

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week of festive fun and celebrations. Congratulations to KS2 for such a lovely thought provoking evening. Year 4 organised and presented a really beautiful Christmas worship.

Thanks to Claire Windsor and her Mum for crocheting over 150 stars that people took home.

The governors would like to thank all staff involved in the Christmas productions - last week saw Oak and Poplar retelling the Christmas Story, this week it was the turn of Willow and Maple. Both productions were truly in the spirit of Christmas - young children performing the nativity is always a joy and last week children sang beautifully and performed their roles with aplomb. On Tuesday, the older children treated us to wonderful singing and the narration, scripted by the children; it showed great empathy.

So a huge well done to all the children and also to all the staff who give over and above what might be expected to ensure the children's education is enriched and they achieve their potential in so many ways.

Our best wishes for a very happy Christmas,
Have a great start to 2020. See you all on the 6th of January
The St Blaise staff and governors



Thank you for the donations that have been made towards the Oxford Soup Kitchen. We managed to raise £204 for this great cause. We wanted to tell you why we chose the charity. We have been learning about refugees and the importance of helping others, please have a look at the website <https://icolynsmithfoundation.co.uk/>. Being homeless can happen to anyone at any time in any place, we wanted to help a charity who make a difference.

The winners of the Bake off were - Chloe in Oak, Frank in Poplar, Halia in Willow, Alex in Maple and the adults competition was won by Jack our student teacher.

Emily and Lily - Maple Class

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>

Dates for Term 2 2019-20

Dates are subject to some minor changes – please use the website calendar as well.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1	9/1/20	Parent breakfast – 8.45am	£1 bap – 50p a drink
2	14/1/19	Swimming begins for Maple class	10 Weeks
2	16/1/20	Willow trip to The Oxfordshire Museum	
	17/1/20	Certificate worship	
4	27 th 28 th /01/20 2 teams per night	Homelessness after school activity – includes living in a box and soup kitchen – after school	Letter to follow in the new year
	31/1/20	Certificate worship	
5	6/2/20	Parent breakfast – 8.45am	
	7/2/20	Willow open afternoon 2pm	
*6	14/2/20	Certificate worship Launch of family art competition	

*There will be an e-safety parents meeting one evening this week – we are waiting for confirmation

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1	26 th – 28 th /2/20	Book Fair	
2	2/3- /3/20	Book fair	
	5/3/20	World Book day	
		Weights and measures for Oak and Y6	Letter to follow
3	All week	Maple class at Woodlands	
	11/3/20	Outdoor learning day	
4	18/3/20	Parent meetings There will be a Mother's Day event this week	
5	26/3/20	Parent breakfast – 8.45am	
	27/3/20	Fitness testing day	
6	2/4/20	Easter service at school 2pm	
	3/4/20	Launch of Maths art competition School ends 1.15pm	