

Letter 20 - 2021/22

4/2/22

Dear All,

On February 3rd we celebrated St Blaise Day. Rev Phil led worship for two groups deepening our understanding of St Blaise.



St Blaise was a very popular Saint in Medieval Britain as he is the patron saint of the wool trade. The day originally was a holiday until the wool business declined.

St Blaise remains a popular saint in Europe and there are many churches that use his name. In the UK we have just three St Blaise churches and one other St Blaise school. St Blaise was a doctor who wanted to help others. He lived in the deserts and caves where people came to him for treatment. He died for his faith. St Blaise is the patron

saint of sore throats, people go to church for a throat blessing. We have more information on our website:

<https://www.st-blaise.oxon.sch.uk/our-school/ethos-values-vision/>



Joseph tickets are available to all year groups – come and see the show even if your children are not in it.

Tickets are £6pp and must be bought in advance, there are now no restrictions on the number that you can buy. They are available through School Money. If you do not use this service please send your money with a note about the performances you would like tickets for.

Tuesday 15th February 1pm – dress rehearsal (performance for pre-schoolers please)
Tuesday 15th 7pm, Wednesday 16th Feb 7pm and the final show will be on Thursday 17th Feb 7pm. We have 60 tickets per night and need to fill the hall in order to pay for the event. We have a lot of costs to cover with these big productions and need parental support. There will be refreshments available in the interval – cash only. BOBs are organising this.

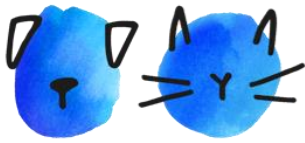
TRAGIC TEN GOAL TRAUMA STRIKES ST BLAISE

On Tuesday, 8 of Maple Class participated in our first football match against Drayton at Drayton Primary School. Despite a disappointing result, we had great fun and learnt lots from the game, ready to take into our next fixture against Steventon. Mersim proclaimed, “I don’t care about the result, it was our first match, and our team were great!” Joshua C, who went in goal for some of the game said, “I think we will do lots better next time, we have practiced more as a team”. Man of the match Kieran, added “I had a few chances to score so next time I will try a different technique.” Kieran was man of the match because he showed amazing support, encouraging his team mates throughout. We can’t wait for our next game!

By Mersim, Joshua C and Kieran (Year 5/6).



Mr Knight, headteacher at Drayton, commented that his staff were very impressed with the attitude of our team. He said that despite the loss the children were so positive and pleased with their achievement.



BATTERSEA

Battersea Dog and Cats Home fundraising

A group of children in Maple are raising funds to support Battersea. They will be holding a tombola after school today – 50p each or £1 for 3. They are also collecting good quality second hand toys to donate to the home. Their next plan is to sell homemade dog treats. They will be handing out samples and order forms soon so that those of you with dogs can try them and see if your animals like them.



We are delighted to hear that many of our children now attend Milton United. The Mini kickers hold two sessions on a Saturday morning. 9.30-10.30 – under 8's and 10.30 -11.30 – over 8's. They are always looking for new members – you can find them on Facebook.

In the summer the club will be using the new school pitch and helping us to maintain our new ground.

Parking at school

Please can I thank the parents who respectfully park at drop off and pick up times. Many of you carefully plan your journeys and use quieter areas and streets that are a few minutes' walk away. There are also a regular group of people using the football club parking – it is MUCH appreciated. I am monitoring parking in the mornings and feel that this week things have started to improve

There are still a group of parents that are parking on the yellow zigzags – **this is illegal**. It is incredibly dangerous and puts the lives of the children at risk, the children cannot see to cross the drive. We have had one day this week when the minibus couldn't get through due to bad parking – please consider all road users. Please can families also refrain from pulling into the drive and dropping off there – children are walking to school and should be able to walk up their own school drive without fear. As the children move into KS2 they should be encouraged to walk the last section of their journey.



Alternative parking roads where there is less traffic



Football club parking – this is a 5 min walk to school, a new footpath is going to be put in once we have county council support



Walking routes – there are many cut throughs, most routes take 5 min to walk

Term 2

Please note some dates are subject to change but this is an overview

| Week | Date | Event | Notes |
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| 6 | 11 th Feb | Internet safety day | |
| | 11 th Feb | Poplar and Oak certificates – 9am | |
| | | Whole school playtime – Kindness token reward | We have filled the kindness tokens! |
| | | Hot food – BOBS after school | |
| | 15 th Feb | No swimming – Y3/4 | |
| 7 | 15 th Feb | Joseph dress rehearsal | Ticket only |
| | 15 th , 16 th 17 th Feb | Joseph shows | Ticket only |
| | 18 th Feb | School closed – additional bank holiday | |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY | | | |
| 1. | 1 st March | Swimming – Y3/4 | |
| | 3 rd March | World Book Day – dress up as a character Poetry slam | |
| | 4 th March | Oak and Poplar certificates | 9am in the hall |



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| 2. | 8 th March | Swimming Y3/4 | |
| | 9 th March | Parent breakfast | |
| | 11 th March | Sports relief events | |
| 3. | 15 th March | Swimming Y3/4 | |
| | 16 th and 17 th | Parent meetings – details to follow | |
| | 17 th March | Netball comp – Y5/6 | |
| | 18 th March | KS2 certificates | 9am in the hall |
| 4 | 22 nd March | Swimming Y3/4 | |
| | 25 th March | Vision screening - Oak | |
| 5 | 31 st March | Parent breakfast | |
| | 1 st April | Poplar and Oak certificates | |
| | 1 st April | BOBS disco | |
| 6 | 8 th April | Easter service - internal | |
| | 8 th April | School ends 1.15pm | |

Have a super weekend

Mrs Leach and the St Blaise team