Reception places for September 2023



Just a reminder that we are currently running Open Days for parents who will be applying for a Reception place for September 2023. Book on to a tour with the office if you feel this would be helpful.

If you are applying on faith grounds, we will need a copy of your child's Catholic baptism certificate please. You can bring in the original to be copied in the office or email us a copy. We will provide you with a dated receipt.

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2023.

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – **ptfa.stbons@gmail.com**

The PTFA would like to send their heartfelt condolences to the family of Liz Niklewski. You are in our thoughts at this time.



Future meeting dates:

Thursday 17th November 8pm

<https://vrtx.zoom.us/j/3232294047?pwd=RmZld2QzZEZCSHkxTnNmYXBCY2l3Zz09&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 323 229 4047

Password: PTFA

Everyone is welcome to attend to any and all meetings. We would love to hear more ideas and have more help. Don't worry if you can only attend for part or join late.

🎄 Christmas Fair 4th December

Hamper item collection starting next week – please see information from your class rep
More information on how you can support the fair, even if you can't make it on the day, coming soon.

🥁 Ceilidh – new date 10th February 2023

Tickets available now on the website.

- <https://www.stbonsptfa.com/events-1/ceilidh-barn-dance>

👕 Uniform Shop

If anyone has any outgrown St Bons school jumpers, cardigans or polo shirts (of any size) in **good condition** please could the PTFA have them for our pre loved uniform stock? We are running particularly low on these items and would love to be able to pass them to others in the school. Unfortunately, we can't take any trousers, shorts or skirts but would love jumpers, cardis and polo shirts if you have them! Thanks in advance, Ellie (PTFA uniform rep). ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

✍️ 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.

Community Food Pantry update

The Pantry is continuing to be a source of nutritious food for those who need it. And with recent news reports telling us that food prices have increased by 11% this year, it's never been needed more.

This week, we'd like to say a big thank you to the Year 6 pupils at St Bonaventure's School who recently collected food donations from their year group parents and put them directly into the Pantry. Steph Woolley, Deputy Head, said: "This is a really good way for them to understand how their campaigning and kindness can impact others in a positive way." Thank you so much for your generosity!



We are often asked if we accept fresh food in the Pantry. We don't - but there is a new charity called Family Food Action who are providing free **fresh** food to those in need. You can donate fresh fruit and vegetables to Family Food Action in the specially-labelled box at the back of St Bonaventures Church on SUNDAYS ONLY.

You can also donate food in the box outside number 90 Egerton Road on MONDAYS ONLY. Those of you who have allotments may have surplus produce at this time of year, and we know Family Food Action would be very grateful if you were able to donate it to them.

How can I help?

As well as cash donations, we are incredibly grateful for any food you can give. Any amount at all is helpful, even one packet, box or bottle of something! Here are the items we're most in need of at the moment:

PLEASE DONATE:

Tuna
Other fish
Oil
Mayonnaise
Peanut butter
Jam
Flour
Sugar
Baked beans
Sanitary towels
Tampons
Shampoo

Please DO NOT donate:

Fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste - but Family Food Action can take fruit and veg)
Tinned soup (it doesn't get taken)

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.

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

Local Community Choir Needs More Men

The Bristol Folk Singers are a friendly community choir singing folk songs in rich four part harmony. We meet weekly for rehearsals and do regular performances in Bristol and beyond. The choir sounds great with enthusiastic singers in all parts but there is a lack of Tenors and Basses and we'd really love to get some more along in January to sing with us.

Everything is taught by ear so you don't need to be able to read music and you don't need to have sung in a choir before. If you'd like to join this fun group and make beautiful music please have a look at our website (www.bristolfolksingers.co.uk) or drop me an email at matt@norman.org

Parent moving to Shirehampton

Hello, I wondered if any families living in Shirehampton would like to get in touch to discuss possible sharing of the school drops off and a general chat as we are thinking about moving over to the area but don't know any families there.

We would be driving through Shirehampton Road, so any families in Coombe Dingle or Sea Mills, also interested in school drop offs, please get in touch on 07738 657283. Thank you.



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.

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.