



## Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

**Newsletter**  
28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

### Dates for your diary

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Bank Holiday – School Shut

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Year 2 Trip Thatcham  
Discovery Centre

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

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

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Beech Cake Sale

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Class Photos being taken

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Sports Day

PTA providing refreshments

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Nursery Sports Day

Morning and Afternoon

### School News

Welcome Back! I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful sunshine over Easter? Let's hope the May Bank Holiday is warm and sunny too!

### School Lottery

Please click on the link below 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>

### Burghfield May Fayre

The Burghfield May Fayre is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 10am – 4pm. Come along and support the school by buying plants and 'picking a lolly' at our stall. Year 2 children will also be doing some Country Dancing (11.30am – 11.45am) in the main arena. Please can the Year 2 children sign up if they are coming

### Y2 Visit to Thatcham Discover Centre

Please ensure you have paid for your child to take part in the Y2 school trip on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We are totally reliant on parental contributions. Should we not receive sufficient contributions to cover the cost of the trip it will need to be cancelled. Thank you.

## Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

The children were all very happy to be back and quickly settled into our routines. We have been learning "Baa Baa Black Sheep" this week and have listened to a variety of nursery rhymes on the CD player. We made our own play dough and explored it and had a wonderful time in our "Farm shop" role play area. Outside we saw that our potatoes are growing and gave the plants a good water. We planted some courgette plants and were fascinated by watching some snails! We welcomed Mrs Hitt who will now be with us every morning and also Toby joined us.

**PLEASE CAN PARENTS DONATE SNACKS APPROXIMATELY ONCE A FORTNIGHT AS WE RELY ON YOUR DONATIONS.**

### Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

In nursery this week we began our new topic, 'Am I the Fastest?' We read the story of the Tortoise and the Hare and talked about the features, characters and setting of the story. We learnt about animals that are fast and animals that are slow and discussed the features that enabled them to be fast and slow. We used claves to tap and repeat short rhythms that were both fast and slow and counted animals in two groups to find a total. We welcomed some new friends into both the morning and afternoon nursery and have been very clever to remember all our rules and routines to help everyone know what to do. We are all still practising writing our names using the correct letter formation and holding a pencil using Beaky Bird. Please can you continue to help us at home. Thank you.

### Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in Beech and Maple classes our learning has focused around a story by the author Eric Carle – 'Slowly, Slowly, Slowly said the Sloth'. The story is set in a tropical rainforest so we have looked at rainforests and talked about how they are similar and different to the environment we live in. We have also written words or sentences about rainforests and our favourite animal from the story. In our story this week the sloth moves slowly, so this week we have listened to slow rhythms and made up slow dances to go with them. Next week our stories are all about being fast and so next week we will do the opposite! In maths we have focused on capacity and using words such as more, less, empty, full, fuller & fullest etc... We have enjoyed exploring the different capacities of containers and using the new language that we have learnt. We are happy to be back at school with all of our friends after our Easter break. We have shared our Easter holiday news and it sounds like everyone has had a lovely break. We look forward to seeing what the rest of the Summer term has in store for us!

### Birch and Willow (Year 1)

It has been lovely to see all the children back in school, refreshed after the Easter break. We have started our new topic this term which is Dinosaurs. The children are really keen and enjoying learning facts about dinosaurs. In English we have read and written poems about dinosaurs and looked at a story about a dinosaur. The children are learning about differences between stories and poems. In Maths we have learning about place value and ordering numbers. In science we learnt about the diet of dinosaurs and in history looked at timelines and placed dinosaurs in deep time. In PHSE we discussed the English patron saint, Saint George, and his values. Our creative and role play areas have been refreshed to reflect the new topic, which is helping the children's focus. Can we make a request for parent helpers to come on the Milestone Museum, Basingstoke trip on 6th July. In addition we are always on the lookout for Forest School helpers and parent readers.

### PTA News

#### Burghfield May Fayre 7<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 4pm

Plant Sale and Pick a lolly stall. Help is required during the day, just turn up at the stall when you can make it.

#### CAKE SALE

10<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Beech Class

#### 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.

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This term our topic is Wriggle and Crawl. We will be learning about insects, bugs and living things. We have role play areas outside so that we can go bug hunting and learn more about mini-beasts. We have also been pretending that we are famous TV presenters to share facts and information to each other! In maths, the teachers have been assessing our learning and understanding so that they can find out what we already know and what we need to learn this term. Everybody is excited about the trip next week to Thatcham Discovery Centre. Thank you so much to all of the parents who have volunteered to help. Hazel class have been gardening around the school in outdoor learning this week and some of the children from Rowan class went out on a bug hunt and did some reading in the outdoor classroom. If you are able to come in for an hour or two each week this term to read with children in Year 2, please see Mrs Cox or Ms Duncan. If you have not been a helper before, you will need to attend a short induction with Mrs Hudson. We really appreciate any time at all that you are able to give. Thank you.



**Forest School**



### Wednesday – Beech Woodpeckers

We had a wonderful first session this week. The children were excited to get changed in our new log cabin and we also had a very special snack in the woods - birthday cakes to celebrate Jessica being 5! We went on to have a snail race, which was actually very exciting. The children also hunted for pictures of animals and then ran to tell Mrs. Hardie some information about them. We played imaginative games and climbed trees as well as investigating rabbit holes! Beech Class were very lucky to have Mrs Hutchings help out even though Zoe wasn't in this forest school group. We are very grateful for all support from any parent. WE NEED A PARENT FOR NEXT WEEK SO PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

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

### Forest Fun Holiday Club

We had a truly magnificent four days at Forest Fun during the first week of the Easter holidays. We built dens (and then checked if they were waterproof!), hunted for bugs, made bird feeders, got muddy, made faces on trees and had a fire every day! We cooked marshmallows, hot dogs, soup and pancakes ! A wonderful time was had by all with children going home a bit mucky and very tired and happy

We are running Forest Fun during the May half term so please contact the office now for details as spaces book up fast!

### 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



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

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