



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 13th January 2023

Dear parents and carers,

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Clare Benians today who is leaving to work in a law firm. We wish her so much luck in her new role and know that she will be greatly missed here at St Bons. In the short term I'd like to welcome Violet Johnson who will be covering Clare's role until we have a permanent member of staff in place.

NSPCC assemblies

This term I am going to be talking to the children about how they can speak out and stay safe. I plan to use the resources provided by the NSPCC, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, to deliver two assemblies, one for Reception/KS1 and one for KS2 pupils. These will support the children to explore, in an age appropriate way, abuse and neglect.

If you want to know more about how you can support your child/ren and answer any questions they may have, please visit the NSPCC parents webpage: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

Class teachers will also be using the NSPCC PANTS resources in class to help children understand that their body belongs to them, and that they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

Peer mediation

As part of our wider work on improving provision at playtime we are planning to introduce peer mediators. Children in year 5 & 6 have been invited to join me for a meeting next week to find out more and see if they would like to apply. For more information about peer mediation, what it is and the benefits please follow this link: <https://youtu.be/fU7UlleihGk>

Punctuality

Thank you to everyone who is supporting us to ensure their child/ren arrives at school on time. I understand that there are days when unexpected road works or traffic problems cause delays and occasionally this causes some families to arrive to school late. However, this term you will have noticed that all the children who arrive at school after the 8.50am bell will need to enter the school via the main office doors. If you do arrive after 8.50am please do not send your child through the blue side gate on the school playground and if you are leaving the playground at this time please do not hold the gate open for children to enter. Your support is very much appreciated.

Best,

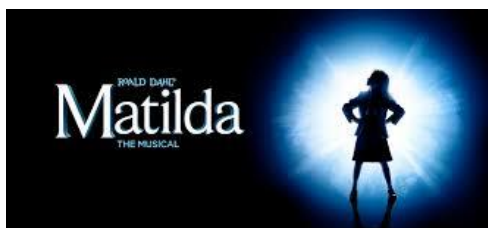
Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events from 16th January 2023 (MENU week 1)

Friday 20th January: 4G class assembly at 10am – parents and carers welcome

Friday 3rd February: 4H class assembly at 10am – parents and carers welcome

Drama Club



Monday's rehearsal next week will be for the whole cast and will finish at 4.30pm.

Thursday's rehearsal arrangements will be confirmed during next week.

English as an Additional Language



If English is not your first language, please do join us for our 'EAL' coffee mornings at 9am on Mondays in the school – come to the office. The group is run by Mrs Preisner - if you would like more information, please email her at ratiba.preisner@bristol-schools.uk

**** EAL meeting Monday 16th January 9-10 am ****

We will be having an EAL meet and greet visit:
Mrs Harvey will visit our coffee morning on Monday 16th January

Please join us if you would like to have an informal chat and ask general questions.

Clubs and sports at St Bon's

Week of 16th January

Drama	YES – 4.30pm finish	Monday and Thursday KS2 (see above for details)
Sophie Morgan Football	YES – 4.30pm finish	Mondays - Y1, Y2, Y3 Tuesdays - Y4, Y5 Y6 Thursdays – Reception
Netball	NO for Monday YES for Tuesday – 4.15pm finish	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Gymnastics	YES – 4.15pm finish	Tuesdays – Y4
Running club – 7.50am	YES	Wednesday mornings – all welcome
Mr Morgan football after school	NO training – boys football match 25 th Jan – basketball trials for years 5 and 6	Wednesdays - Y5 & 6
Sophie Morgan Multisports	YES – 4.30pm finish	Weds – Reception, Y1 & Y2
Circuits with Mr Morgan – 7.50am	YES	Thursdays – all welcome
Tag Rugby	YES – 4.15pm finish	Thursdays - Y5 & 6
Badminton – 8am	YES	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Yoga	YES – 4.00pm finish	Fridays – Y1
Chess	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays – Y5 & 6
Sophie Morgan Hockey	YES – 4.30pm finish	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays - Y5 & 6

Requests for donations

Please could Reception have any old tights or leggings for girls which are no longer needed.

