



Newsletter
20th April 2018

Dates for your diary

26th April 2018

10.30am Governing Body Pupil Progress meeting

26th April 2018

8.00pm PTA Meeting

4th May 2018

9.10am Celebration Assembly with Poem Recital by Beech Class - Beech Parents Welcome

9th May 2018

Outdoor Learning Day

11th May 2018

9.10am Celebration Assembly with Poem Recital by Maple Class – Maple Parents welcome

13th May 2018

Burghfield May Fair

16th May 2018

3.25pm Cake Sale – Beech Class

23rd May 2018

9.30am – 11.30am Sports Day (main school) – refreshments available from PTA
1.30pm – Nursery Sports Day

25th May 2018

Bad Hair Day – in support of the PTA

25th May 2018

End of Summer Term 1 – school finishes normal time
3.25pm

School News

Welcome Back! Isn't it typical that we've had lots of rain over the holidays and now we're in the middle of a mini heatwave! Mind you I think we've all enjoyed the sunshine and warmth of playtimes and lunchtimes. Even the staff have rummaged through wardrobes for sandals and hats.

It's been a great start to the new term. Children look smart and ready to work (only one or two yawns in assembly!) We've welcomed Ms Sawyer to Willow class – she will be teaching all day Monday, Tuesday and Weds Morning. She will also be our replacement SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator)

As always – we will be looking for support with all our fundraising... Thank you in advance!

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/>

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>

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

PTA Dates

26th April 2018
8pm PTA Meeting

13th May 2018
PTA at the May Fair
Help needed

23rd May 2018
9.30am – 11.30am
providing refreshments at
Sports Day

25th May 2018
Bad Hair Day

15th June 2018
Scootathlon and Summer
Fair!

Get in Touch via –

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or catch someone in the
playground –

Rachel James, Gareth
Bowen, Lizi Hawkins,
Beki Streeter

This week we started our new topic "Why do spiders eat flies?" and have been concentrating particularly on worms! We dug up worms from the garden, counted worms, painted spaghetti worms and listened to the story "Superworm". We also learnt a new song "There's a worm at the bottom of my garden!" We were very happy to enjoy some much waited for warm sunshine and have spent a lot of time outside. We washed toy cars, played in the mud kitchen and put flowers into florist's oasis. We also checked on our potatoes and covered up the sprouting plants with more soil.

Acorn Nursery

First of all, I'd like to say thank you to all the parents and children for making me feel so welcome in my first week of Nursery. We have had some new children join us too and I am pleased to report how well everyone has settled in from after the Easter break. Our new topic is: Why do spiders eat flies? Many of the children were excited to see the giant woven web as they first entered the classroom. This week, we have been sharing what we know and what we would like to find out about minibeasts. We have put actions to poems about minibeasts, explored the life cycle of a frog and made our own webs and spider paintings for our class display.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

Welcome back! We are delighted to report that the children have come back to school with a wonderful attitude to learning and ready for the new challenges that await them.

Our topic this term is also "Why do spiders eat flies?" The children have enjoyed finding out lots of fun facts about spiders and writing them down in literacy. They have also explored the lifecycle of other creepy crawlies, ordering them as a class. Why not see if your children can share with you some of the facts they have learnt this week!

In maths this week, we have explored number formation and counting. The children have learnt rhymes for the numbers to help them remember the correct way to write them and created their own number lines with the correctly formed numerals.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

It has been lovely to see all the children back in school, refreshed after the Easter break. We have started our new topic on 'Superheroes' with a special viewing after school of 'The Incredibles'. We wore our pyjamas, munched on popcorn and enjoyed watching the superhero family defeat the villain and his Omnidroid.. We have also started compiling a list of superheroes and described their costumes, powers and what makes them special.

In Art, we have thought about superheroes poses and made superhero figures in the style of the sculptor Giacometti. In Maths, we are now working on multiplication and we have practised counting in 10's, 5's and 2's. In PE, we are getting ready for our Sports Day; we had fun doing the 3 legged-race and spoon race.

This term Forest School is on Wednesday afternoon for Willow and Friday morning for Birch. Please ensure Forest School clothes include a sun hat and are brought to school on those days. We are always grateful for parent helpers for Forest School and to hear readers. Please put your names down on the list provided or speak to one of the teachers. Thank you.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week in writing, Year 2 have been learning to write exclamation sentences, as well as how to write and identify the four different types of sentence (command, question, statement and exclamation). Please ask your child to explain these and find examples of them in their reading books. The children have also recapped previous learning about the features of recounts, and have written detailed, and sometimes amusing recounts of their holidays.

In maths, both classes have been revisiting previous learning on measures, and which apparatus and units of measurement they need to use when measuring different things. They have also recapped previous learning on addition and subtraction and solved a variety of problems.

At Forest School, Year 2 the children had a lovely time, in the now warmer woods, looking for mini beasts and identifying them, as well as beginning to learn about their habitats.

New spellings will be given to the children on Monday, but in the meantime they can continue to practise spelling words that they are unsure of from the high frequency word lists.

Next week Year2 will be painting a small stone as a mini beast, so will need to bring one in by next Monday 23rd April. Many thanks.



Forest School



In the second week of the Easter Holidays Forest Fun was open. Despite colder and wetter than expected weather we all had a wonderful time! We cooked cheese toasties, hot dogs, soup and pancakes (as well as marshmallows of course!) and drank hot chocolate. We hunted for eggs and peeled carrots. We climbed trees and dug up clay to model with. We wore RAF uniforms and made dens with cameo nets. We used a bow saw, drill and hammer and nails. We painted mini bird houses and wooden birds. We laughed and played.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT FOREST FUN IN MAY/JUNE HALF TERM

Stars of the Week

Teal - Acorns
Chloe - Beech
Bobby - Maple
Samuel - Birch
Olivia - Willow
Amara - Hazel
Jonpaul - Rowan

Friendship Stars

Emily - Acorns
Joseph-Matthew - Beech
Noah - Maple
Harry - Birch
Isla - Willow
Charlie - Hazel
Flo - Rowan