



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear parents and carers,

*'Lord, may the words we use today and every day be words of kindness,*

*Words of humour and goodwill:*

*Words that come from the overflowing of a loving heart.*

*Amen. '*

Thank you to everyone who came to our KS2 parent/carer reading information sessions this week. There is a copy of the presentation slides on the news section of the school website for those of you who were not able to attend.

The final two weeks of this term are looking very busy. Next week our Reception and KS1 pupils will be performing their nativity shows. There are a small number of spare tickets available in the school office.

For ease here are some of the key dates to note:

- Tuesday 12th December pupils Christmas dinner. Pupils can wear Christmas jumpers and headwear.
- Thursday 14th December 6pm KS2 Carol service in St Bons church.
- Friday 15th December 9.15am Advent Mass in St Bons church.

### **Christmas Fair**

Don't forget our Christmas fair is 2-5pm this Sunday at school. There will be lots for the whole family to enjoy, please do try to pop along and support the school. My thanks go out to all parents/carers who have helped organise this day.

### **Free NHS app**

I have been asked to share the following with you:

*Free NHS APP helps parents/carers care for their poorly child.*

*As winter sets in and common childhood illnesses become more frequent, parents are being encouraged to use a free NHS app to help them decide how best to care for their child.*

*The HANDi app, which has been developed by a team of specialist children's doctors, is quick and easy to use and gives parents and carers expert advice on a range of childhood illnesses. These include diarrhoea and vomiting, high temperature, tummy pain, chestiness, head injuries and common problems experienced by newborn babies.*

*The app takes parents through a series of questions about their child's symptoms and then advises on the best course of action, whether that's to treat at home, to make a GP appointment, call NHS 111 or call 999.*

*The HANDi App is available to download for Apple phones from the app store or [iTunes](#) and for Android phones at [Google Play](#). Alternatively, please use the following QR code:*



Best,  
Sarah Ballantine  
Head teacher

## Catholic Life Of Our School

The children have been getting ready for the start of Advent this Sunday, preparing the class wreaths, setting up the cribs, and talking about how they will prepare to welcome Jesus this Advent. Next week key stage 1 will be sharing their nativity play with parents to remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas at this busy time [www.crateandbarrel.com](http://www.crateandbarrel.com)

### **Ethos Assembly**

The ethos assembly on Monday reminded children that they are all shining lights and asked them to reflect on what it means to be your best self in showing love for your neighbour. They have all been trying to let their lights shine a little brighter this week in showing kindness to others.

### **Celebration of The Word**

Celebration of The Word this week was based on the feast of Christ the King. We reminded the children that God is always with us loving us and guiding us in every part of our day. This is a lovely message to share at the end of the church's liturgical year.

### **Walk the walk assembly**

In our curriculum celebration assembly this week the children reflected on how our learning in geography helps us to understand more about our global neighbours. We celebrated star geographers and the work that children have been doing in geography. Following on from their geography topic on Bangladesh the children in Year 2 are planning a 'wear blue for Bangladesh' day to raise money for those impacted by flooding as part of their faith award this term.

### **Love thy Neighbour**

As we near the end of our gospel theme of Love thy Neighbour we will be celebrating the impact of the faith awards and the impact of the work children have done. As a school community we will continue to look for ways we can look out for and help others. We are really proud of the children and the work they do to show care and compassion for others.



### **PSHE and RSE teaching**

Following a consultation with parents in November 2020 the school decided to adopt the programme, **Life to the Full**, produced by the Catholic educational organisation, Ten Ten Resources.

We have been following the **Life to the Full** programme for a number of years and it is based on the structure of 'A Model Catholic RSE Curriculum' by the Catholic Education Service. This model curriculum was highlighted as a work of good practice by the Department of Education and we therefore have confidence that the programme is fit for purpose in supporting the growth and development of your child.

**Life to the Full** is much more than a series of lessons. It is an entire platform of creative resources that will engage, inform and inspire our children and, indeed, you as parents. This includes interactive video content, story-based activities, employing a wide range of teaching tools, original worship music and an accompanying programme of classroom prayers.

This is a reminder to parents that there is an online parent platform so that you, as parent and carers, can engage with the teaching and deepen the experience for your child. Teachers will let you know when more sensitive content is due to be taught so that you can support your child at home with any questions they may have. To access the online parent platform please visit: [www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal)  
School Username: st-bons-bs7  
School Password: bishop-grey

### Iron on St Bonaventures logo badges



We now have iron on logos to sell to parents, they are fantastic quality and hope it makes uniform much more affordable for parents. The badges are £1.30 each and can be ironed on to cardigans, sweatshirt, polo shirts and t-shirts.

