

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for the amazing effort that people made to make sure that the children could take part in World Book Day. There were some amazing costumes – we had a great day sharing and enjoying books together. Your support for the Book Fair (thank you Kelly and BOBs for running this) has also been fantastic – thank you. There will be lots of photos on the website soon.

Last Friday we all enjoyed taking part in a scooter day. The children learnt how to ride scooters and even to do some tricks they also spent time considering scooter safety. When the children ride scooters they need to be wearing helmets – the scooter team also suggest knee and elbow pads for ultimate protection.



BOBs raised £15 with the 'Bits and Bobs' sale – we hope to build on this by holding more sales in the future. Thank you if you were able to support. The next fundraising event is the Mother's day (or special person) in your life tea – this is - £3pp (including children – they eat more than the adults). Tickets go on sale on Monday from BOBs

Please be advised that a helicopter will be landing on the back field on Monday 18th March at 4pm – please be aware of this particularly if your children play out after school.

Have you ever thought about running a sports club? This year Mr Cruse has started a very successful table tennis club and we want to build on this by encouraging more of you to consider helping with afterschool activities. Please come and have a chat.

Have a great weekend Ruth Leach and the staff team

Dear Parents – please find below some additional information about the MOMO challenges. A number of you have been in contact with the school regarding this matter, we appreciate your concern and have responded to individuals in the hope that this is reassuring – if you have any further comments please speak to school and not use social media sites.

https://www.common sense media.org/blog/viral-youtube-challenges-internet-stunts-popular-with-kids?utm_source=NEW+03012019+TWEEN-TEEN&utm_medium=email

Momo Challenge - what you need to know

Background

There are a lot of people talking about the Momo Challenge at the moment, and much of what is being said just isn't true. It is essentially a hoax, but it is something that can be very frightening for children if they come across the images. There is also a danger that they may follow the instructions to add a WhatsApp number, and then they may receive the nasty and destructive instructions about self harm that you have probably heard talked about.

Advice to give children

The most important thing to remember is that if you see anything on the internet or in a video that upsets or confuses you, go and talk to your parents or a teacher. Remember that you are always in control - you have the power to say "No" to doing things you do not want to do, especially if that comes from anyone that you do not know.

Further information and advice

The "Momo challenge" - what parents need to know (Kidscape)

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/news/2019/february/the-momo-challenge-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Momo challenge: Police advise over 'freaky game' (BBC)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-47359623>

Is the Momo Challenge real, or an online hoax? Fact Check

<https://www.thatsnonsense.com/is-the-momo-challenge-real-or-an-online-hoax-fact-check/>



Car Parking

Please respect the Milton Heights community by not blocking drives and parking on the grass opposite school. The Parish council have had a number of complaints and the police are monitoring this area now. Please consider parking away from the main entrance and walking those last few steps.

Governors Vacancies.

What is a School Governor?

A governor is a volunteer who gives their time to oversee the long term development of the school. The three main areas a governor is involved in are:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Being a governor is an incredibly valuable experience, it is a unique opportunity to give something back to the community and further develop your own skills and experiences which could also benefit your own professional development and career progression.

Please visit the School Website for more information.

BOBS (Buddies of Blaise School)

BOBS work together alongside the school and the parents to raise money for equipment, resources and events that are unaffordable within the school budget. The funds also contribute to making school trips more affordable such as the Christmas theatre trip and contributes to the leavers gifts and book bags for the new starters in Oak Class.

BOBS is made up of parents who volunteer their time to organise and plan the fundraising events that involve the children and the school community, and it plays an important role in supporting the school. Past fundraising events have included discos, after school cake and ice cream sales, non-school uniform days, second hand uniform sales, a money train and our tombola stand at the school Christmas fair. All of which have helped raise our £2000 target to install new climbing equipment in the playground.

We are always looking for fresh ideas, an extra pair of hands and support throughout the year and would welcome anyone who would like to join us.

We meet once every half term and we welcome anyone who would like to attend the meetings.

Term Dates -

11 th - 15 th March	Science week
13 th March	Stay at drop off and experiment with your children starting at 9am after registration
13 th March	Cox house parents invited for Lunch
15 th March	Certificate worship
15 th March	Comic relief day – children can wear red or comic relief merchandise - £1
20 th March	Parent meetings -2pm -6.30pm
22 nd March	Fitness testing
27 th March	Tea and coffee morning
28 th March	Mother's Day tea
29 th March	Certificate worship
3 rd April	Open classes – PM – Poplar, Willow and Maple
3 rd April	BOBS disco – CHANGE OF DATE
4 th April	Easter service 10.40pm
5 th April	Easter activity day
5 th April	School ends 1.15pm Easter holiday

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