

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sorry about the delay in publishing the newsletter - illness struck!!

Thank you to everyone who supported the British Legion collection – we raised £62. We were also delighted to receive a cheque for £30.88 from the easy fundraising group – BoBs set this up so that we can raise money for school by shopping online. Please have a look particularly as the season for present buying is upon us

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>



Tickets are on sale for the KS1 performance and the KS2 singing evening – please purchase them through School Money.

**Oak and Poplar A king is born**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 13:30 and 18:00.**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 18:00**

**Willow and Maple Christmas Sing**

**17<sup>th</sup> December 18:00**

Have a good week

Ruth Leach and the St Blaise team



We had a really successful anti-bullying week looking at school policy, raising awareness and developing self-help strategies. No schools are free of bullying incidents but we hope that we can make pupils aware of the issues and how everyone can work together to ensure that we minimise any incidents.

*We are delighted to welcome Luke Norman who joined us as a PE coach this week. Luke has the experience and expertise that we want from a coach and the ability to help us develop school teams. All classes will have PE on a Thursday and on a day chosen by their class teacher.*



## LUKE NORMAN

- FOUNDATION PHASE COACH FOR CHELTENHAM TOWN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
- 12 YEARS COACHING EXPERIENCE IN SCHOOLS, GRASSROOT CLUBS & OTHER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE'S
- LEVEL 2 MULTI SKILLS COACH
- UEFA B & MODULE 3 LICENSED FOOTBALL COACH
- THE FA'S REGIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR FOR THE WEST MIDLANDS IN 2014
- FORMER FA SKILLS COACH FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS
- FORMER FA COACH MENTOR
- OBSESSED WITH LEARNING!

"My Philosophy – I believe every Child deserves a champion, an Adult who will never give up on them who understands the power of connection and encourages them to be the best they can be".

Anthony J. D'Angelo says "Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow"

*On Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> Luke and Kevin (Milton Kickers) will be running a multisport day at school – the day will cost £15pp and will run from 9-3pm. Details will be on the clubs website shortly. In January there will be a multisport after school club on a Thursday.*

There will be a BoBS meeting on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November after school to organise the Christmas fundraising events, please come along and support as they need volunteers.

**PLEASE SELL RAFFLE TICKETS TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ANY TICKETS NOT SOLD PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE.**

**Lots of great prizes so far include, Meals out, Oxford united tickets, tickets to Beale Park and Cotswold Wildlife Park, and many more.**

### New Build

We are now hoping that the new build will begin as soon as we come back to school in January. There have been some complications with the boundaries so the start is tied up in legal tape! We will have the drawings and a Q&A opportunity at the forthcoming parent meeting.

### Election news

Just in case you weren't aware we have a general election on December 12<sup>th</sup>! The school is currently used as a polling station and we welcome the community. We are going to remain open for this election; Maple class will use the hall for the day.

We have also been made aware that there will be an election on May 7<sup>th</sup> for the Police commissioner; we are considering shutting for this event as we will have started the building project. On the 8<sup>th</sup> May we have the swapped bank holiday date so this will make an extended weekend. We will confirm the closure as soon as we can but please bear it in mind !

Please be aware that if you change your pick up arrangements all staff are advised to check with the office – this may mean that people have to wait whilst we check out contacts and the log book. We hope you will understand and support us with this because we are just keeping your children safe.

Please see the additional date's document – things are subject to change we try our best to minimise this but sometimes situations do arise – please use the website to keep an eye on changes.



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