



Newsletter

23rd February 2018

Dates for your diary

1st March 2018

World Book Day – come dressed up

2nd March 2018

9.00am PTA meeting

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Reception Trip to Paultons Park

9th March 2018

9.10am Celebration Assembly with Poem recital by Hazel Class – Hazel parents welcome to watch

16th March 2018

9.10am Celebration Assembly with Poem recital by Rowan Class – Rowan parents welcome to watch

21st March 2018

3.25pm Cake Sale run by Birch Class

23rd March 2018

7.30pm PTA Quiz night

29th March 2018

9.30am Easter Assembly by Year 1 – Year 1 parents invited

29th March 2018

1.45pm End of term – main school
3.30pm – Nursery Finish

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

Welcome back after half term.

Next week the weather is due to be cold it is important to ensure that your child comes to school wearing coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Please can you ensure that all clothing is labelled.

This term we will be thinking about our rule of, 'Caring for Everyone and Everything'.

World Book Day – THIS Thursday 1st March 2018

As always, Mrs Bland's will have fun celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1st March.

We thought we would let you know the different themes just in case over half term, you want to think about costumes for your children!?

Little Acorns, Acorns, Maple and Beech

Stories by Julia Donaldson

(books include Gruffalo, Stick Man, The Troll, The Scarecrow's Wedding and lots more)

Willow & Birch

We will be deep in space by the 1st March so our theme is... Aliens!!

Rowan & Hazel

Will be focusing on traditional tales so..... think about Jack and the Beanstalk, Red Riding Hood, Hansel and Gretel, Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, Sleeping Beauty etc.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

Little Acorns have started a new topic "Which is the biggest dinosaur?". We have painted dinosaur footprints, made dinosaurs using paper plates, listened to dinosaur stories and sung dinosaur songs. Some dinosaurs have been in a swamp outside too! Thank you to those children who have bought in dinosaur books from home to share with us.

NEXT WEEK FOR WORLD BOOK DAY ON THURSDAY: We will dress up as characters from **Julia Donaldson** stories. Parents are invited to come in at 11.20 to read stories with us.

Acorn Nursery

In nursery this week we began our new topic, 'Which was the Biggest Dinosaur?' We began by sharing our knowledge about the things we already knew about dinosaurs and then talked about the things we would like to find out. We have counted with dinosaurs, made dinosaurs with play dough and created our own dinosaurs using card, paper plates and paint. We pretended to be cavemen and draw cave drawings on the walls when we found out they didn't have paper and pencils. We also had a talk about why we don't draw on our walls because we do have paper and pencils. We practised writing our names and have learnt some lovely new dinosaur songs with lots of stomping and roaring. We recalled all the phase 2 phonic sounds and have now learnt the tricky words, 'I, the, to & no'.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In Beech and Maple class this week our maths focus has been numbers. We have been doing lots of counting, as well recognising numbers and matching quantities to numerals. We have even been looking at writing some numbers. Can you spot some numbers at the shops or when you next go on a walk?

In literacy this week, we have been looking at non-fiction books all to do with our topic about dinosaurs. We have been learning lots of new names for the dinosaurs, and the children have even been helping the grown-ups with the dinosaur names too. Everyone enjoyed learning lots of facts about dinosaurs.

Our new topic, which dinosaur is the biggest, has already been fantastic and we have had lots of fun exploring the dinosaurs. Next week is our exciting trip to Dinosaur world at Paultons Park, where we will be enjoying and exciting workshop and learning lots about dinosaurs. Please make sure your consent slips and money is in at the office as soon as possible. Have a lovely weekend.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

We are all excited to be back in school after a restful half term break and started on our new topic Moon Zoom. On Monday morning we were very surprised to find a space ship crashed outside Birch Class. We spent an interesting morning, collecting evidence to establish what had happened and to find out if there were survivors. Later in the week we received a letter from one of the survivors who was quite scared and we have written a couple of letters back and forth to it. In Maths we have started counting to fifty and using different methods to represent tens and units. We have found that it is much quicker counting on in tens rather than only units.

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 hoody style top, 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 and the forecast is for very cold days in the week ahead.

PTA Dates

Friday 2nd March 2018
9.00am PTA Meeting

Weds 21st March 2018
3.25pm Cake Sale run by
Birch Class

Friday 23rd March 2018
Quiz night – joint with
Garland Junior School

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playground –

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Bowen, Lizi Hawkins,
Beki Streeter

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week in writing, as part of our new topic 'The Scented Garden', Year 2 have been doing work around the traditional story Jack and the Beanstalk'. They have read different versions of the same story, sequenced it, and written their own version using descriptive language. In maths, both classes have been revising the names of common 2D shapes, and describing their properties using vocabulary such as sides, corners (vertices), straight, curved, regular and irregular. They have also compared the properties of 2D shapes, made or drawn 2D shapes and investigated which ones have a line of symmetry.

At Forest school, Year 2 have enjoyed looking for signs of spring and 2D shapes in the natural world, as well as mixing plants that have a scent, such as lavender, in the mud kitchen.

In case your child has not brought home their spelling book, this week's spellings are either List 1 or List 2 (your child should know which): List 1: look, don't, come, will, into List 2: let's, much, suddenly, told, another, great, why



Forest School



Beech and Maple enjoyed quite a muddy forest school this week (apologies for the extra washing!) and also had great fun hunting for dinosaurs! Some of the children displayed wonderful knowledge about these creatures. We also learnt about male and female holly, the children will have to tell you the difference, and built dens.

Thank you so very much to the wonderful parents who came along to join in the fun.

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Star of the Week

Friendship Star



Perfect Presentation

Niamh - Rowan

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>