



Letter 11

2/7/2021

Dear All,

This week we had a visit from our school improvement officer. She came to look at the progress we have made with maths. She was very impressed with our new calculation policy which Mrs Green and Mrs Strange have been working very hard to develop. She observed learning in the classroom and looked at math books. She was very impressed with our use of equipment to enhance learning. The staff and children have worked hard to make maths such a flourishing subject.

We have spaces in Reception, Year one, two, three and four – if you know of anyone who might be interested in sending their children to St Blaise please urge them to contact us.

Reports and Parent meetings



We will be sending school reports home on Monday 12th July. We offer the opportunity for parents to meet with class teachers (via Zoom) to discuss them. Please ring the office to book an appointment. Willow class meetings will be between 12-6pm, Oak, Poplar and Maple will be between 2-6pm.

Summer Reading

Over the summer we have organised 4 opportunities to exchange books – this will be done in the new building so it will be a good chance to come and have a look! Please return any books that have been read and pick up some new ones.



Date	Time	Member of staff
28 th July	9-10.30am	Mrs Leach
4 th August	9-10.30am	Mrs Green
19 th August	9-10.30am	Mrs Leach and Mrs Kirkham
26 th August	9-10.30am	Mrs Kirkham

We have a book adventure and challenges to keep the children engaged in their reading, these will be issued next week. We regularly find that children’s reading ages can drop by six months if they don’t engage with reading during the summer – please keep reading. Although the office will be closed the school phone and Head email will be checked so please let us know if we can help in any way.

Term Dates

- Thursday 8th July – Sports Day – class by class – this is in house
- Monday 12th July – End of year reports out
- Wednesday 14th July – Parent meetings to discuss reports if you require
- Thursday 15th July – Ukulele concert for the parents of Poplar in the science garden – 2.45pm, 3pm – Maple by the gym doors
- Friday 16th July – Class swap day – Year group bubbles
- Wednesday 21st July – Last day of school – school ends at 1.15pm



Please can you make sure that you complete the forms for September 2021 Breakfast Club and After School club – wrap around care has become very popular and we need to understand our staffing needs. Thanks

Cool Milk

www.coolmilk.com We've had several older children ask if milk at lunch times could be available. Unfortunately this isn't something the school can fund, but if your child would like milk daily, please contact Cool Milk (under 5's will still be entitled to free milk)



We are currently putting together our clubs list for September. We are very keen to restart the table tennis club. Dan Cruse would be very grateful for the support of another parent who might have an interest. We have two tables and would once again like to run this group for parents and children together.

On the 16th July we will be collecting once again to raise funds for school.

They accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They don't accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- **School uniforms with and without logo**
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



Please place all your donated items in black bin liners and bring them into School on the morning of the 16th July.

You may be interested in this family learning course

<https://www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk/oxfordshire-adult-learning/family-learning>



👏 Shine Time 👏

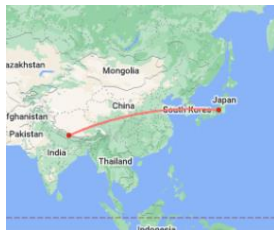
Oak – **Lachlan**, excellent reading and **Aria** great attitude to learning.

Poplar - **Alfie W** and **Phoebe M** have done some lovely descriptive writing this week.

Willow – **Molly-Rose** for always being so kind and caring to all of her classmates. **Joey** and **Jamie** for completing a lovely story map. **The whole class** your Bus Stop division, Wow! You all smashed it, excellent work.

Maple – **McKenzie** has been so determined with his reading and had a really positive attitude. Well done McKenzie.

Whole School Challenge – Stage 4



We are now on our way to Japan. It is **3,164 miles** or **9,106,308 steps**, and we have walked **3,261,492** towards our next goal . Poplar Class have

been out for a couple of walks this week which have helped with the step count.



We are collecting pringle tubes again!
We do this for Terracycle the recycling company. We send the empty packaging off and earn money for the soup kitchen in Oxford.



Have a super weekend
Mrs Leach and the St Blaise team



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