

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 1b. We have had a great start to the new term. The children have been very settled and classrooms are busy and focused. This term we are looking at our Christian values through the topic of refugees. Worship will include modern issues, biblical refugees and us reflecting on our feelings. We have a display in the hall that they children are welcome to add to if they find out information and interesting facts.

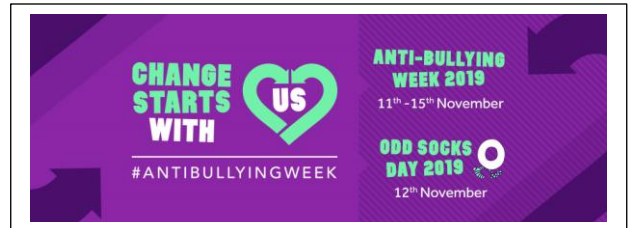
Thank you to everyone who entered the Lego competition. Once again we were overwhelmed with the quality of the models and the enthusiasm of the children. It was very difficult for the judges to make their decisions. The results were: Oak – *Phoebe McManus*, Poplar- *Evie and Oliver Hodge and Charmian Lissenden* , Willow – *Ethan Argent* , Maple – *Caitlin Grisbrooke*. Pictures of the winner's models will go on the school website.

Today we raised over £79 pounds for BoB's with the Non School uniform day. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Next week we will be launching anti-bullying week. This year the theme is Change starts with us. Kai, Jakson, Rocky and Cullen trained to be Anti-bullying ambassadors this week. They have lots of great ideas and plans but need to know how people are feeling – next week please complete their survey so that we can make sure that at St Blaise we are doing everything possible to reduce bullying and empower our children.

We were shocked to find out that 67% of children in Oxfordshire (Y4-6) that took an OCC survey feel that they have been bullied. We hope that this would be a lot less at St Blaise but need to understand what we can do better.

We will launch the week on Tuesday with odd sock day.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBrPy3ZXGzk&feature=youtu.be>

On Tuesday wear odd socks to show that we are all unique and different. Have a look at the video to launch the campaign.

Have a great weekend

Ruth Leach and the St Blaise team



Thanks to everyone who has supported our Aldi sticker campaign. We have completed our poster so can now enter the draw. We have two new things to promote. The Sun newspaper are running a token collection to win books for schools. The tokens are available until January in the paper. Please ask friends and family to save the tokens for the school. We can also

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.

Thank

You

Governor News

During half-term our Chair of Governors, Kevin Moyes, stepped down from the governing board. Kevin has been of great service to the school working tirelessly to bring about change, supporting our work to raise the achievement of all pupils. He will be sadly missed but still wants to remain involved in our school community. We will elect a new Chair at next week's Governors' Meeting.

We now have two vacancies on the Governing Board and invite you to consider joining us – you can find out more at the Parents' Evening on the 27th November, when there will be an opportunity to discuss the role of governors.



Poppy merchandise is now available and will be until the 11th November. We have poppies for sale and snap bands, wrist bands, coat reflectors and zip tags. Year 5&6 will selling items after school. Please support this very important cause.

Election news

Just in case you weren't aware we have a general election on December 12th! 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 7th for the Police commissioner; we are considering shutting for this event as we will have started the building project. On the 8th 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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