



15/7/2020

Dear All,

In September we could not have anticipated the year that we have had. We truly hope that September will bring the school back together with the excitement of a new building and lots of positive change ahead.



This week has been emotional as we said goodbye to our magnificent Year Six. We have been so pleased to have had them in school for their final term, it has meant that they have had a really great end to their time at St Blaise. Most of the year six have been members of the school community since Red Dragon, they have remained a really stable and unified group. The arrival in year five of Marcel added to the group

and he was made to feel very much part of the team. On Wednesday we held a socially distanced worship. The children were presented with their gifts, showed the cushions and books they had made and shared their memories with their families. We laughed at the amazing photographs of them growing up at home and school, we enjoyed songs that they had videoed which are now in the Assembly Room on Google classroom, we even had a choral rendition of Shalom from the staff!



We laughed together, cried together and shared a very special time of farewells and excitement about the future. We will miss Alex, Alice, Amelia, Emily, Jake, Jakson, Kai, Kyle, Lily and Marcel very much but wish them well in all that they go on to do. Please have a look in the Assembly Room for clips and snippets of the day.

We are also saying farewell to Kallum who is moving to a new school to begin his next adventure. Kallum wrote and organised a really moving service to celebrate his time at St Blaise. He even composed a new song for the occasion and performed it with Team Willow. Kallum will be missed at St Blaise because he was always so loyal and dedicated to our school.



Other leavers this term include Molly Rouse who will be moving to a new school – we wish her well as she takes her pink jewel on future adventures.

Staff leavers this term include Mrs Waldman who has worked with us several times this year. Mrs Waldman has always been passionate about engaging her learners and we have had some very entertaining lessons! Good luck in your new school.

After several years of service at St Blaise, Barrie Burgess, who has been part of our cleaning team is retiring. We have been very grateful for all that Barrie has done for the school – enjoy your retirement!

CONGRATULATIONS – TO Miss Pimm who has passed her NQT Year. A very big well done from us all at St Blaise.

COMING SOON!!!!

Staff are busy recording stories for the story room for you to enjoy over the holiday



Summer holiday arrangements

St Blaise will be closed during the six weeks of the summer holidays in line with all local schools. In addition we have building work taking place so staff only have access to the building in week 1 and week 6 – you are welcome to leave messages during this time. Staff class email addresses will be closed, they will reopen in September. The Office email address will be checked sporadically. You can contact me on my headteacher email address which will be checked each week. Headteacher.3260@st-blaise.oxon.sch.uk



During the school holiday we would like to offer two book sessions where we encourage you to come and select new books. The sessions will be held outside if the weather is good or just inside the hall if it is raining.

Thursday -23rd July -10-11.30am

Tuesday - 25th August - 10-11.30am

Please bring books back when you come and exchange them.

There will be no specific home learning set during the summer holiday. The most important things that you can do with the children are reading and basic number work – number bonds leading to tables. We have attached a summer holiday challenge sheet that we hope many of you will enjoy.

September arrangements

From September 3rd all pupils will be expected to return to school. The school will be open five days a week for all year groups. We will continue with staggered start and end times, each group will also have designated play spaces. Additional cleaning will take place during the school day. The children will have access to a full curriculum but no whole school events and assemblies will take place. The children will need to return in school uniform. During the summer if you are able to purchase a pencil case for your child it would be a great help.

A full letter has been sent out with more detail, the risk assessment can be found on the website. We are very pleased that we are able to return as a whole school and really look forward to having everyone together again.



Please make sure that your child has a water bottle and a waterproof coat for September – the children have expressed the need to go outside to play even if it is raining!!!

GARDENING HELP

The builders have politely asked for us not to paint and tidy the school grounds during the first week of the holiday. I will send out information about a day in the last week of the holidays when it will be safer!



On behalf of the staff of St Blaise we would like to thank you all for your support this year. We hope that you have a really lovely summer holiday – please stay safe and well.

Take care

Ruth Leach and the staff of St Blaise

