

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a real pleasure seeing you all on Thursday morning and catching up with everyone's news. The school is full of new uniform and shiny shoes – the children look really smart and came in excited and ready to learn – thank you. We are delighted to welcome many new children and their families. As well as our fantastic fifteen in Oak class we also have Martim and Mia who have joined Willow class. We hope that you will settle quickly and soon feel part of the St Blaise team.

This year we have decided that we will focus on worship themes and explore all of our Christian values within these topics. This term we are thinking about families and will be using the quote, "different families, same love". We want to make sure that children explore this theme in a very inclusive way and will be very sensitive about the wide variety of circumstances of each child.

This year we will be developing several areas of the schools development: Maths – calculation, English – writing and the Arts – we will also be applying for Eco Schools status so will be working towards that. Our behaviour focus will be around break times.

As you may have noticed the building project hasn't started and has been delayed until 30<sup>th</sup> September due to access rights for the contractors. We will keep you posted. We have good news however about the science garden – it has had a makeover and looks great. We are hoping to have a grand opening later in the term. We do need ongoing help with our grounds maintenance, we will be having a series of come and help days for families – please support these as our budget will not cover more than just the basic cutting back.

The class pages on the website will be updated over the next few days so please keep an eye out for curriculum information. We have a new homework tab under the class page so you will always be able to find information about your child's homework – this will also help us to reduce the amount of paper that we are using. If the children need to complete a sheet then we will send a copy home. Homework will start next week.

Please come and speak to your class teacher or the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Ruth Leach and the St Blaise team

## Behaviour strategies

We have made a few changes to the consequences section of our policy. We will be sending yellow cards home so that you are more aware of any incident and can support us in dealing with things quickly. Yellow cards will be given for refusal, repeated non-cooperation and distracting others, children will always be given time to talk to an adult and guidance on how to put things right. Restorative cards will be used once there has been a circle discussion. These will also be sent home and discussed with the class teacher, child and parent. If three restorative cards are given in a term then there will be a meeting and a plan will be put in place.

## PE KITS

Please can you make sure that all children have a labelled PE kit that is in a bag. We need to smarten up our PE wear so please can you make sure that they have a white t-shirt with navy, black or claret shorts. Pumps or trainers should always be part of the kit. Earrings must be taped up or removed.



Following the success of mini kickers and the summer football camp the Saturday mornings sessions will continue at Milton United with Kevin Lloyd and Oxfordshire football development which is great and I know a number of the current Saturday players are re-joining.



## **Term 1 2019-20**

Week 2 Sep	Maths week	
	Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	2pm New pupil (RECP) welcome worship – St Blaise school
	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	9am certificate worship – all welcome
	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	2pm- Parents welcome to share maths work
Week 3 Sep	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	School photos.
	Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	Maths fair 3-4pm
Week 4 Sep	Clubs start - 10 weeks	
	Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Phonics evening 6-7pm with crèche – Recp and Y1
	Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Harvest service 10.40- 11.10
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	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Certificate worship 9am – all welcome
Week 5 Oct	Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	PM – Maple to help with Methodist lunch and sing
	Wed and thus – 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Willow to Court Hill – residential
Week 6 Oct	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Certificates
Week 8 Oct	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Outdoor learning day – certificate worship at the end – 2pm



### **Additional future Christmas dates!**



26/11 – Choir – Big Christmas sing  
 10/12 – Oak and Poplar nativity – 1.30pm and 6pm  
 11/12 – Christmas dinner  
 17/12 – Willow and Maple Christmas concert  
 18/12 – Christmas service – 2pm  
 19/12 – Last day – school ends 1.15pm

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