



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 19th January 2018

Dates for your diary

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

Well done to Willow class on a lovely poem recital this morning. It was lovely to see so many parents join us in assembly to listen to the recital.

Parent Consultation Meetings

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Thursday 8th February 5.30pm – 8.00pm

10 minute appointments in the hall strictly for parents only

Please make arrangements for your 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.

Forest School

Thank you to all our parent/grandparent volunteers. Some classes have lots of helpers and some have none. Please do check the volunteer sheet to see if your child's class need extra help and sign up if you can spare some time!

During the current cold weather, please ensure your children are wearing plenty of layers for forest school. Vests, long sleeve tops, jumpers/fleece and a coat/waterproof. They need warm/thermal socks and gloves as some children are complaining of cold fingers and toes! The warmest trousers are either lined all-weather trousers or thick tracksuit bottoms. Leggings are not warm enough unless children wear tights underneath them. The children are loving the new area of woodland and everyone loves going to Forest school, but some children have not been dressed warmly enough and are then getting cold. The more clothes the better; the children can always remove layers if it gets warm.

PTA Dates

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone in the
playground –

Rachel James, Gareth
Bowen, Lizi Hawkins,
Beki Streeter

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

We have enjoyed learning about the job of a doctor this week. We have learnt what is needed to keep our bodies healthy and the foods which are good for us. We have enjoyed describing and listening to our different experiences when we have gone to the doctors.

Acorn Nursery

In nursery this week we continued our topic, 'Why Can't I have Chocolate for Breakfast?' by learning about the job of a Dentist and how we should look after our teeth. We used both the computer and books to find out information about going to the dentist and we have role-played going to the dentist, being a dentist and being a receptionist at the dentist.

We investigated whether coffee, milk, water and coke were healthy or unhealthy drinks for our teeth using boiled eggs. We made predictions about what we thought might happen to the eggs in the drinks and observed changes to them through the week.

Thank you for singing the phonic songs with the children. Our phonic sounds this week were u and r.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In Beech and Maple class this week our maths focus has been days of the week and time. Both classes have been completing a class diary each day, as well as learning a song to remember the days of the week. Have a sing song at home and learn our days of the week song too.

In literacy this week, we have been reading, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. The children have enjoyed learning about what the hungry caterpillar did and how he turned into a butterfly. The children have been thinking about the life cycle of a butterfly too. Ask your child to tell you the story about The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Next week we are continuing our healthy topic by learning about the job a dentist does and all things teeth. For one of our art activities we will need an egg box; please could you bring one in next week to make a mouth. A big thank you for bringing in WOW moments, please continue to bring those into school, it is lovely to have your voices in the children's learning journals.

Also Beech class need some more volunteers for Forest School on Thursday afternoons, if anyone is free please could you sign up on the sheet outside Beech classroom. Thank you.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

This week we have been continuing work on our topic about carnivals and looking particularly at the geography of Brazil. In English and Geography we have been writing factual accounts about the layers of the rainforest. We have written about how the vegetation is different in each layer and what different animals occupy each layer. In Maths we have been working on addition to 20 and using different methods such as ten frames and number lines to help us problem solve. In Science we have been investigating the properties of various types of paper. In RE, we read the story of Zacchaeus the tax collector who was befriended by Jesus and in Music learning to use various South American instruments.

Next week we will be making some Brazilian sweets. These will contain some coconut. Please let us know if your child has an allergy to coconut.

It is very important that all children have a full PE kit in school at all times. At this time of year it is essential that this include a track suit top or sweatshirt, PE trousers and trainers for outdoor use and shorts and tee-shirt for Gymnastics in the hall.

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

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

In writing this week, Year 2 have been learning about the homophones to, too and two, and have written sentences using the correct ones in each. The children have also worked well together to plan ideas for their own 'marvellous medicine', and have written their own exciting descriptions, using adjectives and expanded noun phrases.

The children have continued work on multiplication in maths, and have been learning about the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, reciting them, and applying them to solve problems. Please practise these at home with your child as they need to learn them fluently.

In Science Year 2 have fun investigating what happens when different materials (such as sand, coffee, salt, sugar, cooking oil, etc.) are added to warm water, and observed closely to see if any changes occurred.

Please ensure that your child has the following named items of clothing in their PE bag every week: yellow t-shirt, navy shorts, navy tracksuit bottoms and top, trainers/pumps, (spare socks and hair-bands for girls with long hair).



Forest School



Stars of the Week

Star of the Week



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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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>