



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 9th JUNE 2017

Dates for your diary

Thursday 15th June
Yr 2 Trip to Englefield Estate

Friday 16th June
Scootathon and Summer Fete
2pm – 5.00pm

Monday 19th June
Yr 2 Games Afternoon at
Garland Junior School

Tuesday 27th June
Reception Enrichment trip to
Legoland

Wednesday 28th June
Year 2 sports am at Willink

Thursday 29th June
Move up day

Thursday 6th July
Year One Trip to Milestones
Museum, Basingstoke

Wednesday 12th July
Open Afternoon 1.30pm –
3.15pm

Friday 14th July
School Disco
Yr R – 3.30 – 4.30pm
Yrs 1 & 2 4.45 – 5.45pm

Thursday 20th July
Year 2 Leavers Assembly
9.30am

Thursday 20th July
Last day for Nursery

Friday 21st July
School Finishes 1.45pm

School News

School Trips

We have quite a large amount of monies outstanding for the school trips coming up this term. Please can you pay your child's balance as soon as possible. Unfortunately we are not able to subsidise any trip. Should we not receive sufficient funds, trips will be cancelled which would be a great shame for the children. Trips and visits are educational experiences which have been carefully planned to enhance and enrich current and future learning.

30 Hours 3 Year Old Funding

Mrs Bland's Nursery has registered to offer the 30 hour provision from September. If you would like to register your child or would like more information, please contact the school office.

Mrs Bland's Summer Fete & Scootathon

Save the date of Friday 16th June 2017 as Mrs Bland's school host the annual Scootathon and Summer Fete. The Scootathon starts at 2pm and the Fete will follow on from 3.30pm till 5.00pm. Come along and join the fun. If you can help please let the PTA know.

Thank you from the School Office

We really appreciate all the donations of envelopes, thank you so much. If you have any charity pens at home which you don't need we will be happy to accept them in the office.

Our New Additions to the School



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This week we have welcomed two new members to our school. The children were introduced to the guinea pigs in Tuesday's assembly and have been set the challenge of naming them. Mrs Nisbet has had lots of ideas given to her for consideration. We will let you know the chosen names very soon!

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

Little Acorns have been enjoying "The 3 Little Pigs" this week. The children have loved using actions when listening to the story and have made straw and stick houses. Outside some of the children have acted out part of the story by running away from the big bad wolf! We have used lots of tools in our building area inside and outside have had great fun playing with water and containers. Our garden is doing very well following the rain and we hope to have some produce from it soon! We have welcomed Reggie this week and are very happy to have him as part of our pre-nursery. We also welcomed two other members to our group this week - female guinea pigs! The children have been watching them in our garden and learning that they can eat grass and dandelion leaves.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

In nursery this week we have started our final topic of the year, 'How does that building stay up?' We began by reading the story of, 'The Three Little pigs,' and talked about the characters, the story setting, the main events and the story ending. Through the week we then read different versions of the story to compare the similarities and differences in the stories. We also drew a story map to be able to retell the story and have used a big, deep, growly voice for the wolf and a high, squeaky voice for the pigs and talked about making the story more interesting for the listener. We have talked about using colour for purpose and have had a go at drawing and painting pink pigs using shapes. We have also recognised and ordered numbers on pigs and again practised writing our names. Please can you support the children to write their names as much as possible at home to prepare them for going to Reception next year. We are looking forward to our Millers Ark Farm Visit on the 13th July.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week we were introduced to our new topic, 'How Does that Building Stay Up?' We began by discussing what we already know about buildings. After sharing our ideas, we moved on to thinking about what we would like to learn about buildings over the coming term. In literacy we read the story of 'The Three Little Pigs.' We talked about the characters and events in the story and then used this knowledge to hot seat different characters. This involved us thinking of questions we would ask in order to find out more about the characters and the story. At the end of the week we created a class story map and used this as a visual aid to support us in retelling the story of 'The Three Little Pigs.' In maths we have been extending and applying our understanding of number. Every day we have started our maths sessions by counting to 20. See if your child is able to count to 20 reliably to you at home! We then moved on to practical tasks, such as estimating and counting at our estimation station!

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

The children have been very enthusiastic after their half term break. Our topic this term is memories. The children have brought in a wonderful selection of toys, games and books from parent and grandparent childhoods which they have enjoyed sharing with the class. In Literacy we have written recollections of baby and toddler years and prepared for an interview with a grandparent, by writing invitations and questions. In Maths we have been using arrays to solve word problems. In science we have looked at the materials used to make toys in the past and in RE have looked at the story of Pentecost in the Christian church.

PTA News

This month its coppers for June. Bring in all the coppers you have and the class that raises the most gets a film and popcorn afternoon.

**Thursday 15th June
9am PTA meeting**

Scotathon & Summer Fete

**Tickets now on sale from the office.
£2.50each**

16th June 2pm – 5.00pm

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.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week in year two we have begun the final term of 2016-17. Our topic this term is Beachcombers. The classrooms are ready and children are beginning to explore the geography and wildlife along our coasts. In maths we have been learning more formal methods for addition and subtraction and playing some games. In Literacy we have been reading about the upcoming general election and getting our tongues around some twisters. Try saying "She sells sea shells by the sea shore," very quickly 5 times!



Forest School



Maple and Beech class both enjoyed Outdoor Learning this week. We talked about the 3 little pigs story and children learnt how straw is made. We worked in groups to build houses using the 3 materials and evaluated the materials together. Children used great problem solving skills during this activity. We also looked at the school garden, admiring what we can see growing at the moment and some children helped to water the plants.

PLEASE LOOK AT WHEN YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING FOREST SCHOOL AS THIS IS OFFSITE AND WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS. YOU ARE ALSO VERY WELCOME FOR THE OUTDOOR SESSIONS WHICH TAKE PLACE IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

HOT WEATHER

Even when it is very warm children **MUST** wear **LONG SLEEVES AND LONG TROUSERS TO FOREST SCHOOL**. This is to protect against sunburn, ticks, bites and stings.

Forest Fun Holiday Club

The forest fun holiday club ran over half term with many children having a wonderful time enjoying hours of outdoor fun! We cooked a wide variety of foods on our fire including pancakes, hot dogs and drop scones! We built dens and played in the mud. We climbed trees and used tools. Children went home very tired and happy ... and a bit mucky

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



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.

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

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.

Thank you for your support and good luck everyone!

The PTA

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