



## Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

**Newsletter**  
1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

### Dates for your diary

#### Christmas Fair

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
12.00-2.00pm

#### Christmas Performances

4.12.17 2.00pm  
5.12.17 2.00pm  
6.12.17 2.00pm  
7.12.17 9.30am

#### 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Christmas Lunch for staff and pupils

#### 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

3.25pm PTA Cake Sale – Hazel

#### 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017

2.00pm Joint Carol Service  
with Garland Junior School

#### 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

KS1 Theatre Trip – The Borrowers

#### 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

EYFS The Gingerbread Man  
Theatre Production (in school)

#### 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

End of Term –  
Main School finish 1.45pm  
Nursery finish 3.30pm

### School News

#### Christmas Performance Tickets

We still have a few tickets left which have not yet been collected. Please ensure you pick these up today. A reminder that younger siblings are allowed to the Monday performance and we have put on a heavily subsidised crèche on the Tuesday and Wednesday. Younger children will not be permitted in to the performances on Tues-Thurs. We have a limit to the number of people allowed in the hall and have now sold all tickets and will be full to the brim!

The children had their first dress rehearsal today and have been working hard to learn their lines and sing as part of the school.

The PTA will very kindly be providing refreshments at all of the Christmas performances in exchange for a donation to their fundraising. They are currently raising money towards the EYFS playground refurbishment.

#### Poppy Appeal

We raised £216.61 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Thank you for your support.

#### Governor News

Following on from the parent elections for a Parent Governor. The Governing Board are delighted to welcome Mr Nuckley to the governing board at Mrs Bland's.

#### Mrs Bland's Christmas Fair

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
12-2pm

Come and support the PTA's Christmas Fair at school tomorrow.



## Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week we were talking about winter! We listened to some winter stories and played with animals from cold countries. We investigated shaving foam outside and there was some glitter in our sandpit! We did some snowy pictures and went to the hall to sing songs and do some actions together. Thank you to everyone who has donated snacks, the children thoroughly enjoyed tasting lots of different healthy foods.

### Acorn Nursery

In nursery this week we read the story of, 'The Enormous Turnip.' We have listened to different versions of the story and thought about the things that are similar and the things that are different. We have made pictures using 2D shapes and have used our voices to make different vocal sounds. We have used vegetables to make two colour patterns and have printed faces using paint and vegetables in the style of the artist Guiseppe Arcimboldo. We have also been ordering vegetables by size and counting using 1-1 correspondence. This week we have been learning the phonic sounds, 'g' and 'o'.

### Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week, our learning has focused on the story of, The Enormous Turnip. We enjoyed listening to the story and have been acting it out in our role play area. The creative area has been taken over by turnips too, although they're not as enormous as the ones in our story! The children created some beautiful sketches and collages of them using a variety of materials. In maths, we have used the words more, less and the same to describe amounts. Whilst at home this weekend, see if your child can use these words to compare sets of objects. Finally, we loved meeting Maple and Beech parents and carers last week. It was so lovely to hear how proud you are of your children and just how much progress they have made since joining us. If you notice your child doing/ saying/ accomplishing something extra special, please could you write it on the 'WOW moment' slips sent home. Additional slips can be collected from your child's teacher if needed.

We look forward to seeing lots of you at the Christmas fair on Saturday.

### Birch and Willow (Year 1)

We have continued our work based on the story, 'Hansel and Gretel' this week. Our work has included rewriting the story and retelling it to each other. In Maths we have continued working with place value, modelling tens and ones and what is 1 more than and 1 less than any number to 20. In Geography we have looked at Ordnance Survey maps of the area around the school. We have identified the route that we take to Forest School and written out the directions. In PSHE we talked about St Andrew as part of our British Values. St Andrews day was on Thursday.

We have been working really hard on the Christmas performance and are looking forward to welcoming parents in school next week, to see what we have achieved.

We really appreciate all of the help that we get from parents, listening to readers in school and accompanying the children to Forest School. We are always looking for additional help in these areas and if you can spare some time we would appreciate it.

### PTA Dates

#### Volunteers Needed !

If you can help set up/clear away or run a stall for the Christmas Fair please let us or your class know. Thank you

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

13<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
3.25pm Cake Sale –  
Hazel Class led

11<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
8.00pm PTA meeting

Get in Touch via –

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or catch someone in the  
playground –

Rachel James, Gareth  
Bowen, Lizi Hawkins,  
Beki Streeter

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

In writing this week, Year 2 have been busy writing their own fabulous versions of the story of, 'The Steadfast Tin Soldier', and have started to edit their work with a little help. In their writing the children have tried hard to use adjectives, noun phrases and conjunctions, as well as the correct punctuation and spellings. They have also answered comprehension questions about the story.

The children have been learning about the value of coins and notes, as well as how to add coins of different value and how to make the same amount using different combinations of coins. Much of this has been practical and related to real life problems.

There has also been a lot of art work to prepare for the Christmas play and displays, which Year 2 have enjoyed helping to prepare. The children have also been busy rehearsing the Christmas play with the rest of the school, and are now looking forward to performing to an audience.



**Forest School**



This week we had our fires! These took place on site as we will start using our new woodland area in January. The groups from Maple and Beech made reindeer food to put out on Christmas Eve and reminded themselves of what they have learnt this half term - they should know about acorns coming from Oak trees and might be able to show you a Holly Bush!

We all enjoyed toasting marshmallows and milky ways and having a nice drink and chat together.

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE PARENTS WHO TOOK THE TIME TO COME AND HELP. It is very much appreciated

## Fun Zone Holiday Club

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

- 20<sup>th</sup> December – (1.45-6pm) – Christmas Movie afternoon**
- 21<sup>st</sup> December (8-6pm)– Sports theme - with Danny Williams Sports Coach**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December (8-6pm)– Christmas theme**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> January – 2018 (8-6pm) Great British Bland's and Garland Bake Off**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> January (8-6pm)– Dance and Drama**

**More details to follow. If you would like to book children in, please contact the school office for an application form.**

## Star of the Week



## Friendship Star



## Perfect Presentation

Charlie - Hazel  
Madison - Hazel  
Zeraan - Hazel

### 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>