



## **Newsletter**

17<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

3.45-4.45pm

Family Felt making workshop

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March- 7pm

Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

9.15am-3.15pm approx

Year 1 visit to Marwell Zoo

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

PTA Quiz Night

7.30pm

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

9.30am

Hazel Class

Easter Assembly

Term ends Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

April at 2.15pm

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday

13<sup>th</sup> April

Forest School Holiday Club

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Inset Day

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

School re-opens for Children

### Keepabeat – Toddler First Aid In Burghfield Common

The course runs from 7pm – 9pm  
at St Oswald's on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>  
March and its £20 per person  
Child CPR

Choking for a toddler  
Dealing with accidents,  
poisoning, allergies, asthma and  
sepsis

Book online at: [keepabeat.co.uk](http://keepabeat.co.uk)

Enquire by calling: 01256

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Email:

[basingstokeregion@keepabeat.co.uk](mailto:basingstokeregion@keepabeat.co.uk)

## School News

### KS1 Playground

Children in Y1 and Y2 have been really excited watching the contractors install the play equipment. The refurbishment of the KS1 playground is taking shape now. We hope the children will be able to start using it next week once the school insurers have been to assess and sign off the installation. We have applied for a lottery grant to complete phase 2. Please note that for insurance reasons, children will not be able to use the play equipment before and after school. The equipment is unsuitable for children who are not Infant school age.

### Scholastic Book Club

**Please note that you can redeem your child's World Book Day voucher via the online booking system.** During the checkout process there is an option to redeem the voucher. Please bring your voucher to the school office, once your order is placed, so that we can send the vouchers onto Scholastic.

Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/mrs-blands-rq7> to browse all the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

**Please place your order online by March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

### Red Nose Day Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

For Red Nose Day the children are invited to replace 1 item of school uniform with something coloured red and to bring in a red nose for a minimum donation of £1 for Red Nose Day.

### Forest School Survey

We are running a short online survey to give your views on Forest School

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VolSurveyFS>

### Scarlet Fever and Chicken Pox

We have had further confirmed cases of Scarlet Fever in school. If your child is unwell, we would advise you take them to their GP and inform them of the outbreak. We also have one confirmed case of Chicken Pox.

### New Play Equipment for School

On the 19<sup>th</sup> March Gareth Evans will be running the Reading Half Marathon to raise funds for **play equipment** at school.

If you would like to see new play equipment in school for the children to use, please use the link below to donate. Every little helps.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gareth-evans-MrsBlands>

Thank you.

## PTA News

**Our next event is the  
March Quiz  
Friday 31<sup>th</sup> March  
7.30pm for a 8pm start.**

**Get a team of 6  
together or come along  
and we can join you up.**

**Tickets are on sale at  
the School Office from  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at £3  
per head in advance or  
£5 on the door**

**A licensed bar is  
available, you are  
welcome to bring your  
own snacks.**

**Come and have some  
fun whilst raising  
money for a good  
cause.**

**We need your help!**

**To paint the Forest  
School Cabin**

**Get in Touch via –**

**[mrsblandspta@gmail.com](mailto:mrsblandspta@gmail.com)**

**or catch someone on the  
playground –**

**Rachel James, Claire  
Oakes, Lizi Hawkins,  
Beki Streeter or Emma  
in the office.**

## Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week we have been looking at a new book: Eric Carle's "From Head to Toe" which involves lots of moving! We have also used a "Sleepy little Yoga" book to do some lovely stretching

The children have had a wonderful time exploring the soft play inside - climbing and jumping and rolling and crawling! We have looked at shapes and have made a red collage. We have listened to a variety of music including Indian traditional songs and some opera! Outside we have enjoyed the lovely sunshine. We have attempted weaving with colourful ribbons and have planted potatoes in a bag! Children have enjoyed playing with the Duplo outside as well as playing some musical instruments. We celebrated Ondrej's 3rd birthday by having birthday biscuits and singing "Happy Birthday!"

## Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

This week in Nursery we have continued learning through the story of Elmer. We have explored the sound of instruments and moving our bodies to the music. We have also learnt that we are all good at something and that we are all good at different things.

We have listened to the initial sounds at the beginning of words and practised blending sounds together to hear short words.

We have been counting carefully and adding two groups of objects together to find a total.

## Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in Beech and Maple classes our learning has been focused around the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We have told the story several times so that we are now familiar with the repeated phrases and have added actions to the story to help us to remember it. We have thought of questions we could ask each of the characters and done some hot-seating too. We then sequenced main events in 'Little Red Riding Hood' and will be moving on to drawing our own story maps of the story.

