



Friday 8th September 2023

Dear parents and carers,
Welcome back everyone!

Behind you all your memories, before you all your dreams

Around you all who love you, within you all you need.

Father in Heaven bless us and

Keep us safe on this journey of New Beginnings.

Amen.

(New Beginnings, Lilli Vaihere)

It has been wonderful welcoming the children back to school this week and hearing about their summer adventures. Thank you to everyone who supported their children to complete one of our summer holiday homework challenges. We will announce winners next week.

I would also like to welcome back to school some members of staff. Class teachers, Miss Tudhope and Mrs Williams have both returned following their maternity leave and Miss Sophie Newall, LSA, has returned following a year's sabbatical. It's great to have you all back!

KS1 & KS2 Parent/carer Information Sessions

Next week all parents and carers of pupils in KS1 and KS2 are invited to come into school to attend the start of year parent/carer information session. These sessions are led by the class teachers and will provide you with information about the curriculum, class trips, homework, assessment arrangements and how you can support your child at home.

Tuesday 12th September 3.30-4.00 Year 1, 4.00-4.30 Year 2

Wednesday 13th September 3.30-4.00 Year 3, 4.00-4.30 Year 4

Thursday 14th September 3.30-4.00 Year 5, 4.00-4.30 Year 6

If you cannot attend your child's session the slides will be made available and posted on the class google page.

Please note Reception parents/carers will have their session once children have started school full time. This will take place on Wednesday 4th October 2.30-3.15 in the school hall.

Roald Dahl Story Day Wednesday 13th September

We are inviting all children to come to school on Wednesday dressed as either their favourite Roald Dahl character or wearing his favourite colour yellow. We can't wait to see your wonderful colourful outfits!

Glide

Last year our Year 5 & 6 peer mediators used the GLIDE script to resolve conflicts at lunchtime. It was so successful we decided to roll it out for adults supervising children during play and lunch times to use.

G- Greet (*acknowledge both children, don't take sides*)

L- Listen (*make sure both children are listened to in turn*)

I- Ideas (*what could we do*)

D- Decide (*together agree what must happen next*)

E- End (*children might want to shake hands*)

Give it a go at home, it's effective and empowering. In school it has helped children to independently resolve small issues.

Active listening

This year one of our school improvement plan priorities focuses on oracy. A significant part of this involves active listening.

This week in assembly I have spoken to the children about active listening. Why not give it a go at home!



SEND parent/carer support group

Our SEND parent/carer support group are meeting on Friday 15th September (networking and signposting) and Friday 6th October (Bristol Parent forum will be leading this session) this term. All parents/carers are welcome to attend. Minutes of each meeting are circulated to an email group. If you'd like to be added to this group please email me.

Parent/carer SIP information session

Thank you to everyone who came to the School Improvement session this morning. It was lovely to see so many of you. Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of the slides I shared. The next session will take place on Friday 3rd November at 9am in the school hall.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

School Uniform.

Thank to everyone who has helped us and followed the new uniform guidelines. We know how easily uniform, especially cardigans and sweatshirt, get misplaced. Please make sure everything is labelled, this makes it much easier to get any lost uniform back to the child.

We are still investigating the introduction of iron on school logo badges which could be purchased by parents/carers and used on a plain sweatshirt/cardigan instead of a branded sweatshirt/cardigan. More information on this will follow soon.

St Bonaventure's term dates and INSET days 2023-24

Term 1: Friday 1 September 2023 to Friday 20th October 2023
INSET: Friday 1 September (children do not attend school)

Term 2: Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 15 December 2023
INSET: Monday 30 October (children do not attend school)

Term 3: Tuesday 2 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024
INSET: Tuesday 2 January (children do not attend school)

Term 4: Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024

Term 5: Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024

Term 6: Monday 3 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024
INSET: Monday 22 July 2024 and Tuesday 23 July

Events w/c 11th September (MENU week 1)

Monday 11th – Friday 8th Reception pupils morning or afternoon sessions.

Monday 11th-Thursday 7th Bikability level 2.

Wednesday 13th: Roald Dahl Day

PTFA meeting- online

Parents/carers information evening (half an hour each):

Tuesday 13th: Year 1 @ 3:30
 Year 2 @ 4:00

Wednesday 13th : Year 3 @ 3:30
 Year 4 @ 4:00

Thursday 14th : Year 5 @ 3:30
 Year 6 @ 4:00

The logo for 'UPCOMING EVENTS' features the words stacked vertically. 'UPCOMING' is in a multi-colored font (red, blue, green, yellow, purple) and 'EVENTS' is in a solid blue font. The letters are bold and blocky.

