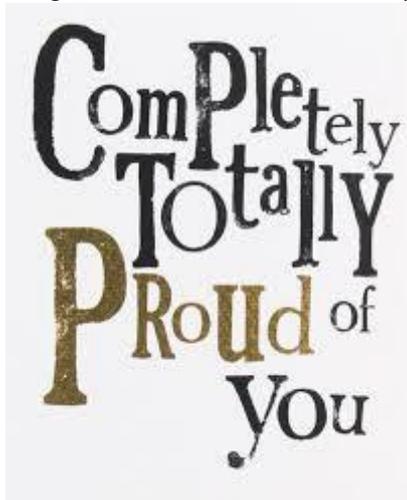


# NEWSLETTER

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## Message from Mrs. Shaw

I am sure you are all relieved to have reached half term. I hope the weather is kind and enables you to get outside a little. I know that many of you will enjoy the break away from schooling. You have all worked incredibly hard!



During half term, is Ash Wednesday. I wonder if you will be giving something up or doing something extra special for others this lent. If you are then good luck and may God be with you.

## Seesaw activity and half term

This is how much activity there has been on Seesaw since we launched it last summer:



I'm sure you'll agree, these are some impressive numbers!

We have noticed a slight reduction in engagement and lessons completed this last week. This is perfectly understandable given that you and the children will be getting tired and motivation starts to reduce (we're completely aware that the novel factor of learning at home from a screen is starting to wear off!)

We recognise that this is hard for everyone, children may be finding work challenging and will be wanting to be back learning in classrooms – we want this too! We strongly recommend that you and your child have a good rest and switch off from work over half term so that they can return to learning refreshed after half term.

If we are all back in school on the 8<sup>th</sup> March (the date the government has suggested) then it is only two more weeks of home learning to go. In those two weeks we'd really recommend children engage with learning and having good routines as this will really support them and prepare them well for when they return back to school.

Finally, we just want to offer a sincere thank you and well done for your incredible support. We know it is an exceptionally difficult time for you and your children right now. Home learning on the scale that we have now is a relatively new to us, the children and you. You are doing an incredible job. We genuinely do hope to see you all soon and welcome children back to classrooms. Until then, have a very well earned restful half term!

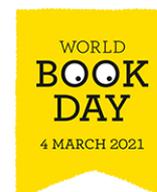
## Farewell to Miss Swali



Today we said a final farewell to Miss Swali who joined the school as it first opened. The children made her a beautiful leaving card. We all wish Miss Swali the best of luck as she leaves Nottingham for a new exciting new chapter in her life.

## World Book Day 2021

This year World Book Day is on Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup>. We have lots of exciting and fun activities up our sleeve to help us celebrate in style! Please see the letter from Mrs Baker to explain some of what we have planned including a vote for stories from staff and details of dressing up.



## Inset Day Change

The inset day due to take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February has now been moved to **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021**. Therefore children currently accessing our Keyworker and vulnerable provision will be expected back in school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February following half term break next week.

### **Reporting Absences**

Please can we remind all parents accessing the Keyworker and vulnerable provision that our usual attendance procedures are still in place so please contact the school if your child is absent and not going to attending school on a particular day - 0115 900 7200 or e-mail [primary@bluecoat.uk.com](mailto:primary@bluecoat.uk.com) .



### **ParentMail Forms**

We currently have two forms out for parents to complete via ParentMail forms. One is the parent consultation relating to the RSHE curriculum and the other if a poll for Parent Governor. Please could we ask that parents log onto their ParentMail account and complete these forms during the half term break. Below are copies of the personal statements from our three parents that are standing for the position of Parent Governor:

#### **Carjetan Jonatan Niba**

My Seven year old has been telling me that he wants me to go for it as I was once a governor in the nursery he was attending. With his school being a faith school, I do think I have got a lot to contribute once elected as a governor to support the school authority as I am a minister in the faith church I do attend at the moment. Also to support the school authority to achieve the goal for which it stands for. Being a parent of one of the pupils attending the school, I will like to share the ideas which as a parent to influence the children life positive as I do as a parent at home. Also to help to improve the value and purpose for which the school is.

#### **Sadaf Hussein**

I would be delighted to be considered for the role of Parent Board Member on the Academy Advisory Board. I have a son in the Reception year at Bluecoat Primary. It is such a pleasure to hear him talk so enthusiastically and excitedly about school, his class, teachers and what he has learnt every day. I am keen to support students and parents at Bluecoat to ensure they enjoy and achieve a rich and varied education, providing a strong foundation for their future. I attended Bluecoat Aspley many years ago; it still remains some of the happiest memories of my life – the teachers, lifelong friends and of course, the brilliant teaching I received. I want this for all children, not just my own. For me, safeguarding and inclusivity are important aspects. Schools should provide secure, all-encompassing environments where a child can flourish and achieve their full potential. I hope to ensure welfare promotion and safety of all children and staff. I work at Nottingham Trent University, supporting & developing relationships between academic and industry partners on collaborative knowledge exchange programmes.

I hope my personal and work experience will enable me to effectively support the work of the Board and contribute new ideas and be hugely beneficial for all the school community.

#### **Mwamba Wa Mwamba**

I am interested in joining the AAB which provides detailed scrutiny of teaching and learning, along with welfare and safeguarding issues to the principal and SLT both by challenging and supporting them in order to ensure an effective functioning of local academies. I am currently a secondary school teacher and an educator with a long-standing experience of working with young people and local communities in the United Kingdom and abroad. I am fully aware of the education needs and challenges that many of our local schools are facing at these unprecedented times that the current pandemic situation has brought into our community life which already had many more challenges and needs unfulfilled. As part of my professional experience, I spent over seven years working as Police Staff within Derbyshire Constabulary where I acquired the ability to deal objectively with difficult people and sensitive situations.

I want to bring my contribution to Bluecoat Primary Academy to help the school and the trust in their journey of continuous change, growth and success. Particularly for its vision to contribute to the wellbeing and cohesion of the community through the provision of a rounded education to give opportunities to our children to have the foundation for successful lives. I feel that I would be the perfect candidate due to my enthusiasm, innovative and dynamic qualities which would complement the strengths of the current board.

### **Reminders**

#### **School Gates**

The school gates and fire exits will be closed promptly at 9.05am in the morning. Therefore if you are arriving late with your child you will need to report the school office to sign your child in. They will then be issued with a late slip which they will take to their class teacher to show they have been signed in at the office as they will have missed the register. Please remember that the start of school is 9.00am.

