



If there are any COVID cases in your close family group, please let the school office know so that we can follow procedures.

Letter 16

4/12/20

Dear All,



Happy advent season! This week we have celebrated the first Sunday of advent – hope. The children are hoping for lots of Christmas presents but also for a better 2021, the end of COVID and the return of normal. We hope that you have had a look at the school advent calendar. It is a chance to show case work that we would have loved to have shared with you live!

<https://www.st-blaise.oxon.sch.uk/advent-calendar/>



Please return your family stars so that we can fill the fencing with messages of joy.

A number of children have been bringing in their own soap and cream, any substances on the premises have to have data sheets and storage arrangements. If the cream/soap has been prescribed or is for a very specific reason then that is fine, although paperwork needs to be completed. We will be sending home things without permission so please don't be offended.

Christmas news



Cards – children are welcome to give Christmas cards to the children in their bubble.

This year class bubbles will produce a short play/ celebration that you will be able to watch in the last week of term.

Next Friday we are holding our annual Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children. Please bring £1. We will have Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December and try to make the school as festive and fun as we can. Please complete the order form before the 9th December if your child will be having a Christmas Dinner.



We have decided to suspend our no sweets for birthday's policy this academic year (Sep 2020-July 21). If children have a birthday to celebrate and you would like to bring in small individually wrapped sweets or chocolate please do. Staff will hold them for 72 hours so bring them a few days before if you would like them handed out on the day.



Winter reading challenge

Please have a look at the library mini winter reading challenge, please let us know if you have a go.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/winter-mini-challenge-20>



Zoom Meeting

I will be hosting an end of term Zoom meeting for any parents who would like to get together and just have a cup of tea and virtual chat on Dec 15th 2pm – 2.30pm. Please join me.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84929076346?pwd=cjB5QjVnL0l0Q0xrNEExTEEx3cWVHQOT09>

Meeting ID: 849 2907 6346

Passcode: 173629

Curriculum

Over the summer the staff re organised the school curriculum. The plans are found on the school website, <https://www.st-blaise.oxon.sch.uk/information/curriculum-information/> we asked the children for feedback regularly and will send out a questionnaire in the new year.

Building celebrations

This week we officially opened our new kitchen facility. Simon from T & B and Linda cut the ribbon to mark the occasion. Simon will be leaving the site this week as he moves on to a new role, he has been a great friend to the school – we will miss him very much. We are delighted with our modernised and enlarged facility. The take up for school meals has been fantastic. We served 49 dinners last Friday which is a school record.



I was very pleased today to be allowed a walk on the new build site. As you will have seen the first layer of the roof is on, we are waiting for the top layer which will be finished by Christmas. Next week you will see work begin on the area around the staff car park and a retaining wall will be put in next to the kitchen. The school site will be busy so please be vigilant. If you are unhappy with any of the safety measures please let me know and I will speak to T&B. A query has been raised around the builders not wearing masks –

please rest assured that if they come into the current school building they always do as they have to follow our school risk assessment.



👏 Shine Time 👏

Congratulations Daarootra – you have settled in really well; you are a great member of our team.

Joshua, Ophelia and Lachlan created lovely owl babies books.

Harrison and Julian have shown real confidence in phonics, especially word building.

Ethan A for his fantastic work on volcanoes and his superb poem

Poplar class – I really enjoy working with you on a Thursday morning – you listen well, are enthusiastic and really make me feel welcome – Mrs Leach

Dominic – super attitude to learning in maths

Sophie and Rosie – your animation of the shepherds section of the nativity is brilliant.



Achievement cards

Congratulations to:

Jacob, Hollie, Logan, Oliver R, Tommy, Daarootra and Shannon

BoB's News

The Hamper raffle tickets are selling well but we still have a lot of numbers left. Katy will be outside after school today, next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (Weather permitting!) The draw will take place in the last week of school.

Good Luck.



Have a super weekend – happy advent season,

Best wishes Mrs Leach and the St Blaise team