



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

7th April 2017

Dates for your diary

Monday 24th April

Inset Day

Tuesday 25th April

School re-opens for Children
for the Summer Term

Tuesday 2nd May

Year 2 Trip Thatcham
Discovery Centre
Packed lunches need to be
ordered by 25th April.

Friday 5th May

Year 1 Trip Oxford University
Natural History Museum
Packed lunches need to be
ordered by 25th April.

Wednesday 10th May

Beech Cake Sale

Tuesday 16th May

Class Photos being taken

Wednesday 24th May

Sports Day

PTA providing refreshments

School News

We all watched a fantastic Easter assembly led by Hazel Class. We heard about why Christians celebrate Easter along with them performing an Easter poem and singing some Easter and Spring songs. Thank you to Hazel Class!

Outdoor Learning

Following on from parent and volunteer feedback we will be adapting our outdoor learning timetable slightly and trialling a mixture of Forest School sessions (which encourage child initiated choices) along with some outdoor learning sessions (which will have more specific learning outcomes e.g. tree and plant identification, pond dipping and What lives in a Pond?) We will still need volunteers for the Forest School sessions, so please do sign up or email the office to let them know if you're able to volunteer. Thank you.

Message from the Governing Board

The governors greatly enjoyed the excellent Quiz evening arranged by the PTA. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise and run the event and to all the PTA members for your efforts throughout the term. The Governing Board wishes all parents a joyful Easter and look forward to a busy and exciting summer term.

School Lottery

Please click on the above link to access the new school lottery where you can win money and prizes whilst supporting the school. Please share this link with your friends and family. The more people that buy tickets, the better the prizes and the more money we raise. Our first draw is scheduled for Saturday
13th May

Thank you for your support and good luck everyone!

The PTA

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/mrs-blands-infant-and-nursery-school>

Message from Mrs Nisbet

Thank you to all the children for working so hard this term and to parents for supporting the school whether it has been through volunteering at Forest School or coming in to help with clubs or to hear readers in class or to paint the log cabin. I'd also like to thank the staff for all their hard work and commitment to the school over the last term.

Finally, I'd like to wish everyone a wonderful Easter break!

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

Little Acorns have enjoyed an Easter experience this week! We have had lots of Easter crafts including potato printing on egg shapes and pictures of bunnies and chicks! We have sung "Hot Cross buns" and "Sleeping Bunnies" and made some yummy chocolate nests! Outside we have continued to care for our plants by watering them, enjoyed new squeezey bottles in the mud kitchen (good for our motor skills) and had lots of fun with an Easter hunt! **PLEASE COULD ALL PARENTS BRING IN A SNACK NEXT TERM - WE HAVE PLENTY OF BREADSTICKS BUT FRUIT/VEG/CHEESE WOULD BE VERY WELCOME, THANK YOU!**

PTA News

CAKE SALE

10th May 2017
Beech Class

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the
playground –

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

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

This week in Nursery we have been learning about the Christian Festival of Easter. We listened carefully to the first Easter story and realised Baby Jesus from the Christmas story was the same person in the Easter story who was now all grown up. We discussed the different ways people celebrate Easter including; eating chocolate eggs and bunnies, sending cards, going to church and wearing Easter bonnets. We have listened carefully to the initial sounds in the Easter object words and thought of as many different words beginning with that sound as possible. We have also ordered Easter egg numbers and played a number recognition and formation hunt outside. Thank you for supporting the children with their counting and name writing at home this term. Please could you continue provide this invaluable support over the Easter Holiday. Have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in two weeks.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week we have been learning all about Easter. We have read Easter themed stories and have participated in lots of different Easter arts and crafts! We have made Easter cards and have worked hard on the writing inside our cards and we have also had lots of fun on our Easter egg hunt in the outdoor area! It is lovely to see the children coming in so happily in the mornings, with most now coming in through the doors independently. Could you please support your child with this by saying goodbye at the door and encouraging your children to organise their things themselves for the day ahead. This will help develop their independence and will also help in preparing them for drop off in Year 1. Thank you. Happy Easter from the Reception team! We hope you have a lovely break.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

This week we have been learning about Easter, and in particular about the traditional Christian festivals and the ways that Easter is celebrated around the world. Chocolate has been involved!

In maths, we have recapped a number of the topics covered since Christmas to reinforce the children's learning.

We have written about the Easter story, made Easter baskets and cards and had a fantastic time in the sunshine at Forest School.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you all in two weeks.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week, the children in Year Two have been preparing for Easter. Hazel class children have been working hard on their Easter assembly this week. To end our Street Detectives topic, Hazel Class have been making a village. Both classes have been writing and improving stories. In maths, both classes have been consolidating their learning on 3D shapes and their properties. Over half term, we want you to have lots of fun and come back with stories of what you got up to. Holidays and breaks are a great time to look at adding and counting money; telling the time; and writing diaries. Please spend some time on each of these things and remember to sign your reading journals- whatever you choose to read! After Easter, our term 5 topic is "Wriggle and Crawl". This is a science themed topic on bugs, wildlife and habitats. This might give you some activity ideas for the break. Whatever you get up to, have a lovely break and we will look forward to hearing all about it.



Forest School



Forest School has had a lovely sunny week this week, where the children have been crafting nests, threading natural materials and enjoying the fire. Thank you to everyone who has helped at Forest School this term, and we look forward to more sunshine next term.

Monday – Maple Wagtails

Wagtails had their fire this week and a lovely sunny afternoon. We wrote letters to the Easter Bunny and built nests that could hold an actual egg! Some children played "hide and seek" and everyone enjoyed the fire! THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH to Antec's Dad, Brielle's Mum and Olivia's Mum for coming to join in our fun.

If you haven't completed an induction for Forest School then please ensure you book one in through the office before you attend.

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.

Star of the Week

Friendship Star

Alice - Acorns am
Amber - Acorns pm
William - Maple
Zoe - Beech
Arvind - Birch
Zoe - Willow
Tempe - Hazel
James - Rowan

Caitlin - Acorns am
Tegan - Acorns pm
Eva - Maple
Janiel - Beech
Ellie H - Birch
Joshua - Willow
Mia E - Hazel
Joel - Rowan

Perfect Presentation

Maria - Hazel

We are looking for a toy till and ride on tractor for Little Acorns if anyone has one spare.

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...

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After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

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