

Dear Parents and carers,

It is incredible to think that we have now reached the last full week of term! Last week the children thoroughly enjoyed watching the staff v children netball match. A huge thank you to Mrs Howard who organised the event. The staff learnt a lot from the experience including how talented the children were and how uncoordinated we were! The match ended 9 – 2 to the children. This is just the start – the staff have already challenged the children to a rematch!

Last week Maple were very lucky and went on a visit to the Fairford Air Tattoo, we were given tickets to support our topic- RAF 100. We had a fantastic day out seeing air displays, visiting the Technozone and finding out more about the Royal Air Force. As part of the RAF project the children put forward suggested street names to Redrow for the new Blaise Park estate. Their ideas were based on Marshals of the Airforce, carrying on the tradition of some of the street names already used in Milton Heights. We are delighted to say that all of their ideas have been taken forward; in the future you will see Stirrup Way, Sykes Lane and Humphery Lane to name a few. We are hoping that in early September we will be able to hold an exhibition of the plans including the new school building.

On Wednesday we enjoyed watching Poplar class perform two songs from the Wizard of Oz. The children were so enthusiastic it was a real treat.

Thank you to everyone who brought bags up to school, we earned £68 from the venture. Lollies are still on sale so please support BOBs with this venture. The school disco is on Tuesday night – make sure that you have got a ticket.

We are still trying to organise the leaver's service at St Blaise Church on Tuesday next week. If you are able to bring your child/ren to the church or pick them up please let us know by Monday as it is a logistical challenge getting everyone there. On the last day of term we will have a certificate worship and a chance to say our final goodbyes, it will be quite lengthy!!

During the holiday we will be opening the school on Monday 20th August so that you can bring the children along and change books. We will be open 9.30-11am. Please don't forget your local library as they always put on lots of interesting activities.

Have a nice weekend



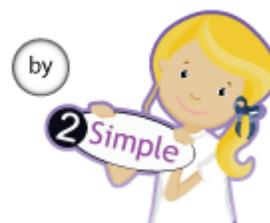
Ruth Leach and the St Blaise team



We are in need of hats for the summer and waterproofs for the winter. If your child has grown out of either classes are looking to top up their supplies.



Don't forget to get your child/ren to log onto Purple Mash this summer. The children all have personal log ins.



Stressed, anxious, low – TalkingSpace Plus

Life can be stressful for parents and carers – especially during the long summer break. It is really important to take time to care for yourselves. TalkingSpace Plus is a free, confidential NHS service for adults in Oxfordshire, to help people when they're feeling stressed, anxious or low. TalkingSpace Plus provides a range of talking therapies and wellbeing activities, if you feel you would benefit from our service please contact us directly on **01865 901222** or visit www.talkingspaceplus.org.uk.

On the first day of the new term please bring a yellow bulb or two to plant in the school grounds.



Dates for Term 3 - 2018

Date	Event	Other information
24 th July	Leavers service	St Blaise Church 2pm
24 th July	School disco	Y6 Stay on for additional party
25 th July	Final certificate worship	9am – all welcome
25 th July	School ends 1.05pm	

Dates for term 1 2018-19 – please see the website calendar

Open Water Safety Advice

During the summer months and in particular in hot weather, Thames Valley Police would like to remind our residents of the dangers of open water. Open water includes ponds, lakes, rivers, reservoirs, quarries, docks and beaches. It is important people make the most of the weather and enjoy the water but do so safely and sensibly.

Spot the dangers

Water may look safe, but it can be dangerous. Learn to spot and keep away from dangers. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water.

The dangers of water include:

- very cold temperatures
- strong hidden currents
- steep slippery banks – making it difficult to get out
- deep water – which can change and be unpredictable
- hidden rubbish or objects, e.g. shopping trolleys, broken glass
- there are no lifeguards
- it may be polluted and may make you ill

Make sure you:

- stay out of water unless you know it's safe
- don't jump into the water from heights, e.g. bridges
- have access to safety equipment
- never enter the water alone
- never swim under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- look out for warning signs and advice in the area
- keep dogs on leads when you are walking near water
- avoid walking or running near water in the dark

If someone is in difficulty in the water reassure them, shout for help and call the emergency services on 999
For more information on water safety visit the [Royal Life Saving Society website](http://www.royallifesaving.org.uk)

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