

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year. The new term has started well, the children are enthusiastic and engaged with their learning – there is a great buzz about the school!

We are delighted to welcome two new children and their families to St Blaise. Mateusz has joined Willow class and Baileigh in Maple class, we hope that they will settle in quickly – please help us to make them feel welcome.

Please use the website to access homework – we have been doing this since September – please ask if you are experiencing difficulties or are unable to access it. <https://www.st-blaise.oxon.sch.uk/homework/>

If anyone has any leftover wool please could Maple class have it? – Thank you.

Clubs start next week; children doing dance on Monday or Sports Club on Thursday must have PE kits – this needs to include suitable trainers/pumps.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ruth Leach and the St Blaise team.

Building News

The school expansion is now due to begin at the start of May. Delays have been caused due to site access. The building company have got to install a temporary road access because the road leading to the football club will not sustain the amount of heavy traffic anticipated. The building company are doing some further tests. Work should begin in the area behind school early April. We will keep you posted.



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> Charlotte has set up a Just Giving Page for the event – please have a look and if you feel that you could contribute and make a donation we are targeting making £100 for MIND



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/StBlaise>

BoB's

BoB's is our School Parents association and the numbers of Parents joining over the last few years has gone down. They desperately need volunteers to help with events, with the school expanding and new parents joining the school family, it's a great opportunity to get to know the other parents. There will be a meeting after school on Friday the 17th January, Children are welcome. Please come along and help support them.

CAMAHS Survey - The Oxfordshire Parent Carers Forum are asking for people's experiences of accessing CAMHS in Oxfordshire. Whether you are a parent/carer, professional or young person, we would like to understand what your experience has been.

The survey is available at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CAMHSOXON>

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>
2	14/1/19	Swimming begins for Willow class	10 Weeks
2	16/1/20	Willow trip to The Oxfordshire Museum	
	17/1/20	Certificate worship	9am
4	27 th 28 th /1/20 2 teams per night	Homelessness after school activity – includes living in a box and soup kitchen – after school	Letter sent – Monday 6 th Jan. £2 to go to Oxford Soup Kitchen. All Participants must pay.
	31/1/20	Certificate worship	9am
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	9am
6	14/2/20	Maple class Mayan afternoon 2pm	
6	17/02/20	Half Term	

*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	
2	5/3/20	World Book day	
2	6/3/20	Certificate worship	
2	TBC	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	
	20/3/20	Certificate worship	
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	