Payment can be made via School Gateway and will be payable from Monday.

Once ordered you can pick up the following week from the office during school hours.

Please see the attachment from this email for application instructions.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> December (MENU week 3 )**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> -RHM, 1P, 2TW nativity

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>- RHM, 1P, 2TW nativity

-RGS Year 6 sports festival 1.30-2.45pm

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>- RH, 1CR, 2G nativity

-Year 4 sports hall event @ St Bedes

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>- RH, 1CR, 2G nativity

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>- Bristol Old Vic nativity performance in school

#### **UP COMING DATES:**

**Christmas Lunch (Christmas jumper day) Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**KS2 Carol concert- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6pm**

**Last day of term- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**



## 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/>.

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### Bike Shed

Our site manager has requested that parents/pupils please collect any bikes/scooters by the last day of term.

Any left in the bike shed over the Christmas holidays will be disposed of.

This is in the aim to tidy the area which has become over crowded as he suspects there are some left that are broken or left behind by old pupils.

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### 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

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## 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.



## 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](mailto: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.**

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## Tennis Coaching at Kings Tennis Club

Kings Tennis club run a full program of coaching for all ages and abilities!

They have a strong link with St Bons and on a Wednesday offer a pick up from school and tennis from 3.30 - 4.30PM.

They do have limited spaces and waiting lists for some year groups, but right now have spaces in year 5/6

If you have any questions/interest please e-mail Elly [ellytennis.Kings@hotmail.com](mailto:ellytennis.Kings@hotmail.com)

Elly Shearman Tennis Coaching Bristol based at Kings Tennis Club

## Clubs and sports at St Bon's



Club...	Is it running...	Day and year group...
Netball -	YES YES	3:15 Mondays – Y3 & 4 3:15 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Drama	Yes (Year 6)	Thursdays- Year 6- 3:15 – 4:15 in hall Years 4-5 will start after Christmas
Circuits	YES	Thursdays- Y1-Y6, 7:50am in hall
Running club	YES	Wednesdays – 7.45am – all welcome – meet outside foyer
Football	YES	Wednesdays-3:15 – Boys training
Tag Rugby	Yes	Thursday Y5 & Y6 8:00
Chess Lunch break	NO	Fridays -Y5 & Y6 12:15 fortnightly
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays - Y5 & 6 £5
Gymnastics	YES	Tuesdays- 3:15- Year 3
Dodge ball	Yes	Fridays – Y3 &4- 8:00 in hall
Art/Drawing- lunch time	YES	Tuesday lunch - KS2 – 12:15 In 4H
Debating Club- lunch time	YES	Wednesday lunch – Y5 & Y6 12:15-In 3B/3J
Well-Being Singing- lunch time	YES	Tuesday lunch – whole school - 12:15 in 1P
Choir – Lunch time	KS1 YES KS2 YES	Mondays – KS1 12:15 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 –12:15 in 2TW
Yoga	YES	Friday Y1 – paid class – <a href="https://www.emflow.co.uk/book.html">https://www.emflow.co.uk/book.html</a>

### Coaching with Sophie

If you would like to book onto our clubs please do so via our website - [www.cwsophie.co.uk](http://www.cwsophie.co.uk) the bookings are now live.



PTFA News

[www.stbonsptfa.com](http://www.stbonsptfa.com)

Email – [contact@stbonsptfa.com](mailto:contact@stbonsptfa.com)

Uniform – [ptfauniformrep@gmail.com](mailto:ptfauniformrep@gmail.com)

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

## **Christmas Fair Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2-5pm**

It's time to start the festive season with the Christmas fair on Sunday! We can't wait to see you there. If you can't make it you can still join the fun by:

- Bidding online in the incredible silent auction to be in with a chance of getting the winning bid for one of our awesome prizes which include:

☆ Tickets to Bristol Flyers Basketball

☆ Signed Birmingham Phoenix Cricket Top

☆ Intro to Padel Tennis lessons for a group of 4

☆ x2 days holiday camp at Elly Sherman tennis

☆ x10 Kids Drama Saturday Classes with Perform

☆ £50 voucher for The Wave surf session/lesson

☆ Signed Kevin Sinfield autobiography

☆ Family trip to Longleat

☆ 2 hr Personal Stylist session

☆ Family trip to Avon Valley

And much more....