In maths this week we have focused on measures. Firstly, we looked at weight, finding different ways of making the scales balance, and then finding the weight of different objects using multilink cubes. We have learnt to use vocabulary such as 'heavier', 'lighter', 'lightest', 'heaviest' and 'balanced'. We have also practised recognising and counting small amounts of money, looking at the different coins and talking about how much each of them are worth. Next week we will continue with our 'Little Red Riding Hood' theme and look forward to exploring new activities based around the story.

## Birch and Willow (Year 1)

In English this week we have been writing a new story with our own characters based on the story of 'The Tiger who Came to Tea.' We planned the story, wrote it in 3 parts and then edited the story for wow factor and grammar. Some of us had the opportunity to read our new story to the class. In Maths, we have been working on calculations focussing on addition and subtraction and the relationship between the two. We wrote addition number sentences up to 20 and using the same numbers created a minus number sentence. We applied our new found skills to giving change for items in a shop environment.

In our topic learning we learnt about animals from different continents and in science classified mammals and amphibians. We designed a label for tiger food in DT and made a tiger model using recycled materials.

We continued studying aspects of Judaism in RE and discussed tolerance in PSHE

In ICT we made information sheets about mammals.

Please can we ask parents to continue bringing in kitchen rolls and small cardboard boxes for junk modelling.

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week we have been learning how to write instructions. We began by trying to teach each other things like putting on a cardigan. We discovered that you have to be very clear when giving instructions! We have written instructions for getting ready for PE and washing your hands.

In maths we have been covering a range of measures. We were counting coins and finding change, telling the time and answering questions about time and graphs.

In art and DT the children have been creating houses in clay and planning to make houses in cardboard. We really need your cardboard boxes again. Please drop them off in year 2.

In PE, spring is in the air as we are country dancing!

We are currently in need of some play resources in year 2. We need small world imaginative toys such as playmobil and castles. We would also like some outdoor learning toys. If you think that you have something you could donate, please talk to Mrs Duncan or Mrs Cox to check first to see if we could use it.

And finally, please check your children's PE kits are complete. Notes will be sent home for children with missing items. Thank you



### Forest School



#### Monday - Acorns Caterpillars and Butterflies

Both Nursery groups enjoyed some Spring sunshine this week in the woods. Our activities included some bird watching, bird identification using my special bird noise book, bird feeder making and bird's nest making. Levi was especially enthusiastic when it came to the bird watching.

We also investigated some of the holes that had been dug by animals and talked about who could have made them. We found some animal tracks on the way back and worked out it was made by a horse. Next week we will look at some different animal tracks. Both groups enjoyed their fruit, hot chocolate and biscuit.

#### Monday - Reception - Maple Wagtails

Antec's Dad joined us for a lovely Spring afternoon on Monday. As we walked to the woods we looked out for signs of Spring, looking at lots of trees and shrubs.

Once we'd arrived and had our hot chocolate and snacks the children began exploring. Some children did some "cooking" in the mud kitchen and some made a giant nest! We had some tree climbing and drawing and writing too.

#### Thursday - Willow

Once we got to the woods, we had a mini fire and heated up some water and the children collected little sticks and had a go with the flint and steel.

We identified different bird species and the children had time to play on a fallen oak tree and build dens. At the end of the session we talked about what new things we had learnt at Forest School this week.

## Breakfast Club


Breakfast club is now held in the Fun zone building from 7.30am every morning. For £4.00 you can drop your child off and they will be given a healthy breakfast and the opportunity to chat and play with their friends. Please contact the office if you would like to book your child a place. You need to register and pay in advance for your child's place.  
Heidi Evans.

### Star of the Week

### Friendship Star



**Lexsi-Mai - Acorns am**  
**Annabel- Acorns pm**  
**Isla - Maple**  
**Isaac - Beech**  
**Joshua - Birch**  
**Macie – Willow**  
**Ava H - Hazel**  
**Aareez - Rowan**



**Billy - Acorns am**  
**Teddy - Acorns pm**  
**Dexter - Maple**  
**Davina - Beech**  
**Arron – Birch**  
**Ivy – Willow**  
**Declan - Hazel**  
**Anna - Rowan**

### Help us to Raise Funds for the School:

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 and it's free! Go to...

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mrsblandsinfantandnurseryschool/>

2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School will be really grateful for your donations.

If you have a tablet or smart phone you can download the 'easyfundraising' app which is easy to access.