

Dear Parents and carers,

This week we are delighted to welcome Mrs Maton who is joining us from Brookes University as a trainee teacher. Mrs Maton will be with us until mid-March on her second placement and will be teaching alongside Mr Lyne in Willow class.



Please can we respectfully remind you that we have a bike shed for bikes and scooters. A number have been parked in front of gates and alongside the building – this is a health and safety issue as they are blocking fire routes.

If anyone has any unwanted complete games we are building up a stock for breakfast club. Thank you.

Please don't hesitate in coming to speak to us about any concerns, it is difficult to help if we are not aware of any niggles.

### Maths meeting

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January Mr Lyne our maths lead will be running a maths evening for parents 6-7pm. This is for all age groups. There will be wine and cheese and a crèche available. Everyone is welcome but please could you let the office know if you are coming and if you need child care.

Have a great weekend

Ruth Leach and the staff at St Blaise

### **Building News**

The planning process for the new Red Dragon, RECP and KS1 block is underway. The County Council are seeking planning permission and also to increase pupil numbers.

[https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult/ti/st\\_blaise\\_expansion/consultationHome](https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult/ti/st_blaise_expansion/consultationHome)

I will do a regular update via the newsletter so that you are aware of the next steps. The plans can be found on the school website.

<https://www.st-blaise.oxon.sch.uk/our-school/school-future/>



Did you know that Amazon Kindle is a free app that has lots of books for children. These come as standard so you can select and upload on phones and iPads. Please have a look – it is a great way to access free books.

## Term Dates - 2

21 <sup>st</sup> January	Maths evening for parents
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Certificate worship
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	This is St Blaise Day – please go along to St Blaise church if you have time
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer internet day
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Tea and coffee morning for parents
13 <sup>th</sup> February	The Wizard of Oz Performance
14 <sup>th</sup> February	The Wizard of Oz Performance
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Certificate worship
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Half term
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/ guardian breakfast
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Certificate worship
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Cox house parents invited for Lunch
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent meetings -2pm -6.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Fitness testing
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Tea and coffee morning
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Certificate activities and Mother’s day activities
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Open classes – PM
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter service
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter activity day
5 <sup>th</sup> April	School ends 1.15pm Easter holiday

The numbers of pupils taking holidays in term time has decreased dramatically over the last 5 years and we appreciate your support with this. This year we are aiming for 97% attendance as a school target which is ambitious but is vital for a child to maximise their learning opportunities. The school term dates are on the school website – we publish this year and next year’s dates.

We appreciate that some children are unwell and we certainly recommend them staying at home until they are better but consider when they are fit to return and think about minimising their time off.