Place your bids on the [stbonsptfa.com](http://stbonsptfa.com) website at

[Silent Auction Items | St Bonaventure's Primary School Bristol \(stbonsptfa.com\)](http://stbonsptfa.com)

You can also bid on items live at the fair

- We have 14 amazing bumper packed hampers up for grabs! Please return your completed raffle ticket stubs and money to the office.
- Please bring baked good for the bar and café to the fair on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Thank you everyone for your donations today. We know this is a busy time of year so we really appreciate your support to make the fair happen.

### **Christmas Cards and Shop**

Our Christmas shop is open! The children have been busy creating some amazing Christmas designs. They are now all scanned in and ready for you to view and order at:

<https://mychildsart.co.uk/find-artwork?username=StBonaventuresPtfa&access-code=Nc4QU92G>

Alternatively use this link and login: <https://mychildsart.co.uk/order>.

Username: StBonaventuresPtfa Access code: Nc4QU92G

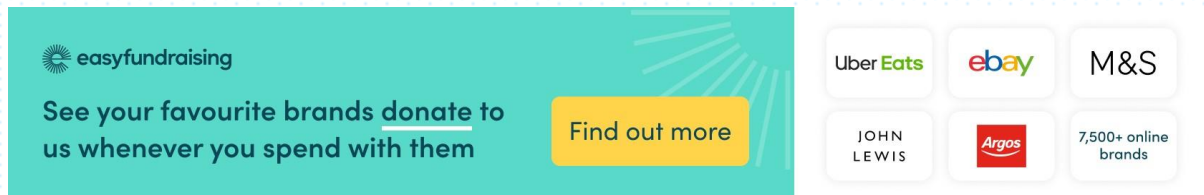
Any problems contact the customer service number on 01530887650

## Committee Positions Available

We have one person interested in co-chairing the PTFA but this role is so much more fun as a team! So if you've been thinking about it please do let us know. No prior experience necessary just some enthusiasm and a desire to help the school provide our children with an amazing experience now and in the future.. You'll have a full handover with lots of support from the outgoing chairs and the rest of the committee who are a really friendly bunch.

### Coming up:

✓Christmas Fair 3<sup>rd</sup> December



The image shows a promotional banner for Easyfundraising. The banner has a teal background on the left and a white background on the right. On the teal part, there is the Easyfundraising logo (a sun icon) and the text "easyfundraising". Below that, it says "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 white part, there are six rounded rectangular boxes containing logos for Uber Eats, ebay, M&S, JOHN LEWIS, Argos, and "7,500+ online brands".

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### **COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY.**

We're very much indebted to Tesco in Winterbourne who have donated four trays of food to the Pantry this week, including soya milk, skimmed milk, noodles, tinned pulses and baked beans. All of these will be appearing on the shelves over the next few days for anybody in need to take away with them.

As well as donations from companies like Tesco, we rely on your generosity to keep the pantry stocked. Anything you can give will be massively appreciated, but we particularly need the following things at the moment:

#### **Please donate:**

Cooking oil of all kinds  
Tuna  
Other tinned fish  
Tinned fruit  
Coffee  
Tea  
Tinned and packet soup  
Breakfast cereal

#### **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

### **St Bonaventures Church Nativity**

Hello all!

Yes it's arrived again.....Nativity time!!!!

We will be having this year's children's nativity service on Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

Followed by coffee and minced pies in the Prestbury. Children are invited to dress up as their chosen nativity characters and take part in the service if they wish.

If your child would like to be one of our amazing readers please contact Neta by email [nroylancesmith@outlook.com](mailto:nroylancesmith@outlook.com)

We are also needing adults to be main characters too!!!!

Many thanks as always

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### **St Bon's Brownies**

St Bon's Brownies meet on a Monday evening in the Parish Hall from 6.30 - 8pm and is open to girls aged 7- 10.

Through regular meetings, special events, day trips and sleepovers, Brownies learn new hobbies, play games, complete challenges and get adventurous outdoors. Girls also extend their knowledge and abilities by working towards badges covering many different hobbies and activities from Baking or Inventing to Painting or Performing.

There will be some spaces for new Brownies to start after Christmas so if your daughter would like to join Brownies, please email [stbonsbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:stbonsbrownies@gmail.com) giving her name, date of birth and a contact number.



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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 07792 420999 to find out more.