



Friday 21st April 2023

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a great Easter break and found time to rest and recharge. It has been wonderful welcoming the children back to school this week.

In his prayer intention for April, Pope Francis asks us to take a risk and trust in one another.

Father,

We pray for the spread of peace, non-violence and mutual trust throughout the world.

May tensions between states and citizens be overtaken by a spirit of brotherhood and cooperation.

Amen.

Attendance

You will be aware that I monitor your children's school attendance and punctuality each week. I will be contacting all parents and carers of children whose attendance drops below 90%. This may include a request for a meeting to discuss ways to improve your children's attendance. In cases where attendance does not improve or parents and carers do not engage in my support I will need to contact the Education Welfare Officer to provide support.

Please can I also remind you that I am not in a position to be able to authorise holidays taken in term time. Please avoid putting me in the situation where I have to unauthorise an absence by booking holidays in school holiday periods only.

Crowning of Mary

At the start of the month of May, we traditionally celebrate the life of Mary with a service in school where our youngest and oldest pupils crown our statue of Our Lady, Mary, with flowers. We are arranging a small prayer service in school on Wednesday 3rd May and are inviting all pupils to bring in flowers for this event.

King's Coronation

We will be celebrating the King's coronation in school on **Friday 5th May**. We are inviting all children to come to school wearing a handmade crown. Similar to the Easter hat parade, we will be parading around the playground at 9am and invite all parents and carers to stay after morning drop off to watch and take part in the celebrations. The parade will be followed by a whole school song.

On this day children are invited to come to school dressed for a coronation. This could be wearing the colours of the union jack or wearing a party outfit. Please do not buy clothes specifically for this event. We simply want to mark the day in school by making it special for our children and something they will remember.

School/packed lunches and break time snacks

In assembly this week we have spoken to the children about the amount of food waste that we are seeing as a result of school meals and packed lunches not being eaten. We have spoken about the need to show respect for the food we have and to be grateful for the food that is prepared for us. We have also discussed the importance of eating a balanced lunch as our bodies need refueling after

a busy morning. The children have identified some ideas to reduce food waste at lunchtime which I will share with you later this term.

With this in mind we also spoke about avoiding bringing in treats as a breaktime snack as these don't fuel our bodies. Our KS2 school council representatives will be speaking to their classes about ideas for breaktime snacks that give us the energy we need.

Strike action school closed days

Further to my letter dated Wednesday 19th April, school will be closed on the two planned strike days, **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May** to all pupils, with the exception of those identified in our most vulnerable category. Parents and carers of pupils invited into school will have been notified by letter this week.

SIP parent information session change of date

Due to the planned strike day scheduled to take place on Thursday 27th April, I am moving the parent/carer School Improvement Plan session schedules for 9am on this day to 9am on **Friday 9th June**. At this session, we will revisit pupil wellbeing and behaviour and I will provide an update on our three SIP priorities.

St George's Day

We will be celebrating St George's day in school on Monday 24th April. All pupils in St George's house are invited to come to school dressed in red.

North Bristol Hi-5 Netball County Winners

Finally, please celebrate with me our wonderful Year 6 netball team who were crowned the North Bristol County Winners this week. This was a Hi-5 tournament, which meant that every player had to be able to play every position. The girls did not concede a match in the whole tournament and kept their cool in the tight final. Well done girls!



Best wishes,

Sarah Ballantine
Head Teacher

Events from 24th April 2023 (MENU week 2)

- April 24th 2023:** St George's Day – children in St George's House may wear red home clothes to school
Max Minerva Bookshop Visit KS2 1.30pm
- April 25th 2023:** Reception Pupils Health Screening Check
- April 27th 2023:** **STRIKE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- April 28th 2023:** SEN Parent/Carer Group 9am
1P Class assembly 10am – parent and carers welcome
Reception Pupils Health Screening Check