Catholic Life of the School



Ethos Prayer and Liturgy on Letting Our Lights Shine.

On Monday, we held an ethos assembly on the importance of letting our lights shine. We talked about how everyone has something special to offer the world, and that we should all be proud to be ourselves. We also talked about how we can let our lights shine by being kind, helpful, and compassionate to others.

School Mass with Mgr. Bernard.

On Thursday, we had our first school mass of the year with Mgr. Bernard. The theme of the mass was "Love your Neighbour." Mgr. Bernard talked about how important it is to love and care for others, no matter who they are. He also talked about how we can show our love for our neighbours through our words, actions, and prayers.

Celebration Assembly to Recognise Children Who Have Been Letting Their Lights Shine.

Today, we held a celebration assembly to recognise the children who have been letting their lights shine this week. Teachers presented the certificates to children in their class who have made an extra effort to be their best selves this week.

We are really proud of all of the children for letting their lights shine so brightly in the first week of the new school year!

Clubs and sports at St Bon's



Week of 12th September

Please return a completed permission slip to the office, these can be found in the foyer. If there are more children than spaces we will run a waiting list.

Netball - 3:15	YES YES	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Drama	NO	TBC
Circuits 7:50am	YES	Thursdays- Y1-Y6 in hall
Running club – 7.45am	YES	Wednesdays – all welcome – outside foyer
Mr Morgan after school	YES- Girls. Y4 girls will be told Monday lunch who is in the team.	Wednesdays – Y5 & 6 Boys trials will be following week.
Tag Rugby	NO	Will start in term 2 for Y5 & Y6
Chess – Lunch break	NO – starts 29 th Sept	Fridays - Y5 Chess will now take place during lunch break, and will be fortnightly.
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays - Y5 & 6 £5- See flyer attached to email for sign up details.
Gymnastics- 3:15 – 4:15	YES	Tuesdays - Year 3 – in hall
Dodge ball- 8:00	YES	Fridays – Y3 &4- in hall
Art/Drawing 12:15-12:45	YES	Wednesday 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 NO - Starting 18 th KS2 YES	Mondays – KS1 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 – in 2TW
Lego Club	NO	TBC
Yoga	NO	Y1 – paid class – information TBC

Running Club



Do you want to get fit and have fun at the same time!
Join us on Wednesday mornings at 7.50am.
Running/walking club
Children and adults are welcome.

Coaching with Sophie will resume from Monday, all information has been sent out by email.

Please note that this runs separate from the school so any bookings or questions need to be made directly with them. The timetable is attached to this week's email.

Message from Chartwells (our School Meals provider) - Pupil Meals Price Increase

A reminder that from 1st September 2023, the cost of a paid pupil school meal has increased to £2.70 per meal. Chartwells have assured us that this price will remain the same for the whole of the 2023/24 Academic Year.

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.**

PTFA News
www.stbonsptfa.com
Email – contact@stbonsptfa.com
Uniform – ptfauniformrep@gmail.com
Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers
Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Welcome back!

A warm welcome to the 23/24 school year from the PTFA! We will shortly begin planning a fun filled calendar of events and as always welcome new faces, ideas and suggestions. Everyone is welcome to our meetings, even if you can only briefly join – please do!

School Logo Uniform Request!

If you have any school logo uniform, we would be so grateful to have it! Please get in touch with our Uniform Rep on ptfauniformrep@gmail.com.

Reminder: if you are in financial difficulty, we can provide uniform free of charge. Simply let school know what you need, who will pass on the request to us anonymously.

Dates for your diary:

- ✓ **PTFA meeting Wed 13th Sept, 8pm, online (zoom details will be circulated)**

- ✓ **New Parents Coffee Morning, Fri 22nd Sept, 9am, Presbytery**



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY.

We understand that everyone is finding times tough at the moment but we really are dependent on all of your kind donations to fund our pantry.

If you feel you can spare any times and would like to support us, there is a food pantry button on the donations point in the church.

We have had to scale back on the items that we can take;

Please donate:

Cooking oil

Tuna

Washing up liquid

Toothpaste

Please DO NOT donate:

Fresh food (we do not have anywhere to store so this will go to waste)

Where do we leave food?

Please put food donations either in the clear box labelled 'Community Food Pantry Donations Box' at the back of the church or in the church presbytery.

How do I donate money?

There is a 'donation' button on the point inside the church if you would like to make a monetary donation by card. Cash can be given to Mgr. Massey or put in an envelope through Jerry Glester's door at 57 Egerton Road