



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

15th September 2017

Dates for your diary

18th September 2017

Reception children in full time

26th September 2017

Year 2 Trip to Oxford Castle

26th September 2017

Newbury Weekly News
Photographing Reception
Children

28th September 2017

6pm Meet the Teacher Evening

29th September 2017

School Guinea Pig Day

10th October 2017

Tempest Photography

11th October 2017

Year 1 Trip to Milestones
Museum

13th October 2017

9.30am Harvest Assembly led
by Hazel Class, Hazel Class
Parents welcome to come.

20th October 2017

Bulb Planting Day – Wear
green clothes and donate
bulbs

20th October 2017

End of Term – school finishes
3.25pm

School News

Welcome back...It's been lovely to welcome back children and meet our new children and families. We have been working hard on the children learning the routines of the day and have thought carefully about the start of the day and how children can settle happily.

In assembly, the children have been thinking about how they are all part of the Bland's jigsaw puzzle and we will be creating a display where all of our pieces fit together to make one big picture. We have also been thinking about caring for everyone and everything, which is one of our four school rules. We will focus on a different rule each week during September.

We have had lots of work completed around the school over the summer break and are really pleased with our new playground in KS1. The play area is almost complete in KS1 and we have a lovely new hall ceiling. We will be now be focussing our fundraising efforts on improving the EYFS outdoor area.

Friday 29th September 2017 – School Pet Day

This year at Mrs Bland's we are excited to have acquired two guinea pigs as our school pets. The guinea pigs will spend an equal number of weeks throughout the year in the different classrooms and the children will be asked to be responsible for them. We appreciate that not all children have the benefit of having pets at home and this is a valuable extension of the children's learning experiences.

On Friday the 29th September, therefore, the guinea pigs will visit each classroom with Heidi and we will be learning how to look after and handle our pets carefully. We are asking that on the day children bring in either a pound or a contribution towards the upkeep and care of the guinea pigs as shown below. We would also welcome newspaper contributions at any time throughout the year.

Thank you in advance for your support!
Acorns/Little Acorns – Guinea pig food
Reception – Wood shavings
Year 1 – newspapers
Year 2 - Hay

Parking

A request to families dropping and collecting their children by car to park sensibly and with consideration to the school neighbours. Please do not park on the pavement, blocking a driveway or on the yellow lines outside both gates.

Thank you.

Thank you!

A huge **thank you** to Mr Bevan who donated his time, and provided materials, to fit an outside tap in the nursery. The children have been busy filling watering cans and buckets to add water to their mud kitchen!

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

PTA News

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the
playground –

Rachel James, Claire
Oakes, Lizi Hawkins,
Beki Streeter

We are learning about Love - "Why do you love me so much?"

We have welcomed in some new members to "Little Acorns" and have talked about our families. We have made hand print pictures. We have played with cinnamon play dough and drawn and painted pictures. We have listened to our new "Good Morning" song and have listened to stories. Outside we have played with our mud kitchen, enjoying the opportunity to use our new outside tap! We have had great fun in the sand pit and have fed our guinea pigs. Can Little Acorns parents bring in/email a family photograph (including pets if they wish) for us to use in Little Acorns over the next week or two.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

We have had a fantastic week of welcoming both existing and new children into the nursery for a brand new year of learning fun. We have been amazed at how well all the children have said goodbye to their grown-ups and settled into the nursery routines independently this week. We have learnt how special it is to belong and now know we all belong to Mrs Bland's Nursery. All the children have been keen to choose new activities and have tried very hard to learn new rules and expectations. We have played lots of name learning games and have even decided on a special name for our keyworker groups. We also began our new topic, 'Why do you love me so much?' and have been making helping hands and paper plate self-portraits. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents for working alongside us to make the transition into nursery so smooth for the children.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In Reception this week we have been in for morning sessions. Although we're not in full time yet, we have managed to squeeze in a lot of learning already! We have been busy settling into our new classes and school routines and have played games to help us to get to know the other children in our class. We have been to our first whole school assembly and taken part in our first PE session too!

In literacy, we have shared different stories about starting school and have talked about how the characters might be feeling about this. In maths, we have practised counting to 10 and beyond.

We will continue getting to know each other and settling in next week and some of us will have our first Forest School session too.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

Welcome back to a new school year. It is lovely to have new pupils joining us in Year 1. In Maths, we have been writing digits in our new math books. We have also been reciting days of the week and months of the year. In English, we wrote about our summer holidays. We also recited known rhymes and thought about the features of poetry. In science, we compared what we were like when we were babies to what we are like now. We have started our new topic: Memory Box. In history, we have compared old and new toys and games. If you have not already done so, please can the children bring in the following to enhance our learning in this topic: - a picture of themselves as a baby; - any old toys from parents or grandparents; - a 'memory box' to decorate. Please can you also talk to your child about the games you used to play as a child. We would also appreciate parent volunteers: Forest school (Friday afternoons for Willow and Wednesday afternoon for Birch); listening to readers; Milestones Museum Trip on Wednesday 11th October.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

It has been a busy first week in Year 2! The children have been working hard to remember all of the school rules and routines, and to develop their behaviour for learning.

In literacy, we have learnt the story of Rapunzel, which links to our topic 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets.' We are going to be writing this story next week. We have also been learning lots about the different parts of a castle. Ask your child what parts of a castle they know, and what they were used for.

In maths, we have been revising the concept of tens and units, in order to compare numbers.

Hopefully your child will have shown you their spelling book which we have given them this week.

Spellings will be given out on a Monday, to be tested the following Monday. **Please help your child to learn their spellings.** They are to practise them once in their spelling book, and then on paper at home.

Please keep your child's spelling book in their book bag, as we will be using them in school too.

Remember that your child needs their PE kit, and their reading book, in school every day.

We are going to be constructing castles over the next few weeks so please send in any cereal boxes and kitchen rolls. Thank you!



Forest School



MAPLE AND BEECH FOREST SCHOOL.

Our first session will be held ON SCHOOL GROUNDS but children should still bring in their forest school clothing as this will be good practise for them! We will learn some rules and get to know each other as well as looking at the log cabin and the school garden.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH WEEK WE GO TO THE WOODS and welcome volunteers for outdoor learning which takes place on site, so please sign up! Without adult support we don't have the correct ratios to take children off site.

Heidi Evans, Forest School leader.

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...

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

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>