



**Newsletter**  
11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dates for your diary

13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Burghfield May Fair

15<sup>th</sup> May

School Photographer  
Individual Photos taken

16<sup>th</sup> May 2018

3.25pm Cake Sale – Beech  
Class

17<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Outdoor Classroom Day

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

1.30pm – Nursery Sports Day  
Venue: Blands School  
All nursery children invited

25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Bad Hair Day – in support of  
the PTA

25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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

School News

Maple Celebration Poem

It was lovely to see so many parents in the hall enjoying the wonderful poem recited by Maple Class along with the story they retold, complete with actions!

Burghfield May Fair

Year 2 children will be taking part in the Country Dancing at 11.30am at the Hatch in Burghfield. Please come to the Mrs Bland's stand to take part in some Forest Fun crafting and planting.

Outdoor Classroom Day – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018

We will be leaving the classrooms on 17<sup>th</sup> May and going outside to do all of our learning. We would like to invite parents to come and support various activities throughout the day. Thank you to the parents who have already offered to come in. If you can spend a short amount of time, please let your child's class teacher know. If you have not helped in school before, you will need to do an induction, which will cover you for any aspect of volunteering in school. Please arrange through the office.

Vacancies

We are currently looking for a play worker to help at Funzone on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 7.30-8.45am term time only. If you are interested, please speak to the office staff.

We are also looking for a casual part time cleaner from 4.30pm – 6.30pm Monday to Friday starting after May half term, for approx. one month and then ad hoc. If you are interested, please speak to the office staff.

The closing date for the Caretaker role, is next Monday. Please see the advert at the end of the newsletter.

Help us to Raise Funds for the School:

One of our parents, Noel Gonzalez-Jones, will be taking part in the Velothon Wales Cycle race in July and has kindly decided to fundraise for the school at the same time.

Please click on the link if you wish to sponsor Noel. Every penny counts at a time when there is so much pressure on the school budget.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/noel-gonzalez-iones?utm\\_id=2&utm\\_term=iQP6naJPM](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/noel-gonzalez-iones?utm_id=2&utm_term=iQP6naJPM)

## PTA Dates

13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

PTA at the May Fair  
Help needed

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

9.30am – 11.30am  
providing refreshments at  
Sports Day

25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Bad Hair Day

15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

2.00pm Scootathon and  
Summer Fair!

Get in Touch via –

[mrsblandspta@gmail.com](mailto:mrsblandspta@gmail.com)

or catch someone in the  
playground –

Rachel James, Gareth  
Bowen, Lizi Hawkins,  
Beki Streeter

## Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

Little Acorns have enjoyed reading, "What the Ladybird Heard" this week. We have been bug hunting in the garden and watering our plants. We have played with water and in our mud kitchen. Some of our families joined us for a story on Thursday.

### Acorn Nursery

In Nursery this week, our activities have been based on the farm setting of the story 'What the ladybird heard'. We have discussed animal noises and sorted animals by their habitat. In maths, we have explored addition with sheep and printed the correct number of body parts on a caterpillar to match the numerals. We have also started to practise for sports day with some hurdle jumping, beanbag throwing and balancing.

### Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week we have continued to read the book, 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. We have been using it to help us do some fantastic writing in the mark making area. Some of us even made our own story map.

In Maths we have been exploring time. We have looked at everything to do with time, clocks, calendars, days of week, but most of all we have enjoyed making our own watches.

Well done to Maple this week for their SUPER poem assembly. Next Thursday is outdoor learning day, we would love any volunteers to come and join us. Also if there is anyone that could volunteer to listen to readers we would be very grateful. Thank you!

### Birch and Willow (Year 1)

What a glorious Bank Holiday weekend we had! The warmer weather stayed with us most of the week but luckily it had cooled enough for when we practised our relay races in PE. In view of the fact we are now in May (with hotter weather) - please ensure your child brings a water bottle and hat every day.

In maths we are consolidating counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 and we have been sharing in 2's and 5's using coins. In English we have learned how to follow and order instructions. We wrote clear instructions using bossy verbs and time connectives to explain how to make Supertato. It was a bit tricky to stick the belt and mask onto our potatoes but we were very pleased with our 'Spud Heroes'! We also made him a cape choosing one of our designs for the logo. In art, we have drawn and mixed colours to paint our superheroes and are thinking about a background to mount them on.

