



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 2nd February 2018

Dates for your diary

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

19th February 2018

8.50am – Term 4 starts

We have raised over £250 through staff and parents buying online via the 'easyfundraising' website when they buy online purchases. This is fantastic! Remember, it doesn't cost you any extra to shop this way and the school gets money! Please see the details on the back page of the newsletter if you would like to help.

We are currently raising money to develop our outdoor areas.

School News

Supporting Children with Allergies in School

We have a few children in school with severe nut allergies.

Please could we remind parents who send in a packed lunch, to choose sandwich fillings that are not peanut butter or Nutella/hazelnut spread. There are a number of nut free chocolate spreads available, many of which are supermarket own brand. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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10 minute appointments in the hall strictly for parents only

A few slots left, please contact the school office to book.

Late Collections of Children

Please can we remind you that school officially finishes at 3.25pm and Nursery finishes at 11.45am and 3.30pm respectively. These times are when our legal responsibility towards your child ends.

We completely understand that emergencies happen and you may be delayed in picking up your child due to reasons outside your control. On these occasions, please contact us as soon as possible to let us know that you are running late and to inform us of your alternative collection arrangements.

Where children are being collected late on a regular basis, they will be placed in Funzone After School Club and the sessional charge of £ 8.50 will be made.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

PTA Dates

7th February 2018
3.25pm Cake Sale – Willow
Class

2nd March 2018
9.00am PTA Meeting

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

**or catch someone in the
playground –**

**Rachel James, Gareth
Bowen, Lizi Hawkins,
Beki Streeter**

This week we have continued to read "The Hungry Caterpillar." Squirrel group talked about the life cycle of a caterpillar and Hedgehogs remembered what happened in the story. We made beautiful butterfly pictures, played with Play dough and painted on our easel. We had a fruit and vegetable shop in our role play and have enjoyed building wooden train tracks. Outside we have dug in the sand, cooked in our mud kitchen and explored gloop and shaving foam! Some children took home bulbs they had planted.

Acorn Nursery

This week we have continued learning about Africa and have focussed on the wild animals which live there. We have learned animal names and some interesting facts about them. Did you know hippos walk along the bottom of lakes? We have been on Safari camp in the role-play area and used binoculars to spot the animals. We have counted and sorted animals and have been very artistic making water colour wash African sunsets with animal silhouettes. Most of us enjoyed tasting South African Banana Bread which we made together by following a method and reading and measuring the ingredients. Our phonic sounds this week were 'f' and 'l' and it's been lovely to hear that some children are practising their sounds and songs at home. Thank you!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In Beech and Maple class this week our maths focus has been subtracting. We have been looking at how to use the takeaway symbol and then been calculating some subtraction sums. The children have enjoyed learning how to do this and love using objects to work out their answers.

In literacy this week, we have been reading the story, 'Handa's Surprise'. We have enjoyed re-telling the story using puppets, and we even got to try some of the fruit from the story. Most children that tried the fruit really enjoyed it too, well done!

For the last week of our term we will be learning about Chinese New Year and Beech class will be doing a special assembly on Friday. Please could the Beech children with lines practise them over the weekend to prepare? A reminder about P.E. kits; please could you ensure that your children bring a yellow t-shirt, navy blue short, trainers and a navy tracksuit (jacket and bottoms) to school. The PE kit should stay in school all week. Thank you.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

This week we have been continuing work on our topic about carnivals and learning about mythical characters from the rainforests of South America. We have read a number of non-chronological reports about mythical characters and later in the week we planned and wrote our own report. In Maths we have extended our work on addition and subtraction to cross 10, looked at missing number problems and compiled numerical and written number sentences from information provided. In Science, we have been investigating the waterproofing properties of various materials and grouping them. In Music we have continued to learn to use various South American instruments.

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/sweatshirt, PE trousers and trainers for outdoor use and shorts and tee-shirt for Gymnastics in the hall. It would be a real shame for children to miss out on the excellent lessons put on by Danny, for lack of kit.

In addition, it is very important that the children have multiple layers of clothing for Forest School. Sometimes it can get very cold!

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. Next half term our topic is Moon Zoom. If children want to bring any space related items, we would appreciate that.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

In writing this week, Year 2 have enjoyed looking at the features of acrostic poems, performing some, then planning and writing their own using the words 'Mixtures', 'Medicine' or 'Mess'. The children have then had fun reading and performing their poems to each other, using lots of expression and some actions.

In maths, both classes have continued work on division, and have been learning how to divide by 2 (with links to halving), 5 and 10, as well as how to identify odd and even numbers, using reasoning about whether they can be divided by 2 or not.

At Forest school and in class, Year 2 have been investigating which materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting, and stretching as part of their science curriculum. They have discussed their findings, as well as deciding which changes to the materials were reversible or irreversible.

Many thanks for ensuring that your child has a complete PE kit each week.



Forest School



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!

Stars of the Week

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Perfect Presentation & Handwriting Award

Alessia - 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-blinds-infant-and-nursery-school>