

Dear Parents/Carers,

Staffing Update

Congratulations to Jess Warren and Sarah Gomes on the birth of their baby boy.

What's happening in the school

For those of you who want to keep up-to-date you can follow the school on Twitter. There are loads of wonderful photos http://twitter.com/Blaise_Primary

Nursery spaces

If your child was born between **1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015** and is not already on our waiting list for our Nursery class can you please call into the School Office at the earliest opportunity to pick up an application form.

If your child was born after 1st September 2015 you can put their name down on our waiting list by completing our Admission Form which needs to be completed and returned to the School Office.

If you would like to arrange a visit, please get in touch with the school's main office by calling 0117 3772424, emailing blaise.p@bristol-schools.uk or by coming to the school office in person.

Nursery and reception updates

Bill from St. Werburgh's Farm came to visit Nursery and Reception as he had heard that we were **INCREDIBLE** at looking after living things. We had 12 eggs to keep safe and hydrated in an incubator which gently rocked the eggs daily. Six beautiful ducklings hatched and made wonderful additions to our EYFS unit. The children, including Parents and Carers have held and fed the ducklings. How lucky we are! Before the holidays, Bill will return and take the ducklings back to the farm. If you visit, you will see our ducklings from this year and our chickens from last year too!



Key Stage 1 updates

Key Stage 1 children will soon be able to explore a whole new range of books as the new reading books have now arrived

Year 1 children have been watching their beans grow into beanstalks although we don't think any have quite grown big enough to climb!

Year 2 children took part in an experiment to see how butterflies are made! They watched them grow from eggs to full blown butterflies that they took great delight in setting free on the field—certainly had the weather for it ☺ Year 2 have also been growing grass into weird and wonderful hairstyles.



In a busy week Year2 wrote to Aldi explaining they were learning about the effects of plastic on the environment and asking if they were planning to reduce plastic use like other supermarkets have.

Their reply told us that they use recyclable plastic on their own brand products and make sure the recycling logo is clearly labelled to help families send less to landfill.

Key Stage 2 updates

A massive well done and thank you to the Year 6 children and teaching team - year 6 completed their SATs last Thursday. It was great to see the children confidently sit the tests last week. The positivity and determination they have shown makes us very proud. The Year 2 team and pupils are all currently sitting KS1 SATs and doing a splendid job too.

Year 5 had a visit from the RSPB this term and found out all sorts of fascinating facts about the bird life that can be found around the school.

Year 5 have also been practicing their football skills—may be a little young for this World Cup but possible England players for the future!



Communication

Please can I remind parents/carers that if you have any concerns about your child to raise them directly with the school. You can make an appointment to see your class teacher after school. If this does not solve the issue, your class teacher or the office staff can direct you to the senior leader that is best placed to work with you to find a solution

Twitter

For more information about what is happening in the school including some wonderful photos please see our Twitter page http://twitter.com/Blaise_Primary

Thank you from Key Stage 1

A big thanks' to those of you that donated clothes for the KS1 children to dress up at lunchtime—they are really enjoying acting !!

School Site

You may have noticed additional fencing around the school. This is to improve site security and reduce the risk of accidents especially with people entering the car park. It also allows the nursery children access to the field and play outside safely.

Play Equipment

We have worked with the Schools Council and are pleased to announce we will be adding additional play equipment to the playgrounds which will include an activity play area and climbing bars. Hopefully this should be in place before the end of the academic year.

Parking

Please park safely outside the school premises—NO parking on the zig zag lines and please be mindful of pedestrians crossing the roads.

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.

5 a week reading challenge

Thanks to all you parents and carers for supporting their children in reaching the target of reading 5 times a week. The impact on learning has been fantastic so if you can encourage your child to read to you the benefits will be massive. You may want to encourage your child to read by asking them to explain who their favourite character is and why.



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.

School Uniform

Recently we have noticed a number of children that have not been following the school's uniform code. Please can you ensure that your child is properly dressed for school.

SAND

SAND Holiday club will be running from Tuesday 29th May until Friday 1st June. Although based at Blaise the club is open to children from all schools in the area. The club opens from 8.30am to 5.30 pm. For further information call or text on 07766629330 or visit our website www.sandoutofschoolclub.co.uk

Newsletter items

If there are any items that you would like to hear more about please e-mail the business manager so that they can look to add for the future. His e-mail address is sbm.blaisep@bristol-schools.uk

Jargon Buster

KS1—Key Stage 1— (Years 1 to 2; 5 to 7 year olds)
KS2—Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6; 8 to 11 year olds)

End of Term

Don't forget that the children are on holiday next week. We hope you have an enjoyable break and we will see you on Monday, 4th June.