



ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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guided by the light of Christ

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Friday 30th September 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I pray that God will speak loudly
And that you will hear humbly.

I pray that God will act mightily
And that you will receive graciously.

I pray that God will bless amazingly
And that you will share freely.

I pray that God will be close
And that you will walk safely.
Amen.

Parental conflicts

If your child is involved in an incident in school, please can you allow school staff to resolve the issue. Recently a number of parents have approached and spoken to the parents of other children about events that have taken place in school. In my experience, this is never well-received and often complicates the actual issue. Please support me in this matter.

Cake sale

Thank you to everyone who purchased cakes at our vegan bake sale last Thursday. Emilio and Marcello raised over £200 for Dean Farm Trust. There are a few people with IOUs who haven't paid, please come and drop your money into the school office ASAP.

Thank you for your support!



Jonathan Rogers

You will be aware from my email sent earlier in the week of the sad announcement of the death of Jonathan Rogers.

I cannot stress enough how instrumental Jonathan was in the rebuild of our existing school building. Over the 13 years I knew Jonathan, he provided the school community with tremendous support. He will truly be missed at St Bon's. Our thoughts and prayers remain with his family at this time.

For those of you who knew Jonathan, if you would like to pass on a card for his family please leave these with the school office and I will pass them on.

Best,



Sarah Ballantine
Headteacher

Events from 3rd October 2022 (MENU week 1)

Monday 3 rd October:	Open Day for prospective Reception 2023 parents – please book with the office Bikeability Level 2
Tuesday 4 th October:	Reception parents and carers information session 2.30pm in the Hall
Wednesday 5 th October:	Bikeability Level 2
Friday 7 th October:	6D class assembly at 10am
Thursday 13 th October:	Parents' evening 4-7pm
Friday 14 th October:	Harvest Mass in the Church @ 9.15am – parents welcome WEAR BRIGHTLY COLOURED CLOTHES FOR CAFOD Harvest campaign - £1 School disco

Drama Club - update

Drama on Monday will be for EVERYBODY until 4.30pm.

Drama on Thursday will be for those who are needed – Miss Rigg will confirm mid next week.

Lion King DVD - update

Following last week's newsletter, unfortunately we have been unable to re-edit the footage the students took of the play to make a quality DVD.

If you paid for a DVD, please would you come to the office to collect your refund before the end of term 2. Any money remaining at the end of Term 2 will be put towards the funds for future Drama productions.

Clubs and sports at St Bon's

Week of 3rd October

Drama	YES – now full and running a waiting list	Monday and Thursday KS2 (see above for details)
Premier Sport Football	YES	Mondays - Y1, Y2, Y3 Tuesdays - Y4, Y5 Y6
Netball	YES YES	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Gymnastics	YES	Tuesdays – Y3
Running club – 7.50am	YES	Wednesday mornings – all welcome
Mr Morgan after school	YES	Wednesdays – boys this week Y5 & 6. Training pick up at 4.00pm (girls next week)
Tag Rugby	Starts in Term 2	Thursdays - Y5 & 6
Chess	YES	Fridays – Y5
Premier Sport Hockey	YES	Fridays – Y3 & 4
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays - Y5 & 6

October Playscheme – bookings now open

Kidzone will be running a Playscheme this October half term for the five days of the week beginning 24th October. The playscheme will not be open on the INSET day of 31st October due to staff training.

The costs are £28 for a full day (8.30am - 5.45pm) and £21 for a short day (10am – 4pm). Bookings can be made on School Gateway. The deadline for bookings is Friday 14th October. The club will need a minimum number of children in order to run.

KS2 choir – Monday lunchtimes

KS2 choir will be taking place on Mondays at lunchtimes from 12.15pm. A packed lunch might be easier for children who wish to attend. If your child is interested in singing, there will be lots of events we will be singing at. Children need to turn up to classroom 1P at 12.15pm if they would like to take part.

English not your first language?

Our parent coffee mornings are open to any parent or carer who does not have English as their first language. It is a very supportive and friendly group and you would be very welcome.



Dates for meetings this term are:

Tuesday 4th October
Monday 10th October
Tuesday 18th October

PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Email – ptfa.stbons@gmail.com

Future meeting dates are:

Tuesday 11th October – 8pm online

<https://vrtx.zoom.us/j/3232294047?pwd=RmZld2QzZEZCSHkxTnNmYXBCY2l3Zz09&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 323 229 4047

Password: PTFA

Thursday 17th November – evening, online

Discos for KS1 and KS2 14th October

The school disco is BACK and this time it's the real thing. No dialling into Zoom from your front room - just kids going crazy in a dark school hall to some banging tunes. Don't worry, there's a bar for the grown ups.

Tickets will be available from 8pm tonight (Friday 30th September) on the website (under the events section):

KS1 and reception: <https://www.stbonsptfa.com/events-1/reception-ks1-disco>

KS2: <https://www.stbonsptfa.com/events-1/ks2-disco-year-3-1>

- Please, please read the guidance on buying tickets on the website.
- Numbers in the hall are strictly limited and this event has sold out in previous years so get your tickets quickly!
- Remember all children must have an adult accompanying them. An adult can be the accompanying

person for their children's friends but they must be responsible for supervising them.

- Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to their class parent helper rota. If you are on a rota you still need to buy a ticket so we don't exceed the hall capacity.

Bag2School Collection 7th November

Advanced notice to get clearing those cupboards, The first collection of the year will be in November.

Ceilidh 11th November

A chance for parents and carers to let their hair down and enjoy a good reel. See you on the dance floor!

Christmas Fair 4th December

Put it in your diaries now, the Christmas fair will be on Sunday 4th December! We're already getting ideas together. If you're interested in helping us plan this year's fair please get in touch.

Join the Committee!

We're looking for a new secretary to take over when our current secretary steps down later this year. Full handover will be given and Lu would be happy to support the incoming volunteer while they find their feet. If you'd like more info on the role please get in touch.

Shop and Support

Raise money for the PTFA while doing your shopping.

- STICKINS

Need new name labels for next year? Using code 19021 at checkout and Stickins will donate to the PTFA.

- AMAZON SMILE

Set up your Amazon Smile account and select St Bonaventure's PTFA as your chosen charity and every time you shop with Amazon the PTFA receives a donation.

- EASYFUNDRAISING

Download the app (available through the Apple and on android), check if your chosen retailer is on Easyfundraising, click through, shop as normal and the PTFA gets a donation

None of these options change the price you pay so please consider using them the next time you're shopping as an easy way to raise money without costing you a penny more.

Uniform Shop

Kids had a sudden growth spurt? Realised you could do with a couple of extra bits of uniform? The preloved uniform shop has plenty of good quality stock in so just get in touch: ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

Community Food Pantry Update

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated food and money to the Community Food Pantry this week. It really is so heart-warming and wonderful to know that so many of you are still able to help out and provide food for those struggling to feed their families.

We wanted to particularly say a big thank you to Mary, who donated many items over the past few months. Her generosity has made a huge difference to the pantry and meant that no family who visited us went without what they needed during the summer.

Cooking oil is one of the most popular products we stock, but it's becoming difficult to get enough to meet demand since most supermarkets are now limiting the amount one can buy in each shop. Next time you're doing your shopping, we would be so grateful if you could pick up an extra bottle and donate it to the pantry.

Details of how to give food donations are below.

How can I help?

Here are the items we're most in need of at the moment. Any amount helps, even one packet, tin or bottle!

PLEASE DONATE:

Oil
Sanitary towels
Rice
Pasta
Tuna
Other tinned fish
Weetabix and other cereals
Oats
Pasta sauce
Passata
Tinned tomatoes
Corned beef
Shaving foam

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.

How do I donate my time?

If you'd like to get involved in the organisation of the Community Food Pantry, you can join our WhatsApp group by following this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Kq3UpC345FdDOPMnNwQfja>

Thank you all for your support!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bristol Free School Open events

The following link has quick and easy access to all the information families may need including a video of the Open Event, our new school prospectus, and a link to book tours <https://bristolfreeschool.org.uk/#>

Volunteers Needed to join our Pre-school Management Committee!!

Currently St Bonaventure's Pre-school is looking for new members to join our Committee.

If you would like further information or would like to join the Committee please email

Claire.ingall@stbonspreschool.co.uk (current Chair) or marie.taylor@bristol-schools.uk

Babysitter available: My name is Ella Bunce and I am a former St Bons pupil, now in 6th form at Redland Green. I have lots of experience with young children, I am reliable and responsible, and I am available for babysitting! I can be contacted on 07401 342599. Many thanks.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - Parish Finance Support Officer

The Diocese is currently introducing a new online accounting system (OPAS) for all its 99 parishes and additional support is needed in the Finance team to help support parishes in moving to this system.

The role is full-time, although more flexible patterns will be considered, based within the Finance team which is part of the Curia (administrative office) of the Diocese.

The role is based at Alexander House, Bristol but there will be an occasional need to travel to parishes throughout the Diocese. The closing date for applications is Friday 7th October 2022. For further details and an application form, please visit the Working for Us page within the Clifton Diocese website:

<http://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/>

St Bon's Church creation mass

There is going to be a Creation Mass to celebrate God's Creation and highlight our responsibilities in caring for it, at 5pm on Sat 1st October in St Bon's Church.

There will be a plants and produce stall and food afterwards. All welcome. Any children who have participated in growing things or caring for nature would be welcome to speak during the Mass, contact

hfarey@blueyonder.co.uk to volunteer.

Interested in your daughter joining Brownies?

Brownies is about trying new things that teach girls aged seven to 10 about themselves, their community and their world. Brownies introduces girls to a world of new opportunities, challenges and fun.

Girls go along to holidays, day trips and sleepovers. They get together with their friends at regular meetings where they learn new hobbies, get creative, develop skills and have outdoor adventures.

As well as trying activities in their meetings, girls choose from interest badges related to things they want to know more about.

Spaces are currently available at 106th Brownies who meet at St Bonaventure's Parish Hall.

Visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> to sign up.
