



Friday 6th January 2023

Dear parents and carers,

On behalf of the staff team at St Bonaventure's I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope you all had a great Christmas. It has been wonderful welcoming the children back this week. Thank you to everyone who emailed me photographs of patterns and images in nature. I will be sharing these with the children in my assembly on Monday.

*Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.*

Amen

I am pleased to announce that Miss Tudhope gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Florence Grace, at the start of the Christmas holidays. We cannot wait to welcome them into school for a visit later this term.



School Improvement Plan session for parents and carers

As you are aware, this academic year I have planned to lead a session with parents and carers each term focusing on different aspects of the school improvement plan. This term Mrs Woolley and myself will be facilitating two sessions on Thursday 12th January 2.15-3.15pm & 6-7pm. The focus of the session will be on supporting pupils' social, emotional and mental health and behaviour and has been identified in consultation with the parents and carers who attended the session in term 2. The feedback we have received from parents and carers who have attended previous sessions has been overwhelmingly positive, so I would encourage you to try to attend one of the sessions.

Reading information session for parents and carers of KS2 pupils, Friday 27th January 9am

The English team will be running an information session for all parents and carers of pupils in KS2. The focus of this session is on how parents and carers can support their child with reading at home. This session is aimed at supporting all pupils both those on the reading the scheme and those who are free readers. You do not need to book a place, just come to the office to sign in on the day.

Volunteers needed

Last term I advertised for parents, carers and grandparents who are able to provide reading and maths support in school. Thank you to everyone who has contacted the school and has offered their support. I am still looking for a parent, carer or grandparent to support year 4 Reading. If you do not have a child in year 4 and can help out on one or two afternoons a week please email me at head.st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk

Pupil illness

Please can I remind all parents and carers that children should not be attending school if they have a temperature. In the past you may have been tempted to give your child Calpol and send them in and see how they get on. I would kindly ask that if your child is showing signs of a fever you do not send them to school until their temperature returns to normal.

Best,

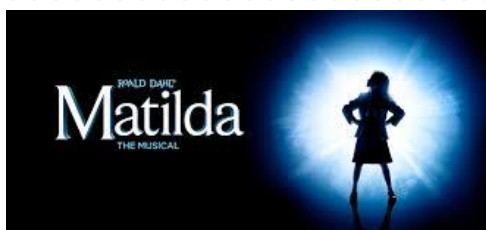
Mrs Ballantine

Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events from 9th January 2023 (MENU week 3)

Wednesday 11 th January:	Y3 trip to Bristol Museum – Ancient Egypt
Friday 20 th January:	4G class assembly at 10am – parents and carers welcome
Friday 3 rd February:	4H class assembly at 10am – parents and carers welcome

Drama Club next term



The first rehearsal of the term will be on Monday 9th January for the whole cast, finishing at 4.30pm.

Thursday's rehearsal arrangements will be confirmed during that 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

Clubs and sports at St Bon's Week of 9th 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	YES – 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 after school	NO training – boys football match – letters to follow	Wednesdays - Y5 & 6
Sophie Morgan Multisports	YES – 4.30pm finish	Fridays – 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

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.