

Dear Parents/Carers,

Staffing Update

Congratulations to Mrs Hannah Graham on the birth of her daughter, Pippa. We wish Hannah and her family all the best at this special time. We welcome back Mrs Hunt next term, who will be taking on Mrs Graham's important teaching duties supporting learning in Key Stage 2.

We also send our best wishes to Mrs Sealey and wish her a speedy recovery from her recent knee surgery. During this time, we will continue to cover Mrs Sealey's release timetable with supply staff.

Miss Gomes and Mrs Caldicott start their maternity leave after the Easter break, we wish them all the very best and welcome Mrs Banerjee new teacher in Year 5 Coyotes. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Miss Gomes and Mrs Caldicott all the very best during their maternity leave.

Mrs Dickinson is leaving to relocate with her family to Germany and we welcome the return of Mr Moor to Year 6 Dolphins. We wish Mrs Dickinson all the best for this exciting life change.

We also have some changes to announce amongst our non-teaching staff. After several years of dedicated service to the school, our Business Manager, Mr Goldhawk is leaving after the Easter break. Following a successful interview process last week, Mr Farr will be joining Blaise as our new School Business Manager from next Monday 19th March, allowing for an effective handover with Mr Goldhawk. Finally, Finance Officer, Mr Whiffen has also left Blaise, to pursue a career change, and Mrs Meek has joined the team as Finance Officer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Goldhawk and Mr Whiffen for their hard work and commitment to the school.

Meet the Teacher Evenings

These will be running next week on Tuesday and Wednesday for R to Yr 6. Please contact the School Office if you have not yet returned your form for an appointment. If your child is in Nursery and you have not yet made an appointment (sessions are running Monday to Friday) please see the Class Teacher.

Behaviour Meetings

Please don't forget about the information meetings that are running at 9.00 on Monday, 19th and at 2.30 pm on Tuesday, 20th March. Many thanks to Friends@Blaise who will be selling refreshments during both sessions to raise funds.

Book Fair & Reading Event

Following on from flyers sent out earlier this week we have a Book Fair after school each day next week selling a great range of brand new books. You will also be able to use your World Book Day vouchers. **Also on Monday, 19th March there will be no Reading Club** as our Reading Team will be holding a special session after school to meet with Parent/Carers to offer tips and answer any question you may have about reading at home and in school.

Wonders of the World non-uniform day is on Friday, 23rd March for a £1 donation as detailed in recent flyer.

5 a Week Reading Challenge

Thanks very much to parents/carers for supporting their children in reaching the target of reading 5 times a week. The impact on learning is fantastic so please do ask your child to read to you. Ask your child how they think a particular character in a story might be feeling (you can look at the faces in pictures to help them get started).

If you have books, newspapers and magazines around your home, and your child sees you reading, then your child will learn that you value reading.

One child has commented 'I enjoy reading at home because it makes my brain grow!'

Friends@Blaise

F@B will be running a School Disco on Wednesday, 18th April. Foundation Stage & KS1 from 4.15 pm until 5.30 pm and KS 2 from 5.45 pm until 7.00 pm. Further details will follow nearer the date.

Sand Out of School Club

This is an independent childcare provision run by SAND that is based at Blaise Primary from 3.15 to 5.45 pm Monday to Friday during term time for children in Reception to Year 6 (excluding INSET Days). Please see their website (www.sandoutofschoolclub.co.uk) for details of costs, holiday schemes, etc. You can also contact SAND via email - enquiries@sandoutofschoolclub.co.uk.

Please note that SAND will be running sessions on Monday to Thursday of the first week of the Easter holidays when their activities will have an Easter theme.

Attendance and Punctuality

The school day starts at 8.50 am and children can go to the classroom from 8.40 am. After the bell has gone at 8.50 am entrance to the school will be via the main entrance door by the School Office when children will be marked as late. The learning benefit to those children who are here on time is enormous - both in terms of wellbeing and educational value.

Absence

If for any reason your child is absent from school, please ensure that you call the office on 0117 3772424 before 9.30 am on the first day of absence. Please press 1 for the Absence Line and leave a brief message plus your child's name and class. Alternatively you can email

absenceline.blaise@bristol-schools.uk

Children who have had an episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting cannot return to school until 48 hours after the last bout to help prevent the illness spreading throughout the school.