

Letter 10– 2021/22



12/11/21

Dear All,

The children and staff have spent time thinking about armistice day. Staff were very impressed with the thoughtful way that the children marked this important moment in our history.



Thank you to everyone who attended parents meetings this week. As the school grows it is important that we reflect what is needed. Things that we would like to consider include: 2 sessions – one remote and one live, better advertising of the event, an online sign up system. Please answer the survey so that we can improve our offer to you.



Anti-bullying week – 15th – 19th November

We will be focusing on this national week shortly. Classes will be linking this to the Kindness theme we have this term. On Monday 15th November we would like the children to wear odd socks – this has been the first activity for many years. It is a fun way to start the week but also emphasises the importance of difference and being unique.



This year Oak and Poplar class will be performing Shine Star Shine. The two classes are working closely together so we feel that as long as there are no additional COVID issues we would like to go ahead.

Things we will do as part of our risk assessment – have 4 performances so that we can have fewer audience members. The hall will have roof vents and doors open so wrap up warm. We will limit tickets to 2 per child in the first instance – once we know our numbers then we may release more. We would also like to make a video of the performance. Is there anyone out there that could do this for us?



BOBS

Buddies Of Blaise School – we are delighted to report that we have a keen group to get BOBs up and running again. There are several events planned - please see below.

BoBS events 2021-22

Dear All - Buddies of Blaise School (BoBS) are the school voluntary fundraising group. This year we have the following events planned (COVID allowing) but would like to add more to the calendar and need your thoughts and ideas.



Christmas discos with tuck shop - Friday 10th December - £3 pp
Oak and Poplar class - 5-6pm
Beech, Willow and Maple 6.15-7.30pm

There will also be discos at the end of the spring and summer terms



Christmas tombola - this will be after school on Thursday 16th December then again if there are any prizes left at 1pm on Friday 17th December.

We need your help with Christmas themed small gifts - please donate if you are able small prizes for the event - we will have a collection box for prizes by the front door (from 22nd Nov)



Hot food Fridays - running for 4 weeks - Fri 21st and 28th Jan and 4th and 11th Feb - Hot chocolate, pizza slices and hotdogs for sale after school (50p- £1)

In the summer this will be lollies and ice-creams - term



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Table top sale - tables £5 - all to come and sell. Refreshments stall - Saturday 25th February



Adults only- Mums Night Off Disco - bring your own drinks and snacks - 25th March 7-10pm - £5

We also hope to organise a summer fete, quiz night and family bingo. If you can help please speak to Louise Moore, Jenna Day or Katy McManus.

We are sorry that we are not able to invite everyone to Friday sharing worship but the hall is no longer big enough. The overwhelming support for these events is fantastic but fire and COVID regulations means that we have to split parents and guardians. Parent/guardian attendance is split into Oak and Poplar one week and KS2 the next week. Certificates for the whole school will be presented at these events. Achievement cards have always been very special to the children so we will text you if your child has completed theirs – you are then welcome to attend no matter which class they are in.

Routes to school

We are working hard to improve the routes that people can walk to school. The pathways that lead to school are not under our control. We are negotiating with The Vale of White Horse and the County Council to make improvements to the linking footpaths. The Parish Council is supporting us with this venture and would like to create a community group to look at the issues of paths and parking around school. The only way we will make progress is by working positively together to create change. If you would like to get involved please contact Mark Smith – Chair of Governors and Parish councillor – cllrmark.smith@milton-pc.gov.uk

We appreciate that the partial closure of Milton Hill is causing additional problems but we must emphasise that parking on yellow lines is illegal and parking over people's drives and on the playground area grass is anti-social.

Please park a street or two away and walk. We must be able to have access for the school bus and emergency vehicles.



Week	Date	Event	
Please note that things are subject to change – we try and give you as much notice as possible			
3	15 th – 19 th	Anti-Bullying week – Monday 13 th – wear odd socks to school Willow trip to The Living Rainforest Non School Uniform – Children in Need £1. Anti-bullying worship and presentation (in house)	No charge
4	25 th and 26 th November	Prayer spaces – classes will visit during the two days. Parents and children to visit the space on Thursday afternoon – Oak and Poplar parents 2.45- 3.30, KS2 parents 3.30pm	
	26 th November	Oak and Poplar parents invited to certificate worship	
5	2 nd Dec	Oak open morning	
	3 rd Dec	KS2 parents invited to certificate worship 9am	
6	7 th Dec	Oak and Poplar Pm nativity dress rehearsal 1.15pm	Ticketed event
		6pm – Oak and Poplar nativity	Ticketed event
	8 th Dec	1.15pm and 6pm – Oak and Poplar nativity	Ticketed event
8	15 th Dec	School Christmas Dinner	
	15 th Dec	KS2 Nativity – evening	Ticketed event
	16 th Dec	9am Christmas service – in house	
	17 th Dec	School ends 1.15pm	

COVID UPDATES

Statistics show that COVID is on the rise particularly in schools. In Oxfordshire there has been a significant increase in positive cases amongst pupils and staff over the last three weeks. As a school we continue to be doing well but there are very real signs now of it coming into family groups. We have a plan of action that we are ready to roll out - this includes facemasks/ groupings/ social distancing etc. The triggers for schools to start putting back measures is 10% of pupils/staff in a class.

The risk assessment can be found at: <https://www.st-blaise.oxon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/COVID-risk-assessment-October-2021.pdf>

If a member of your family has tested positive then you must get all members of the family tested and not come in until you have a negative result - this is new OCC guidance.

The staff and I hope that you have a lovely weekend – stay safe

Mrs Leach and the St Blaise team



St Blaise Church of England Primary School

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