Also we would appreciate any of the following: fancy dress accessories eg different hats and headwear, glasses, feather boas, waistcoats and jackets, fancy dress costumes for creative play, Dinosaurs, mythical creatures and animal toys, Lego, large scraps of different materials, large outdoor games such as outdoor chess set.

Menu change – Thursday 19th January

The kitchen will be offering an All American menu on Thursday – this will include a burger in a bun (or Quorn Hot Dog), chips, sweetcorn and baked beans plus jelly or a cookie with ice cream.

February Playscheme – bookings now open

We will be running a holiday club during February half term. Sessions can now be booked in School Gateway for either a full day (£28) or a short day (£21).

Charity fundraising

Lataya in 4G has designed, made and sold beautiful bookmarks this week to raise money for Guide Dogs UK (Year 4's chosen charity). She has raised an incredible total of £57. Well done Lataya!



PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

Beat the January Blues!

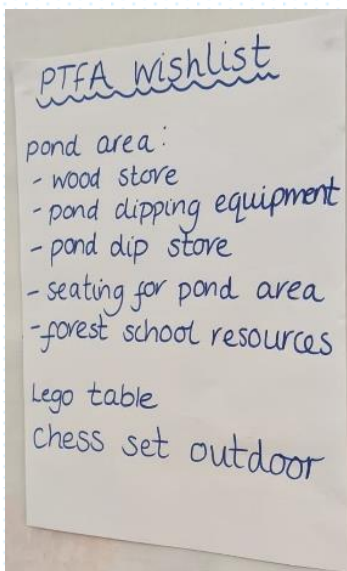
Round up some friends, get something really fun in the diary and get tickets to the Ceilidh on Friday 10th February.

Tickets available online now.

<https://www.stbonsptfa.com/events-1/ceili-barn-dance-new-date-10th-feb>

Look what's new!

School have re-landscaped an area of the grounds into this incredible outdoor learning and forest school space. How lucky are we to have this at our school? What it needs now is some kit so the kids can get going! The PTFA have been given a wish list for this area and the playground but we'd also love to know your thoughts about what you think the children would love to have in this space. A bug hotel? A fire pit? Get in touch with your suggestions.



We need you to join the crew!

We are looking for a new secretary to be part of the committee. The role involves duties such as preparing the agendas for PTFA meetings, writing and circulating the minutes from the meetings and ensuring the alcohol licenses are in place for events. We're a friendly and supportive team so please do get in touch to find out more.

Disco Squad

We need more help putting together and running events. We'd love to get a disco squad together to run the next few discos as we know there are loads of great ideas out there to develop them. Once you've done one it will be even easier to do the next. Why not talk to some friends to see if they'd be interested or put yourself forward, getting involved is an excellent way of meeting new people within the school. Get in touch if you'd like to talk about it!

Community Food Pantry update



We at the Community Food Pantry wish all our donors and supporters a very happy New Year, and wish you a happy and healthy 2023. For some of those who rely on the Pantry, this may not be possible. We have seen use of the Pantry increase significantly since the start of the year; we're needing to restock more items, more regularly. One pantry restocker described some items being taken in just the short time it took her to go to the store room and back.

We think the need for the Pantry will continue to grow this year, so your kindness and generosity are more needed than ever. If you are able to, please consider donating food (see the lists below) or cash to help us keep the food coming in.

How can I help?

As well as cash donations, we are incredibly grateful for any food you can give.

PLEASE DONATE:

Tuna
Other tinned fish
Nappies - all sizes
Pasta
Rice
Sugar
Flour
Conserves
Pesto/pasta sauce
Cereal

Please DO NOT donate:

Fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste - but Family Food Action can take it)

Soup

Oats

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

Get fit for 2023

Let's get physical for 2023 at Mum-Dance, the totally 80s dance fitness class. Hilarious, effective routines to all your school disco faves like Flashdance, Pump Up the Jam, MC Hammer, Yazz and more!

Live and kicking on Mondays 7.30 - 8.30pm in the school hall. Do 5,000 steps per class, get fit the fun way and get YOU back - Lycra optional! Book now at www.mum-dance.co.uk

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.