

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are celebrating so many successes over the last few weeks. The choir performed twice in our local community – their performances at Milton MacDonald's and Milton Park were well received and the children had a great time. Huge thanks goes to Mrs Green who has inspired and prepared the group. Last week we held our annual Christmas Fair. We raised £1,369 which far exceeds any event we have ever run before – thank you, the support was tremendous. The money raised over the last three years is being saved to ensure that we have some super new playground equipment when we eventually get our new area, the children chose things such as monkey bars and a climbing nest which we hope to see very soon.

Our nativity play – A King is Born was wonderful; the children were a joy to watch and stars in the making. Miss Pimm and Mrs Green were so proud of their classes. Our after show collection raised £155 which will help us to revamp costumes and improve sets and backdrops.

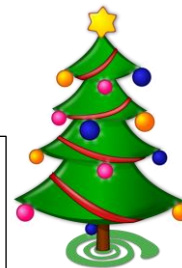


Christmas jumper day raised £70 for Save the Children. Please follow this link to find out how the money helps <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/how-you-help>

Clubs lists are now out so please sign up. We have two clubs that will be run by outside professional groups these are more expensive but still represent excellent value for money. Both the dance and sports club need a minimum of 10 children. We really would like to have forms in by Wednesday. Thanks to all who attended the moon rock exhibits – the children had three super days exploring these amazing artefacts. We are now allowed to talk about the event and will get some photographs onto the website as soon as we are able.

Next Tuesday we have Willow and Maple's Christmas concert – tickets are on sale from the office, on Wednesday at 2pm we have our Christmas service at school – all welcome, that evening BoB's will be holding a disco – please see them on the playground for tickets £3 each. School ends at 1.15pm on Thursday there will be a certificate worship at 9am that morning.

Ruth Leach and the St Blaise team



Please don't forget that on Tuesday 17th we have a Christmas cake bake off. Emily and Lilly are raising funds for the Oxford soup kitchen. Bring your entries along and try and win a prize.

School expansion update

Due to the condition of the road and carpark that the builders will be using to access the site they will have to spend the first 3 months of the project making the access robust enough. This delays the start of work on site again. We are hoping that the carpark and playground changes will start in March.

RED January

RED January is a campaign lead by the charity Mind encouraging you to get active every day of the month. Exercise can be a massive influence on our Mental Health and January is a perfect month for the challenge, urging us to kick start the year and boost our self-esteem through fun activities. 'RED' stands for "Run Every Day" but whether we walk, jog, dance or play team games, each day of January, St. Blaise will be getting active!

We will also hold a RED non-school uniform day on Friday 14th Feb. With all proceeds going to Mind.

See what you can do at home – useful links- <https://www.wea.org.uk/families-get-active>

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>

Christmas card competition

Rev Phil has asked the children to design a Christmas card ready for next year on the theme of refugees. We have been thinking about the plight of refugees this term and he would like the card to be on this theme. This week we have thought about Jesus as a refugee and the hardships his family endured.

Please can we have entries before the end of term – there are prizes.

Next terms dates and events will be sent home next week – everything should be on the website calendar so please have a look.

Events this term

Date	Event	Who is this for?	Other information
17/12/19	KS2 Christmas concert	Maple and Willow	This will be a ticketed event (£1) due to fire regulations. Children will stay after school for a final rehearsal. Event to start at 6pm
18/12/19	Christmas service	All pupils and staff, parents welcome to come but there is limited space	We will now be holding this event at school – 2pm
18/12/19	BOBS disco	All pupils – all classes	BOBs will be selling these tickets on the playground £3. Children must have a ticket in advance, they will also be selling hot food and snacks on the night.
19/12/19	Worship	All pupils and staff, parents welcome	9am – last certificate worship of the year SCHOOL ENDS AT 1.15pm

BoB's and St Blaise School would like to say a huge thank you to all the generous companies who donated prizes to this year's Christmas raffle. Also a special thank you to Hayley Kogel who volunteered so much of her time to get these prizes.

Miele. Ock Mill, Abingdon. MTA Carpet Cleaning. Wildwood Restaurant. The Prince of Wales, Didcot. White Horse Leisure Centre. Hilton Abingdon, Malmaison, Oxford. Cosmos. The Packhorse. The Plum Pudding. Kupp, The Courtyard, Milton. The Alchemist. Victors, Oxford. Oxford United. The Varsity Club. The Boundry House. Zighana, Didcot. Loose Cannon Brewery. Kolkata, Didcot. ASDA. The Playhouse. Blenheim Palace. Ask Abingdon, Cotswold Wildlife Park. Beale Park. Partyman, Didcot Wave. Yarnton Garden Centre. Space Didcot. Body Shop. Q-Gardens. Boswells Didcot.

