



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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guided by the light of Christ

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Friday 17th September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to say a massive thank you for your support this week. Opening the playground at 3.15pm to allow parents and carers to collect their children from their classrooms and playground has worked really well this week. Thank you everyone for leaving the playground by 3.25pm as this has allowed our after-school club and after school activities to start on time.

Parent information sessions

Parent information sessions will take place next week via Google meet:

Year 1 Tuesday 21st September 3.30-4.00

Year 2 Tuesday 21st September 4.00-4.30

Year 3 Wednesday 22nd September 3.30-4.00

Year 4 Wednesday 22nd September 4.00-4.30

Year 5 Thursday 23rd September 3.30-4.00

Year 6 Thursday 23rd September 4.00-4.30

To access the Google meeting please log in as your child using your child's Google log in details.

SMSA vacancy

Please see item below.

Celebrating children's birthdays

Children love to celebrate their birthdays with us in school. If you would like to buy something for your child to share with their class please can we ask that you buy a book. To make this special we ask that you write a birthday message in the front of the book from your child.

We want to avoid children giving out sweets and plastic items. Thank you in advance.

Online safety workshops for pupils in KS2 (Year 3, 4 5 & 6)

During the day of Friday 1st October there will be workshops for pupils in KS2 delivered by a Child Exploitation Prevention officer from Avon and Somerset Police. The presentation for the children has been produced by Avon and Somerset Police but it draws significantly from the National Crime Agency's (NCA) Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP).

Children will talk about, in an age appropriate way, online safety, gaming and grooming.

The workshops will educate the children about safe use of social media and online gaming, this will give the opportunity to the children to ask any questions they may have and open discussions.

Non-uniform day every Friday

You will have received an email from me yesterday informing you that parent and carers' votes and pupils' votes have informed my decision to allow all pupils to wear their own clothes every Friday. I will review this with the school council at the end of term 2.

Best wishes,

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events week commencing: Monday 20th September 2021 (NEW MENU week 2)

Tuesday 21st Sept: Y1 parent information session via Google Meet @ 3.30pm

Y2 parent information session via Google Meet @ 4pm

Weds 22nd Sept: Y3 parent information session via Google Meet @ 3.30pm

Y4 parent information session via Google Meet @ 4pm

Thurs 23rd Sept: Y5 parent information session via Google Meet @ 3.30pm

Y6 parent information session via Google Meet @ 4pm

Extra-curricular activities at St Bon's

Thank you for all your responses to our expression of interest form for clubs. We had a huge response – so many of our children wanting to take part in clubs which is great.

The office will be in touch to let you know when your child can take part in a club. For some clubs, we will have to run them across different terms for different children as the number of responses was so high.

For Drama, Mrs McGrath now needs to look at the numbers and see how many children she can accommodate. She will be in touch with more information in the coming week or two.

School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA) vacancy

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.

If you are interested, please contact the school office next week and we will be able to provide more details.

Miss Tudhope's summer reading challenge – the winners!

Congratulations to our seven winning entries for Miss Tudhope's summer reading challenge. Below are the pictures showing our intrepid readers in unusual or exotic locations and receiving their awards. Well done to everyone involved!











Secondary school admissions – deadline 31st 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.

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

New Reception Parents

There will be a new parents' meeting on 1st October. Weather permitting this will be at 9am on the school playground, straight after drop off.

This will be a chance to meet some of the current committee, find out more about the PTFA, the role of class reps and help with the creation of class WhatsApp groups.

If the weather isn't favourable plan B will be a zoom meeting.

In the meantime, please check out our new website, follow us on social media or join the meeting on 21st September.

PTFA meeting

The first PTFA meeting of the year is 21st September at 20:00 online.

<https://vrtx.zoom.us/j/95753592689?pwd=Z3VDdUJkZUthNIR1UDlkcz2tISHp6UT09&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 957 5359 2689

Password: PTFA2021

We'd love to see lots of new faces as several regular attenders have now left the school as their children have moved on to secondary school.

As always EVERYONE is welcome whether you can stay for 10 minutes or the whole meeting.
Come and help us shape the calendar for the year.

Have Your Say

All parents and carers are part of the PTFA. We're looking to increase ways to give your opinion.
Look out for regular polls coming up on social media and the website.

Premier Sport – Friday hockey Y3 and 4, Football Y5 and 6

We still have spaces available for Hockey years 3 & 4 on a Friday after school and for football for years 5 & 6 on a Thursday after school.

What to bring:

Plenty of water

Suitable clothing for the weather and activity

Shin pads

Dates, Times, Activities & Year Groups:

Thursday 16th September - 21st October 3:30pm - 4:30pm FOOTBALL (Year 5 & 6)

Friday 17th September - 22nd October 3:30pm - 4:30pm HOCKEY (Year 3 & 4)

Price:

£27 per club

How to book:

Visit our website - bookings must be made in advance please do not turn up on the day without booking. We will require a minimum of 8 bookings per club.

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact us on 07476 032239 or email

jcahill@premier-education.com

Booking link:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/2688/?location=bs7>

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

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/>

Department for Schools and Colleges Administrator – Diocese of Clifton

Following the retirement of our current administrator, the department is looking to recruit a replacement. The post would be suitable for someone looking to work during term time only and between the hours of 9-30 - 2-30 Monday- Friday.

Details of the specific role and person specification can be found on:

<https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/vacancies> or on the main diocesan website.

The extended Closing Date is Tuesday 28th September at 12 noon.