UPCOMING
EVENTS

English as an Additional Language Coffee Mornings



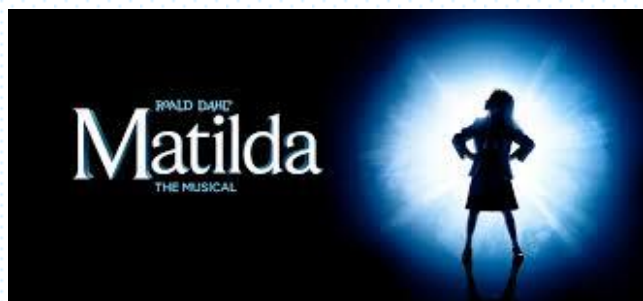
If English is not your first language, please do join us for our 'EAL' coffee mornings from 9 – 10am on Mondays in the School – come to the office. **Mrs Harris (HLTA) will be joining us this Monday.**

The group is run by Mrs Preisner – if you would like more information, please email her at ratiba.preisner@bristol-schools.uk

Fundraising - Thank you!

Thank you so much for your contributions to the Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal which raised £563.11. Money is still coming in for the Big Lent Walk which is raising money for communities in Bangladesh impacted by climate change. If you would still like to support this campaign you can bring cash into school or pay money in online:

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/stbonaventurescatholicprimarybishopston>



Drama Club

Monday & **WEDNESDAY** rehearsals:

Monday 24th April – CAST A 5.30pm finish

****CHANGE OF DATE**** Wednesday 26th April –
CAST B 5.30pm finish

Clubs and Sports at St Bon's

Week of 24th April 2023



Drama	<p>YES</p> <p>Monday 24th April – CAST A 5.30pm finish</p> <p>**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE** Wednesday 26th April – CAST B 5.30pm finish</p>	<p>Monday and (depending on the week) Wednesday/Thursday KS2 (see above for details)</p>
Sophie Morgan Football	<p>YES</p> <p>Mondays – 3.30pm – 4.30pm</p>	<p>Reception – Y1 – Y2 Mondays To book email: coachingwithsophie@hotmail.com Clubs are open to all</p>
Sophie Morgan Football	<p>YES</p> <p>Tuesdays – 3.30pm – 4.30pm</p>	<p>Y3 – Y4 – Y5 – Y6 Tuesdays To book email: coachingwithsophie@hotmail.com Clubs are open to all</p>
Netball	<p>YES</p> <p>Monday – 4.15pm finish</p> <p>YES</p> <p>Tuesday – 4.15pm finish</p>	<p>Mondays – Y3 & 4</p> <p>Tuesdays – Y5 & 6</p>
Gymnastics	<p>NO – finished for this school year</p>	<p>Tuesdays – Y4</p>
Running Club	<p>YES – 7.50am start</p>	<p>Wednesday mornings – all welcome</p>
Mr Morgan Football After School	<p>YES – Girls Football Training – 4.30pm finish</p>	<p>Wednesdays – Y5 & 6</p>
Sophie Morgan Multi Sports	<p>YES</p> <p>3.30pm – 4.30pm</p>	<p>Reception – Y1 – Y2 Wednesdays To book email: coachingwithsophie@hotmail.com Clubs are open to all</p>

Sophie Morgan Multi Sports	NO – <u>STRIKE DAY</u> 3.30pm –4.30pm	Y3 – Y4 – Y5 –Y6 Thursdays To book email: coachingwithsophie@hotmail.com Clubs are open to all
Circuits with Mr Morgan	NO – <u>STRIKE DAY</u> 7.50am start	Thursdays – all welcome
Tag Rugby	NO – <u>STRIKE DAY</u>	Thursdays – Y5 & 6
Badminton	YES – 8am start	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Yoga	YES – 4pm finish	Fridays – Y1
Chess	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays – Y5 & 6
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES – 4.15pm finish	Fridays – Y5 & 6

