



23/7/2020

Dear All,



I thought that I would send a newsletter week one and week six of the holidays as things are changing so rapidly at school!!

It was great to see so many families today at the book swap, it was good to refresh books for the children but also to catch up with families. Don't forget that we will be doing this again on:



Tuesday - 25th August - 11-12.30pm (change of time)

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

Building works

The school site looks very different! By 8am on Monday the school was surrounded by fencing and the diggers moved in. The builders have worked really hard and are well on track to complete the new carpark, road and playground.



The playground is being finished this week whilst the work is being done on the carpark. When both are ready they will be tarmacked and lined.

The Rainbow garden has been cleared to make way for the new road and carpark. A large hole has to be dug as there will be an attenuation tank going underneath. The tank will collect rainwater then let it out slowly preventing flooding.



The footings have been dug for the extended office and kitchen. Today they were filled with concrete.



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!



Thank you for the wonderful array of gifts that we were given at the end of term. They were so thoughtful.



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