Thank you for your continued support in hearing your child read and for Forest School too. Much appreciated!

Year One are visiting Oxford University Museum of Natural History on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June as part of 'Dinosaur' topic for next half term. The total cost is £13.00 per child. Please look out for the sign up information. Parent volunteers should be able to come in on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June for a Briefing. You will need to be able to attend the health and safety briefing if you would like to volunteer for the visit. Thank you.

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

What a lovely sunny week we've had!

The children have worked incredibly hard in their assessments this week, and we are very proud of them. There is only one more week of assessments to go, so please continue to make sure your child has lots of rest and a good breakfast.

In Science this week we have been continuing to learn about mini-beasts, particularly about bees and how they make honey. Did you know that bees do a little dance when they find flowers to tell the other bees where the flowers are?! The honey tasting was a resounding success, most children loved it! We also did some beautiful observational drawings of honeycomb too.

We have been working hard practising our country dancing ready for Sunday! We look forward to seeing you at The Hatch in Burghfield. The dancing is at 11.30am.

Spellings for next week:

List 1- if, help, Mrs, called, here, because

List 2- morning, queen, each, book, it's, green, different, let, girl, very, people, which, inside, any, under



**Forest School**



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

### Stars of the Week

### Friendship Stars

**Sebastian - Acorns  
Brooke - Beech  
Cory - Maple  
Olive - Birch  
Finlay - Willow  
Aiden - Hazel  
Eevie Deborah - Rowan**

**Leo - Acorns  
Tegan - Beech  
Luca - Maple  
Eleanor - Birch  
Poppy - Willow  
Madison - Hazel  
HelenLouise - Rowan**

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### School Caretaker

Pay: £18,870 FTE (actual £13,986)

Start date: June 2018

Permanent Post, 32.5 hours per week, split shift, term time  
+ 5 weeks during the school holidays

*(3 bedroom accommodation may be available with this post subject  
to a 12.5% accommodation charge of gross annual salary)*

Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery school are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, skilled and dedicated person to take on the extremely important role of caretaker within the school.

#### Key aspects of the role include:

- Working a split shift 7.00-9.30am 3.00-7.00pm
- Some additional hours maybe required for school events outside of contracted hours for which overtime will be paid, including unlocking/locking the school for agreed evening lettings
- Responsibility for opening and locking the school and site security
- Experience of DIY and ability to carry out minor repairs, general maintenance and painting
- General cleaning
- Operation of site services, including central heating, security, portorage, relocation of furniture and equipment and cyclical maintenance

We are seeking to appoint a resourceful, reliable caretaker with initiative and a broad range of DIY skills necessary for the effective and efficient operation of site services. The position involves general day-to-day site duties including key holding, site security and supervision of cleaning staff, small scale building works, repairs and painting.

The successful candidate must be able to work on his/her own initiative, have excellent organisation skills, be extremely flexible, trustworthy and reliable with a positive approach to work and a sense of pride in the environment. The caretaker is responsible for ensuring the school buildings and premises are maintained to a high standard. A key part of the role is ensuring the site is health and safety compliant and keeping appropriate records.

You will work with the Office Manager and Finance Manager to ensure the safety of the site at all times. It is a varied and busy role requiring flexibility, adaptability and a 'can do' approach to all tasks and you will enjoy building upon existing relationships to ensure the school has a strong bank of skilled contractors available; be able to prioritise tasks and to be able to positively contribute to ideas and solutions to problems that arise.

For an informal conversation with the Office Manager, please contact Mrs Pauline Hudson on 0118 983 2332. A full recruitment pack can be downloaded from our website [www.mrsblandsinfants.co.uk](http://www.mrsblandsinfants.co.uk) or contact the Office for a copy.

**Closing date for applications: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Interviews: Week Commencing: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

***Mrs Bland's is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to pre-employment checks, references will be sought and successful candidates will need to undertake an enhanced DBS check.***