



Friday 13th October 2023

Dear parents and carers,

*Lord, bless our school that by working together and playing together,
We may learn to serve You and serve one another.
Amen.*

This week we enjoyed a visit from Megan, a Cyber Protect Officer who works for Avon and Somerset Police on Monday. Megan spent time with all classes in KS1 and KS2 talking to them about how they can stay safe whilst online. Megan also provided a session for parents/carers at the end of the day on Monday. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend. I hope you found it valuable. Slides are now on our website.

Thangham Debbonaire visited school today. Year 6 enjoyed a Q&A session with her following their assembly last week about climate justice. The children have been thinking of different ways in which they can help make our world a happier, fairer place for everyone.

Applications for year 7 secondary school places

A reminder that if your child is in year 6, born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 you need to apply for a new year 7 secondary place. You must apply by 31 October 2023. Applications are made via the Bristol.gov website.

Absence leave

I will not be in school next week as I am taking absence leave. If you need to speak to a member of the senior leadership team about an urgent issue please go to/contact the school office and they will be able to signpost you to a member of staff who will be able to help you.

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Catholic Life Of The School

CAFOD Go Bright for Harvest Campaign

We are delighted to announce that our CAFOD Go Bright for Harvest Campaign raised £339.45 to help our global neighbours impacted by climate change. Thank you to everyone who wore their brightest clothes and made a contribution. We have talked to the children about the impact of their fundraising and the difference it will make to the lives of others.

Visit from Thangam Debonnaire

Following on from 6WA's class assembly last week on the theme of climate justice, Thangam Debonnaire visited the school this morning to answer the questions the children in that class had prepared about changes the Labour party would make to government environmental policy if they were in power. The children also asked what we could do as a school to support our global neighbours and make the world a fairer place.

Key Stage 1 Prayer and Liturgy

In Key Stage 1 prayer and liturgy this week, the word of the week was invitation. We listened to the kingdom parable of those invited to the wedding feast. The children learnt that we are all loved by God and invited to share in his happiness and peace.

Key Stage 2 Prayer and Liturgy

In this week's Gospel assembly, we talked about the parable of the tenant workers in the vineyard. Children understood that we are called to respect Jesus and we thought about ways we can do this.

Year 4 Class Assembly

Today's Year 4 class assembly linked their class book, The Little Island, with the Pope's encyclical Fratelli Tutti and with Catholic social teaching on rights and responsibilities and community and participation.

We are so proud of the way our children have embraced the Catholic values of love, compassion, and service this week. We look forward to seeing how they continue to live out these values in the weeks to come.

This weeks saints

This week's saints are St Peter and St Paul, this lovely art work was done by Year 4 last year



Events w/c 16th October (MENU week 3)

Love Thy Neighbour Curriculum Week

Tuesday 17th – Parents Evening.

Wednesday 18th – Swimming Gala 4-5pm

Friday 20th – Last day of term.

UP COMING DATES:

Christmas Fair 3rd December

KS2 Carol concert- Thursday 14th December 6pm



Nasal Flu Immunisations 15th December

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 03001245515 for more information.

First Holy Communion 2024

The application process for the First Holy Communion programme is now open. If your child is in year 3 or above, and you wish to enrol him/her for the preparation programme starting in January, please complete an online [application form](#).

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 11th May 2024.

For more details, please contact the parish office on 0117 942 4448 or visit

<https://stbonsbristol.com/sacraments/> .



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.**



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.



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Mondays - Football - Reception - Year 2
Tuesdays - Football - Year 3 - Year 6
Wednesdays - Multi Sports - Reception - Year 6 (Groups will be split)
Thursday - Sports - Girls Only - Reception - Year 6 (Groups will be split)

Clubs and sports at St Bon's



Netball - 3:15	YES YES	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Drama	NO	Year 6 will run on a Thursday- more info coming soon! Years 4-5 will start after Christmas
Circuits 7:50am	YES	Thursdays- Y1-Y6 in hall
Running club – 7.45am	YES	Wednesdays – all welcome – outside foyer
Mr Morgan after school	YES	Wednesdays – Girls football match
Tag Rugby	NO	Will start in term 2 for Y5 & Y6
Chess – Lunch break	NO	Fridays - Y5 & Y6 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays - Y5 & 6 £5
Gymnastics- 3:15 – 4:15	YES	Tuesdays- Year 3 Now full and running a waiting list
Dodge ball- 8:00	NO	Fridays – Y3 &4- in hall
Art/Drawing 12:15-12:45	YES	Tuesday 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 YES KS2 YES	Mondays – KS1 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 – in 2TW
Yoga	YES	Friday Y1 – paid class – https://www.emflow.co.uk/book.html

Reception places for September 2024



Just a reminder that applications for Reception places for September 2024 are now open, We still have spaces on our open days, book on to a tour with the office if you feel this would be helpful.

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2024.



October Playscheme 2023

Kidzone will be open from Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October
Bookings are now open on SchoolGateway.

We are offering the following booking choices:

Full day session: £28.00 per session

Short day session: £21.00 per session

Please visit the Kidzone section of the website to see our activity plans.





PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Email – contact@stbonsptfa.com

Uniform – ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Christmas Fair Planning

Ideas are coming together for this year's fair. To help us achieve the dream we're looking for:

- Decorations and artificial trees that are no longer needed in your home
 - Musicians. In a band or choir and would like to perform at the fair to inject some Christmas spirit? Let us know.
 - Sponsorship to help cover overheads and donations for prizes, Could your employer help? Do you know any local businesses who might support us?
- If you can help in any way please let us know using one of the contact methods above.

Disco

Our first disco fundraiser of the year will be on Friday 17th November

Coming up:

✓ Bag2School 31st October

✓ PTFA meeting 10th November

✓ Disco 17th November

✓ **Christmas Fair 3rd December**

A banner for Easyfundraising. On the left, the Easyfundraising logo is shown above the text "See your favourite brands donate to us whenever you spend with them". A yellow button with the text "Find out more" is positioned to the right of this text. On the right side of the banner, there are six icons for partner brands: Uber Eats, ebay, M&S, JOHN LEWIS, Argos, and 7,500+ online brands.

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COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY.

The nights are drawing in and there's a chilly breeze starting to make itself known in the streets - it must be Autumn! Tinned meat meals - like chilli, casseroles, curries, corned beef and ham - are always really popular in the Pantry when the weather turns. Please do consider adding a couple of these items to your trolley next time you go shopping and donating them to us: your generosity would be really appreciated.

A big thank you to the wonderful Mary who has once again donated a large amount of food to the pantry. We're so grateful to her for her continued support.

Please donate:

Tinned meat

Tinned meat-based meals like chilli's, curries, casseroles

Oil

Sugar

Tuna

Other tinned fish

Flour

Tinned fruit

Shampoo

Shower gel

Heavy flow sanitary towels

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

The 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 077924420999 to find out more.

Bristol Penguins will be running **daily swimming lessons** at Badminton School from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October.

These sessions are open to both Penguin members and non-members from Stages 3 & 4, Older Swimmers who are unable to swim 25m, Swim Academy 1 (stage 5), Swim Academy 2 (stage 6), Swim Academy 3 (stage 7), Swim Academy 4 (stage 8), Junior Club and Development 1.

This will be a great chance to improve strokes and swim skills in a small group environment. Deadline for sign up is Sunday 8th October.

Penguins can also provide assistance with funding if help is needed. Please contact helen.giles@bristolpenguins.com

[Bristol Penguin October 2023 Swim Camp - sign up form](#)
