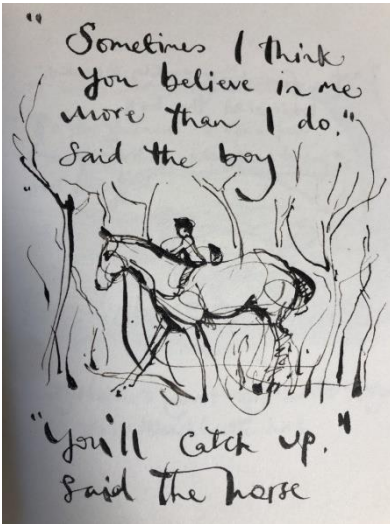




Letter 6

21/1/2021

Dear All,



Thank you for continuing to be so supportive of all that we are doing at school. We know from many of you that learning at home are finding it difficult. We do believe in you all – you are doing a great job. If there are days when everything gets overwhelming, please stop, play a game, watch a film, and reset – please do not worry, we completely understand the pressures and are here to help in any way.

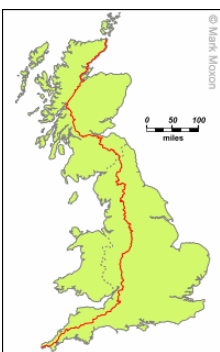
The government have not confirmed re-opening times, but it is looking increasingly likely that this may now be after Easter. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/55748989> - might support the children. They have promised at least 2 weeks notice – we will do all that we can to open as soon as we are allowed.

Staff begin lateral flow testing on themselves from next week in a bid to break the cycle of the virus and offer a higher degree of knowledge and then action.

Some hope – over 4 million people have had the vaccine which is such good news and on a local level, daffodils have been spotted in Milton Village – that always gives me hope!



Please take achievement cards from the boxes outside school – we would really like to celebrate the children at homes achievements as well as those in school. We have attached a winter challenge sheet with just a few ideas that you might like to work through, please send us photos.



Whole School Challenge

Can we walk from Lands End to John O'Groats??- **2, 286,617 steps**

If you and your child/ren have fit bits/ phone aps or other step measuring devices, please keep a note of how many steps you have walked each week. We will totalise on a Thursday so please add up your family total and let Katy in the office know. We have started today with – 9,770 steps from Phoebe M- we are on our way! This is just for fun and to keep us all fit!!

Do not forget to sign up and use Street Tag, we are currently 9th on the Leader Board.





Governor Vacancy - please consider this – we need your help.

We have a vacancy on the governing board for a parent/carer governor. The board is made up of a variety of members from the community, local authority, church representation and parents/carers. If you are interested in this role, please follow the link on the website or give school a ring.

<https://www.st-blaise.oxon.sch.uk/our-school/governors/>

JOIN OUR TEAM

Parent Zoom meetings

I will be holding a weekly Zoom meeting for parents so that you can bring any concerns, questions or just come and meet others for a virtual cuppa. I have varied time and day – come if you can.

27/1 – 10.30-11

zoom
Video Communications

Ruth Leach is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: St Blaise parent Zoom meeting

Time: Jan 27, 2021 10:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84044659839?pwd=SXINOURuTHRINld5d0F1dTY5TWWhQQT09>

Meeting ID: 840 4465 9839

Passcode: 734487

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84044659839>

4/2 – 2-2.30

9/2 – 1-1.30

Autism parent support group

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 27th Jan. at 1pm with Rachel Morrison our support lead. Please let me know if you would like an invite and I will email it over.



STEM week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

22nd-26th March will be our STEM week. Mrs Kirkham is busy planning this week for everyone. We need volunteers to speak to the children (remotely in the main) about how they use STEM subjects in their jobs.

We need children to link their school learning to the reality of work, we want them to be enthused and engaged with these subjects. If you could record us a piece or would be happy to answer questions, we would be very grateful. If you have friends/ family who might be able to help we would welcome their help as well. Please contact Mrs Kirkham or the office.



Building news

Despite Brexit, COVID and the rain the builders continue to make great progress. The project end date has been moved because of the initial start time delays. We are not expecting the new build to be handed over to us at the beginning of July – we will therefore not need to take any additional inset days as we thought. As soon as Red Dragon, Oak and Poplar class have moved into their new accommodation the office side of the current building will be shut so that the reorganisation work needed can take place. We hope that the builders will complete all works by the middle of October.

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Maple - maple.3260@st-blaise.oxon.sch.uk

We hope that you have a very safe weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Leach and the St Blaise team

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