



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 12th January 2018

Dates for your diary

11th January 2018
8.00pm PTA Meeting

19th January 2018
9.10am Celebration Assembly
– Willow Class poem recital –
Willow parents welcome to
attend

2nd February 2018
Disco Night – 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Reception
4.45pm – 5.45pm Year 1 & 2

Parent Consultation Meetings
Tuesday 6th February
3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 8th February
5.30pm – 8.00pm

7th February 2018
3.25pm Cake Sale – Willow
Class

9th February 2018
9.30am – Chinese New Year
Assembly by Beech Class.
Beech Class parents invited

9th February 2018
End of Term – finish normal
time

School News

Welcome back to all our parents and children. Happy New Year to you all!

The School Census will take place on Thursday the 18th January. Part of the funding for the school relies on the uptake of a school dinner on that day. The Friday menu – with Fish Fingers and chips as the most popular meal – will be available on Census day. Please could you order a lunch that day for your child to help us secure as much funding as possible? Thank you.

Staffing Update

We have two new additions to our leadership team... Mrs C Jones has been appointed Acting Deputy Headteacher whilst Mrs Williams is on maternity leave and Ms Sawyer will be joining us for a few weeks and will be working across Key Stage 1.

Mrs Cowie left us before Christmas to start her maternity leave, we are still awaiting baby news...

Mrs Rounce has joined us to work in breakfast club and in our nursery, as a teaching assistant.

Parent Consultation Meetings

You should have received information about the upcoming Parent's Consultation appointments. Your child's teacher will be able to discuss academic progress, attitudes to learning and attendance. Appointments are for 10 minutes.

Tuesday 6th February 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 8th February 5.30pm – 8.00pm
10 minute appointments in the hall strictly for parents only.

Please make arrangements for your children. There will be no staff available to care of children. If childcare is an issue, can we suggest you make arrangements with other parents to look after each other's children during appointment times.

We will run strictly to time so please be punctual. In fairness to other parents, if you are late, your appointment will be curtailed or cancelled. Please speak to your child's teacher if you need to make an alternative appointment.

PE Kits

A reminder that all children in Reception to Y2 require navy shorts and a yellow T-Shirt for indoor PE and gymnastics and a navy blue tracksuit to wear for outdoor PE. We are spending a lot of time trying to source PE kit for children when items have been forgotten. All items, including trainers/plimsolls should be named and PE kits should be kept in school ALL week.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

PTA Dates

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone in the
playground –

Rachel James, Gareth
Bowen, Lizi Hawkins,
Beki Streeter

Welcome back to all our children and welcome to our new parents and children. The children have settled back into the routine and are happy to be back. We have been learning about the 'Dentist' this week and how to keep our teeth healthy. We have talked about healthy eating and have enjoyed our fruit at snack time. It has been very cold and wet this week so please remember wellington boots and waterproofs if you have them.

Acorn Nursery

We would like to say a big welcome to our new starters this term and a big welcome back to all our nursery children after a lovely Christmas and New Year break. We had time last week to listen to the children talk about all the wonderful presents they had received from Santa and to remember our nursery rules and routines. We then started our new topic this term, 'Why Can't I Have Chocolate for Breakfast?' We began by reading the story of, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar and talked about the foods that are healthy to eat and the foods which are not so good for us if we eat too much of them. We sang our days of the week song and made our own Hungry Caterpillars by sequencing the order that he ate the fruit in the story. We also learnt about the lifecycle of a butterfly and sang a song, 'There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a leaf,' to help us remember it. We have practised writing our names and would really appreciate as much support as possible at home to form the letters in our names correctly using lower case lettering. A sheet will be coming home next week to give guidance on the correct way to form lower case letters before moving to cursive. We have also been revising all the phase 2 phonic sounds we have learnt so far: s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck and e. Please could you continue to sing the phonic songs from the book you received last term to support the learning. Thank you.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

Happy New Year! We have been delighted to see the children come back with a positive attitude to learning, what a brilliant way to start 2018!

In maths the week, we have been focusing on 3D shapes. The children have learnt the names of common 3D shapes and identified some in the environment around them. Whilst out and about this weekend, why not see if your child can name any?

In literacy, our story this week has been 'Oliver's Vegetables.' In the story, Oliver is tricked into trying a range of vegetables as he only likes chips! With this in mind, we made a vegetable soup and wrote simple instructions on how to make it. Luckily, we didn't have to trick the children into trying the soup as they loved it!

Finally, just a few 'housekeeping,' notices to mention. Thank you to all those parents who have sent in their 'WOW moments' from the Christmas break. If there are any still to come in, please could we have them by Monday so we can stick them into the children's learning journeys. Also, we have noticed a number of children coming into school without water bottles. Please could you ensure your child has access to a named bottle, filled with water only. During our topic this term, we shall be focusing on healthy habits and your co-operation with this matter would be gratefully received.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

Our new topic is Rio de Vida. Our focus will be on the South American country of Brazil and our learning will be through at the geography and culture of that country. We started our learning with fact files on the country. We located Brazil on the world map and we are beginning to know about the flag, language, landscape and festival. In English, we asked questions about Brazil so we could find out information. We have been reading the story of 'The Tin Forest,' and we asked questions, predicted the story and thought about the feelings of the main character.

Our science topic this term is Materials. We identified different materials and discussed what materials everyday objects are made from.

In Maths, we are adding by counting on and we are thinking about our number bonds to 10 and 20.

May we remind parents to have the correct PE kit. Some children have returned to school with no trainers or plimsolls, or shoes which they have grown out of.

Please may we also ask for parent helpers for Forest school. We really rely on and appreciate your help.

Please also listen to your child read every night and help them with weekly spellings.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

In maths we have been continuing to work on multiplication. We have been making equal groups, such as 'make three groups of four,' with different types of equipment. We have been then drawing the groups on paper, and writing down the associated addition and multiplication sentences for them. It has been hard, but the children have persevered well.

In English we have been learning about the difference between they're, their and there. The children are thoroughly enjoying continuing to read 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and we have looked at how Roald Dahl has described his characters.

We have been talking about the world, and identifying some foods from different countries. We have labelled the continents on a world map too.

We have also been learning about the importance of hand hygiene and have practised washing our hands thoroughly. The children have been given spellings today and they will be tested on Monday. Have a great weekend!

Stars of the Week

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Friendship Star



FOREST SCHOOL IN JANUARY: PLEASE CAN PARENTS SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AS WHOLE CLASSES WILL BE GOING EACH WEEK. WE NEED TWO PARENTS TO ATTEND EACH SESSION. COME AND EXPLORE OUR NEW WOODLAND AREA WITH US!

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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?

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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-blinds-infant-and-nursery-school>