



Letter from the Headteacher

As we get closer to Christmas I thought I needed to write to all parents in the school and give you my sincere thanks for all the support I have received and friendships I have made over the many years I have worked at The Bliss Charity School.

May I make a special thank you to all the staff in the school, including the office team, lunchtime supervisors, cleaners, Paul the groundsman, the teachers and teaching assistants. I would also include our trustees and governors who have given selflessly to make the school successful.

It has been a real honour and a privilege to work in such a strong and positive community and I will miss everyone very much. Most of all, however, I will miss the children past and present. I will of course have many wonderful memories to keep me smiling into my dotage!

The Bliss Charity School is a really special place to work with an amazing community. I know that my successor, Mr Carter, has been struck by the wonderful, happy atmosphere that is a huge part of the DNA of the school. I wish Shaun well and have every confidence that the school will both thrive and develop with his fresh ideas and his undoubted enthusiasm.

We have recently had the latest results through for the school. Once again the children performed extremely well and I am delighted with the performance outcomes. It was a difficult year with so many changes, but where we were tested, we did come out very strongly. Results are on the school website.

Lastly, may I take this opportunity to welcome the two new parent governors. They are Ursula McKechnie and Natalie Richards. I know that there are some exciting plans to work with parents and ensure that your voice is heard and feelings about the school evaluated.

Best wishes to all,

Chris Scanlan



Erasmus +

The Bliss has been invited to take part in an Erasmus project next year which looks very exciting. It is working with countries such as Romania, Spain and Italy on Philosophy for children.

We have also been accepted for teacher training courses abroad linked to Special Needs, Visual Literacy, Early Years and Forest Schools. It is a wonderful opportunity to visit other countries and explore best practice with many other schools and is free for schools who have been accepted.



Metacognition

The main area for development this month is collaboration. The children have looked at the importance of teamwork and will be showing how well they can collaborate to make learning more effective.

WEBSITE

The new website is up and running and the address is <http://www.bliss.northants.sch.uk> It is now full of all sorts of vital information that will help you and your child find out what is happening at school and celebrate our many achievements.

Safeguarding

The school safeguarding staff are Mr Scanlan, Miss Thompson, Mrs Adey, Mrs Caller and Mrs Simpson.

The role of safeguarding officer is to ensure that all children are looked after well, kept safe and thrive at school.



Lunches

Having eaten the new school hot meals, I can verify how tasty and healthy they are and the standard has improved massively. If you do decide to send your child in with a packed lunch, please ensure it is healthy and does not contain packets of sweets which we do not allow.

Please can I also ask that children who have packed lunches do not bring in nuts. We have many children who have life threatening allergies and it is too great a risk to take.

Dates for your calendar

For email's from the school please bring your email address to the school office or email bursar@blisscharity.northants-ecl.gov.uk or office@bliss.northants.sch.uk
school website: www.bliss.northants.sch.uk

- 17th Nov - Class 5 – River / canal walk – details to follow separately
- 21st Nov – Class 4 – New Creation Farm visit – details to follow separately
- 25th Nov – Friends of Bliss mufti day – bring a bottle for the Christmas fayre
- KS 2 Celebration Assembly (classes 3 – 6) parents welcome
- 1st Dec – Class 4 parent share 2.30 pm – details to follow shortly
- 2nd Dec – Friends of Bliss Christmas fayre – 6.00 pm until 8.00 pm
- 6th Dec – A Miracle in Town – Reception and Class 1 production at 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm
- 9th Dec – KS 1 Celebration Assembly (Reception, class 1 and 2) – parents welcome
- 12th Dec – Hot Christmas lunch – please book via Live Kitchen (www.live-kitchen.co.uk)
- Bang the Drum performance to Class 5 and 6 parents (3.30 pm)
- 16th Dec – Carol Service at St Peter's and St Paul's Church – parents welcome
- 20th Dec – School closes – Christmas holidays
- 4th Jan 2017 – Staff training day – no children
- 5th Jan – School opens – Term 3
- 6th Jan – Bikeability for class 3 and 4.
Swimming starts for Year 5 – details to follow shortly

Sports

The sports challenge has started which has been devised by Mr Schultz and Mr Cundhill and is supported by our amazing sports leaders. So far the children are really engaged by their own personal fitness challenge and I do hope that it is something they enjoy as well as being a way to keep fit and healthy at playtimes.



Mobile Phones

At a recent safeguarding audit we came unstuck as it was noticed that parents were using phones in the school playground.

This was news to me but it was explained that it could be misconstrued with taking pictures of children. As a result I do have to ask that you do not use phones in the school grounds to avoid any unnecessary issues.



Bang the Drum

Mrs Bristow led a fantastic day for Y5 and Y6 children to London for a world record drumming lesson attempt which was achieved. The children had an amazing experience and will soon be performing to the school. There will also be some fundraising taking place for street children which is related to this wonderful project.