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 – Term 5 Sports

To book email:

coachingwithsophie@hotmail.com

Clubs are open to all

No Friday Coaching with Sophie

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Reception	Football Club 3.30pm–4.30pm 4 Week Course (Due to BH) £16 for the Term		Multi Sports 3.30pm–4.30pm 6 Week Course £24 for the Term	
Year 1	Football Club 3.30pm–4.30pm 4 Week Course (Due to BH) £16 for the Term		Multi Sports 3.30pm–4.30pm 6 Week Course £24 for the Term	
Year 2	Football Club 3.30pm–4.30pm 4 Week Course (Due to BH) £16 for the Term		Multi Sports 3.30pm–4.30pm 6 Week Course £24 for the Term	
Year 3		Football Club 3.30pm–4.30pm 6 Week Course £24 for the Term		Multi Sports 3.30pm–4.30pm 6 Week Course £24 for the Term
Year 4		Football Club 3.30pm–4.30pm 6 Week Course £24 for the Term		Multi Sports 3.30pm–4.30pm 6 Week Course £24 for the Term
Year 5		Football Club 3.30pm–4.30pm 6 Week Course £24 for the Term		Multi Sports 3.30pm–4.30pm 6 Week Course £24 for the Term
Year 6		Football Club 3.30pm–4.30pm 6 Week Course £24 for the Term		Multi Sports 3.30pm–4.30pm 6 Week Course £24 for the Term



PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Email – contact@stbonsptfa.com

Uniform – ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers


Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Welcome back to term 5!


**The first PTFA meeting of the term will be online next Wednesday evening
- 26th April 8pm.**

Top items on the agenda:

The fundraising discos

 The summer fair

Reviewing the survey feedback

 Meeting dates for the rest of the year

- We would love some new ideas and need fresh enthusiasm 😊
 - New attenders last year, with a fresh perspective and helpful contacts brought great new elements to the summer fair.
- Please join us - join for as long as you can from whenever you can, don't worry if you can't make the start or stay to the end.
- This is your PTFA so please come and share your thoughts or just listen in.
- Meeting link:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79243493591?pwd=qQa4k9h2bN1CaUjrPGQRbmSdwSulQx.1>
Meeting ID: PTFA Meeting
Passcode: PTFA
If you can't make this meeting don't forget you can always get in touch via Facebook, Instagram and email: ptfa.stbons@gmail



Cake Sales

Year 6 will be hosting the last cake sale next week, let's show them our support on this final week.

Thank you so much to everyone who has made the cake sales possible by organising, donating and buying. Your class teachers will be so grateful for the donations.

The weather is picking up, would you like to see the return of frozen Fridays???

**Dates for your diary:
Bag2School 19th June
Summer fair Sunday 25th June**



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

It has been a busy couple of weeks at the Food Pantry, despite it being the school holidays. The shelves are nearly empty by the end of each day – a stark reminder of the hard times we are living through and the struggles many people have. We are sure that the extra Easter chocolate treats that people have donated have given anyone visiting the Food Pantry an emotional lift too.

All your donations continue to be gratefully received and every item and cash donation, however big or small are helping people in need. Our personal thanks go to Mary and Debbie who have both donated large amounts of items and/or money to the Pantry recently.

And we thank everyone so much who donates items, money and time, anonymously or not, for their ongoing support and generosity.

How can I help?

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

Please DO donate:

Oil
Tuna and other tinned fish
Tea
Coffee
Dried red lentils
Peanut butter
Oatcakes
Hot chocolate
Shampoo
Deodorant
Sanitary towels

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 a marked envelope through Jenny Glester’s door at 57 Egerton Road.



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 favourites like Flash dance, 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.

Bristol Amateur Operatic Society

Bristol Amateur Operatic Society presents Young Frankenstein – scientifically proven to be monstrously good entertainment. A musical comedy by Mel Brooks, featuring a St Bons parent as the (tap dancing) Monster!

4 – 8 April 2023 at the Redgrave Theatre in Clifton. 13+ (but honestly no worse than a carry–on film so probably fine for years 5–6)

<https://redgravetheatre.com/event/2023/04/young–frankenstein/1566/>

Come and enjoy a West End style night out for a fraction of the price

Baby Sitting

Hi, my name is Amelie. I am 16 and am an old St Bon's pupil. I'm currently at RGS and am looking for babysitting work. I have been babysitting for several St Bons families for the past 18 months plus I volunteered at the St Bons Brownies as part of my DoFE. If you are interested please text me on:
07766366569
