



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

2nd December 2016

Dates for your diary

3.12.16 2pm – 4pm Christmas Fair

5.12.16 2pm Christmas Performance

6.12.16 2pm Christmas Performance

7.12.16 – 3.25pm PTA Cake Sale

9.12.16 9.30am – Christmas Performance

13.12.16 2pm Carol Service with Garland Junior School

14.12.16 Christmas Lunch

16.12.16 School Finishes 1.45pm

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REMINDER

Forest Fun Holiday Club will take place over the Easter Holidays. We will let you have the dates shortly.

School News

Christmas Fair – Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, and brought in prizes for the tombola stalls. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow at the Fair from 2pm till 4pm

Christmas Lunch – Final Reminder. Thank you to everyone, who has told us their child's Christmas lunch choice. Marina has now ordered the lunches for the 14th December. Therefore if you have not ordered one, we will assume that your child will be bringing in a packed lunch.

Christmas Performances – We are delighted to be showing 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' for our Christmas performance. There will be refreshments available for a small donation at the performances.

Little Acorns Stay and Play Session- our Stay and Play Session will be on next Wednesday afternoon from 1.30-3pm in the Little Acorns Building for toddlers. Please book in with the school office.

Speech and Language Support- The Speech and Language service CYPIT has an advice line for parents who are concerned about their child's speech. Please call 03003651234 for advice and to find out where the nearest drop in centre is.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

PTA News

Remember to Buy or Sell the raffle tickets for Mrs Bland's Christmas Fair. More tickets are available in the school office.

The next cake sale is on Wednesday 7th December 3.25pm (Hazel)

Dates for your Diary

**3.12.16 Christmas Fair
2pm – 4pm**

7.12.16 Cake Sale

Get in Touch via –

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or catch someone on the playground –

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

This week in Nursery we began to think about Christmas. We read the first Christmas story known as the Nativity and thought about the characters and the order of the story. We discovered that Christians celebrate Christmas and the story is found in The Bible. We found out that the school is putting on a nativity Christmas play and that we will be twinkling Christmas stars. We have been hard at work learning our words to the song and putting the finishing touches on our performance. We had our first experience of performing in front of an audience as we attended the rehearsals this week and we are all looking forward to performing next week. We have also been practising our counting skills with pompoms on Christmas trees and have been listening to rhyming stories. We have helped to make Christmas present doors for our display Advent Calendar and were excited to open the first door on Thursday to begin the countdown to Christmas Day. This week our new phonic sounds have been 'g' and 'o'.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week we have been focussing on the story of 'The Gingerbread Man.' We were introduced to the story in our shared reading and then explored the text further by hot seating specific characters from the story. We then focussed upon the repeated phrases used in the story. We used our knowledge of this, along with our class story maps to help us in our retelling of the story. We have been working hard on our class songs ready for our Christmas performances this week. We have mastered the words and have had lots of fun adding accompanying actions. We look forward to performing our songs next week! Can we please remind you that we have PE twice a week and will continue to do so until the end of term. Could you please ensure your child brings their PE kit in on a Monday morning with clothing suitable for both indoor and outdoor PE. Thank you.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

This week we had lots of fun leaning about the Royal Family. We have been thinking about their job in our country, how they are related and about events that they hold and that we celebrate. In Mathematics, we have been learning about measuring length. We have compared the length of objects; we have measured length in different ways; we have built objects and measured them. We have looked at different units of measurement. In English we have been writing invitations and replies. We have also looked at family trees, for the Royal Family and our family. We have spent a lot of time this week preparing for our Christmas production and we really looking forward to performing it in front of an audience. As usual take any opportunity we can to go on the computers and logon to Purple Mash. We are getting very good at this and have a logon to do this at home. As always, we are thinking about the way we learn and how we need to listen to the ideas shared by the class.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week we have been busy rehearsing for our Christmas Performances. Children have lots of words to learn and they have all done very well. We would like to thank all the parents for the wonderful costumes and hope you are looking forward to seeing Whoops a Daisy Angel. We have also been working hard doing Maths and the children have produced some very good work.



Forest School



This week at forest school most of the groups had a lovely fire and toasted marshmallows. We also enjoyed dressing trees to celebrate the wonderful role trees play in our lives.

Thank you so much to all the parents who supported us this week.
Heidi and Gareth.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO PROVIDE SPARE CLOTHES IN CASE YOUR CHILDREN GET WET - DESPITE OUR WATERPROOF TROUSERS AND WELLY BOOTS SOME CHILDREN STILL MANAGE TO GET WET. A SPARE CARRIER BAG IS VERY USEFUL FOR WET CLOTHES TOO!

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH TO THE PARENTS WHO GIVE UP THEIR TIME TO COME WITH US - WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL. SIGN UP SHEETS FOR YEAR 1 & 2 ARE IN THE GLASS CORRIDOR, WITHOUT PARENTS WE CANNOT VISIT THE WOODS SO PLEASE DO CONTACT THE OFFICE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING.

Heidi Evans and Gareth Evans, Forest School Leaders

Breakfast club


Our breakfast club is now running from our Little Acorns building (previously the Children's Centre). Children enjoy a healthy breakfast followed by a relaxed play and chat with their friends inside and outside in our enclosed garden area. Breakfast club runs from 7.30 am - 8.50am and costs £4.00 a session. Registration forms are available on the website and from the school office. Ad hoc sessions can also be booked via the school office.

Star of the Week

Friendship Star



Lexsi-Mai - Acorns am
Aminah - Acorns pm
Finn - Maple
Harrison - Beech
Amara - Birch
Arabella - Willow
Mia G - Hazel
Amalie - Rowan



Eva - Acorns am
Bradley - Acorns pm
Jessica - Maple
Jessica - Beech
Ryan - Birch
Amber - Willow
Ella - Hazel
Anna - Rowan