



Dear Parents and carers,

Thanks to everyone who attended parent meetings this week. The evenings are always a pleasure because you are all so interested in your children's education. As many of you will be aware we are due our Ofsted inspection. As part of the process we would like to encourage people to complete the online parent view form. You will need to create a log in and follow the information on the link - <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> . We are always striving to improve our school – if there are things about school life that you have concerns about please come and speak to us as we would like to think that we can offer solutions and support.

This week we have been reviewing lunchtimes, as part of the work we have been talking to parents and children about school dinners. At parents evening we offer a tasting session and were very pleased with the response. Our poll of parent's shows us that many children are very satisfied with school dinners and that children are very keen to have them. For those who do not have them, we will act upon the suggestions made such as separating food and sauces and sticking to the menu. The cost of dinners is not set by school we understand that some people are unable to afford them, don't forget that Recp, Y1 and Y2 children are all able to have free dinners. There are a number of parents that would like to see free meals extended to all year groups – please write to your MP and local councillors and express this opinion. On the school calendar we have added the next set of house lunches – parents are invited to have lunch with their child's house team. On census day 56 pupils had school dinner – this was a school record! Lunch boxes are also looking really good – there has been a real reduction of wrapped food and an increase in fruit and vegetables. Thank you.

Thank you for the amazing response at harvest time. We sorted the food to send to food banks in Didcot, Abingdon and Witney areas. All of these groups were very grateful for the kindness shown. Have a great weekend
All at St Blaise



On Wednesday Poplar are holding a pirate day, the children are welcome to dress up. Please come along at 2pm and join your children and the staff in Oak and Poplar for an open afternoon.

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Governor News

Dear Parents/Carers,

The full Governing Board met in September for the first meeting of the year. The minutes from our July meeting were approved and can be accessed on the school website by visiting <https://www.st-blaise.oxon.sch.uk/our-school/governors/>. The meeting was a review and planning meeting and discussions included reviewing the progress made last year against the school objectives. Governors were very pleased with the progress which has been made and the positive impact on pupil outcomes but as always, there is more to do as reflected in the school's 2018-19 targets which the governors approved. Governors approved the SEND Report to Parents/Carers and this can be accessed on the school website by visiting <https://www.st-blaise.oxon.sch.uk/our-school/governors/>. Finally, governors would like to ask all Parent/Carers to complete the On-line Parent View Questionnaire by visiting: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> - this will enable us to understand what the school is doing well and less well and how we can support the school.

Governors – St Blaise Primary School

We were really pleased so many parents/carers attended parents evening and took the time to talk to us as governors. It was a great opportunity for us to hear your views. The feedback on school dinners will be given to the catering staff and as governors we plan to give more updates, via these newsletters, about what we've been doing to support the school. Caroline Darling – community link governor



I was delighted as Maple class link governor to assist with Viking day. I worked with the pupils helping them to make Viking long boats. Their designs were unique and clever. The children bought into the event and behaved brilliantly.
Mr Smith – Maple class link governor



Coin train

On Thursday the children will be building house coin trains. Please send your change into school 1ps, 2ps and silver if you can spare it. This is a house team competition.



Skipping workshop



On Friday 19th October we have a skipping day. We would like to invite you all to come at 2.45pm to see the work that the children have done. After school we are inviting you all to stay and join us in a skipping workshop – parents and children together.



Children in need

On November 16th we will be raising funds for Children in Need by holding a pyjama day. Please come to school in your PJ's - £1 per child

Dates for your diary - (These are all on the website calendar)

Wednesday 17th Oct - Poplar Pirate Day

Wednesday 17th Oct - Open classrooms - 2pm - KEYSTAGE 1

Thursday 18th Oct - coin lines fundraising

Friday 19th Oct - Skipping workshop for classes - parents to join us at 2.50pm

Half term - 22nd - 26th October

31st Oct - Maple out at Rutherford Appleton

1st Nov - Parents breakfast - £2 a bap

5th - 9th Nov - WW1 week

9th Nov 9am - Remembrance service. 2pm Maple performance

12th - 16th Nov - Anti-bullying week

13th Nov - Willow class visit the Living Rainforest

16th Nov - Certificate worship - wear your PJ's to school - children in need

27th Nov - Bags2school

28th Nov - Y1-6 Watermill theatre trip

30th Nov - certificate worship

4th and 5th Dec - Oak and Poplar nativity

12th Dec - Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner

14th Dec - Fitness testing

18th Dec - 9am Christmas service at St Blaise

19th Dec - 9am certificate worship

19th Dec - School ends 1.15pm

7th Jan - new term begins

Year 6 Transfer to Secondary

Parents can now submit online applications for children to transfer from primary to secondary school for Year 7 entry in September 2019.

Parents should apply direct at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Parents unable or unwilling to apply online, can complete the [secondary application form](#) by hand, this should then be posted recorded delivery to the Admissions Team or hand delivered to County

Hall. The deadline is **October 31st**

Please make sure that you supervise your child before and after school so that everyone can be safe on the playground.

BOBS (Buddies of Blaise School) Events for 2018

DATE	EVENT	OTHER INFORMATION
18 th October 2018	Money Train	Please pop any loose change 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p (anything you can spare, in to the money bag found in your child's book bag. Please can children then put it in their house box found in the library area
31 st October 2018	Second hand school uniform sale	If you have any good condition school uniform hanging around please donate it to BOBS, we will be holding a 2 nd hand school uniform sale after school on date shown.
1 st November 2018	Next BOBS meeting	BOBS will be holding their next meeting on date shown. Please come along if you would like to get involved.
6 th November 2018	Table Top Sale	BOBS are holding a table top sale after school on shown date. If you would like to sell at this event please see one of the BOBS team. Buyers to arrive from 3.30pm Entry £1pp Cakes will be on sale.
29 th November 2018	Movie Night	Movie night will have age related films showing in classrooms. Refreshments will be available to buy on the night. Further info to follow
14 th December 2018	Christmas Fair	BOBS will be holding a tombola, please donate any gifts/money to a BOBS member. Further details to be added.