



## Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

### Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

#### Dates for your diary

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

7.30pm Race Night PTA  
Fundraiser

6<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Family Portrait Sessions  
Grandparents and small pets  
welcome. Book your slot  
through the office

10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

9.00am PTA Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

9.30am Remembrance  
Assembly – led by Service  
Children

17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

9.30am Children in Need  
assembly led by Rowan Class,  
Rowan parents invited to come  
along

18<sup>th</sup> November 2017

10 – 12noon Garland Junior  
School Open Morning for  
prospective parents

21<sup>st</sup> November 2017

3.30pm – 6.00pm Parents  
Consultation Evening

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

5.30pm – 8.00pm Parents  
Consultation Evening

24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

9.10am Celebration Assembly  
with Poem read by Birch  
Class, Birch parents welcome  
to come along

### School News

Thank you for all the wonderful bulbs, seeds and compost you donated to us on our 'Green Day' last term. We got busy planting the bulbs and are looking forward to planting the seeds in Spring.

### Flu Immunisations

The School Nursing Team will be in school on the morning of the 6th December to administer the Nasal Flu Immunisation to all Reception, Year One and Year Two children. You should have recently received the Information sheet and consent form.

**Please could you complete the form giving your consent, or if you do not give consent, signing the Non-Consent part of the form and returning it to the school as soon as possible.**

### Photographs

It's last orders for any photographs, Tempest will be collecting all the orders on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Please drop them off as soon as possible or a late fee will be applied.

### School Christmas Lunch

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XmasLunch17>

You should have received an email regarding the School Christmas lunch, which takes place on Wednesday 13th December. To enable the kitchen to order the correct amount of food, please could you book your child's lunch through the above SurveyMonkey link. If your child will be having a packed lunch that day, please indicate that on the survey. Thank you.

### Waterproofs for 2-3 year olds

Little Acorns are in need of some more waterproof suits or trousers or snow suits for our little guys. If you have any please donate to the office, as we will continue to play outside in all weathers. Thank you

### Milk for your child

All children are entitled to a portion of milk until they are five years old. Once they reach five, they are removed from the register. If you wish for your child to continue to receive milk, you can pay 25p per day for this. Please pop into the school office for a form or download from the website. You should pay half termly in advance, preferably via ParentPay. Thank you.

### Mrs Williams

Mrs Williams will be leaving to take her maternity leave on 10<sup>th</sup> November. We'd like to wish her all the best with the arrival of Baby Williams.



## Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

### PTA News

### PTA Dates

10<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
9.00am PTA Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017  
12 – 2pm Mrs Blands  
Christmas Fair

Get in Touch via –

[mrsblandspta@gmail.com](mailto:mrsblandspta@gmail.com)

or catch someone on the  
playground –

Rachel James, Gareth  
Bowen, Lizi Hawkins,  
Beki Streeter

This week we started our new topic, "Why Do Leaves Go Crispy?" We listened to an Autumn story and counted and sorted Autumnal objects. We made hedgehog pictures, played with play dough as we sang a song and went into the hall for some yoga stretches. Mrs. Rounce is now working with us on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

### Acorn Nursery

This week in Nursery we commenced our new topic, 'Why Do Leaves Go Crispy?' We have begun to think about the Season of Autumn and have talked about some of the things that we see outside during this Season. We talked about the leaves falling off the trees, the colours that they turn to and we discussed why they change colour and fall off the trees. We have had fun mixing Autumn colours using felt tips on coffee paper and adding water to see the changes. We have made an acorn number line by drawing round shapes and cutting them out and some of us had a go at copy writing numbers. We have counted using Autumn treasures and have investigated how quickly conkers can roll down tubes. We have also extended our vocabulary by thinking of lots of words to describe crunchy leaves and the weather that we have in Autumn. We started our Phonics programme through song this week and have learnt the sounds for s and a.

### Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In maths this week we have focused on number recognition and formation. We have practised recognising numbers and counting out groups of objects to match the number. We have also learnt the correct way to form each of the numbers.

In literacy this week we have looked at different poems about Autumn and have had a go at creating our own class acrostic poem using Autumn words. We have also learnt a poem about Autumn and have performed this with actions. We chose instruments to match our performance, listening carefully to the sounds they make and trying out different ways to change these sounds.

We have continued with our PE sessions and in gymnastics this week have practised jumping off the equipment, ensuring that we land safely, with our knees bent.

We've also had reminders of our classroom rules, and have discussed why we have them and why they are so important.

### Birch and Willow (Year 1)

Our new topic is, 'Enchanted Woodland' and we have been enjoying the role play areas both inside and outside our classrooms.

We learnt about Guy Fawkes this week and wrote about the Gunpowder plot. We thought about how history impacts us today and spoke about our experiences of bonfire night. We have also been thinking of firework safety. In ICT and art, we made firework pictures.

In maths, we continue to think about addition and subtraction. We are reading word problems and translating these into number sentence. We are getting really good at jumping on and back on the number line. We are also learning different words for our – and + calculations.

We are also beginning to think about Remembrance Day and looked at parts of a poppy in Science. In DT, we made a poppy wreath.

Please listen to your child read every night. Also please help your child practise the weekly spellings, which are tested on Mondays.

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

Our new topic, 'Beat Band Boogie' has started with a bang this week with the children trying out lots of different instruments. The role play corner in both of the Year 2 classrooms is a 'Production Studio' where the children have the opportunity to learn the lyrics of popular songs and nursery rhymes and perform them in groups, accompanied by instruments and body percussion.

In literacy we have been learning the features of instructions and following instructions to make musical instruments and bonfire pictures. We have then used the features to write our own instructions.

Maths has been quite difficult this week! The children have been learning to add and subtract when the tens boundary is crossed (e.g. 34+8) by using Dienes (tens and units equipment) and numberlines. We will continue to practise this, and build upon it next week so enable the children to become more confident with this.

Have a good weekend, and please remember to enjoy fireworks safely.



**Forest School**



### Forest Fun Zone

We had a wonderful week of fun and lots of warm sunshine! We cooked lots of yummy things on the fire including pancakes and cheese toasties. We used saws, knives and played in the mud. We climbed trees and worked together in teams.

The next **Forest** FunZone will be the second week of the Easter Holidays: 9th - 13th April 2018

FunZone will be running in during the Christmas break on the following dates (8am-6pm) and we are hoping to offer the following themed days (TBC).

21<sup>st</sup> December – Sports theme - with Danny Williams Sports Coach

22<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas theme with magician

2<sup>nd</sup> January – 2018 Great British Bland's and Garland Bake Off

3<sup>rd</sup> January – Street Dance and Music

More details to follow. If you would like to book children in, please contact Garland school office at [office@garland.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:office@garland.w-berks.sch.uk)

## 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>