

### Dates for your diary

4<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Year 2 trip to Oxford Castle

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Community Health Bus visiting  
school

9<sup>th</sup> October 2018

School Photos (Individual &  
sibling)

9<sup>th</sup> October 2018

3.25pm Travelling Book Fair  
Nursery & Reception

10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

3.25pm Travelling Book Fair  
Year One

11<sup>th</sup> October 2018

3.25pm Travelling Book Fair  
Year Two

11<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Year 1 trip to Wellington  
Country Park

12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

9.30am Harvest Festival led by  
Hazel Class  
(Hazel parents welcome)

12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

3.25pm Cake Sale  
(Rowan Class)

19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

End of Autumn Term 1  
School Finishes at 3.25pm

### School News

#### Census Day – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Census Day is when the government check how many children are registered in schools and how many infant take up their free school entitlement. We are only funded for free infant school meals (UIFSM) based on the number of children who take up these meals on census days. To support the school's budget, please order a school lunch on the 4<sup>th</sup> October. Year 2 parents, can we still ask you to order a meal even if you are sending your child in with their own packed lunch for the visit to Oxford Castle.

The funding formula relies on a high take up of school lunches as a lower take up results in less funding for the school. Even if your child brings in a packed lunch that day, please do still order a school lunch for them and let them try some of it, alongside their packed lunch. Thank you for your support.

#### Forest Fun Holiday Club

Primary aged children £22.00 per day or £100 per week.  
(3 Nursery spaces available at £25.00 per day)  
22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October  
8.30am to 5.00pm each day

Booking forms are available from the school office.

Children should be in Forest Fun clothing with wellingtons and waterproofs. They should also have a packed lunch and change of shoes and clothes with them and arrive by 9am. Places are limited so we strongly advise you book now if you wish to secure a place for your child.

#### Book Fair



In October, we are going to be holding a Book Fair in school. Last year's fair was a great success and resulted in us having over £400 to spend on free books for our school! We hope that you will be able to join us and make this year's celebration of reading a huge success! There will be a great range of fantastic books for you and your child to browse through. The dates and times for the fair will be as follows:

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – EYFS – 3.30 – 4.15pm**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Year 1 – 3.30 – 4.15pm**  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 – 3.30 – 4.15pm**

## Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week, Little Acorns have enjoyed playing with the diggers in the sand and making ribbon wands to run around in the wind with. We have learnt the story of 'Goldilocks and the 3 bears' and have looked at big and small things. The children enjoyed exploring the sensory tray with oats and spoons and bowls!

### Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

This week we have been creating paper plate animals and handprint animals and learning how to be creative with tissue paper and paint!

In Maths, we have been practising the numbers 0-10 and counting objects to match. In Literacy we have been practising writing our names and have read the story 'Where's spot?' together thinking about positional language words, such as under, beside, behind and on top.

Please could you remember to bring in a named water bottle and wellies as the weather is very changeable at the moment! Also can you please ensure everything of your child's is named, even shoes please.

### Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week, Maple and Beech read the story 'Mog and the Vee Ee Tee'. We discussed Mog's feelings in the story and encouraged the children to write some get well soon cards in response. We enjoyed creating animal art work, including paper plate animal masks. In maths, we focussed on learning to recognise and order numbers up to 20, using various counting objects such as dog biscuits! Thank you to all parents that attended our 'Meet the teacher' evening, we hope the evening was informative and you enjoyed seeing all the learning activities and WOW work the children have produced so far.

### Birch and Willow (Year 1)

In English, we have been learning the story of the Gruffalo using a story map and actions. Can your child recite it to you? We have also written labels and captions for the Gruffalo and the mouse.

In Maths, we have been using positional language such as above, below, between, inside, outside, up, down and on top of. We have also given each other directions using forwards, backwards, left and right.

In topic this week we have used maps to find characters hidden in our outside area and created art sculptures in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.

Please remember to send your child with tracksuit trousers and tops as it is getting colder and we will still be having PE outside.

**Reminder: Birch PE days are Tuesday and Friday**

**Willow PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday**

Thank you. Have a lovely weekend!

### PTA News

4<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
7pm PTA meeting

12<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
3.25pm Cake Sale  
(Rowan)

8<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
7pm PTA Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
7.30pm Race Night

1<sup>st</sup> December 2018  
Christmas Fair

Get in Touch via –

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or catch someone on the  
playground –

Aaron White, Claire  
Desai, Jo Nuckley, Claire  
Oakes, Gareth Bowen,

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

We have had a lovely week in Year 2 pretending to be a knight. Did you know that becoming a knight was a long process which began at age 5?! We were dubbed knights by our teachers and had to write a Knight's Promise, in which we promised to be brave, loyal and kind.

In maths this week we have been expanding our work on place value to order a set of numbers. We have also been working on counting up and down in 2s, which many of us have found tricky. If you have a spare moment, for example whilst in the car or walking to school, please practise counting up and back in 2s.

A little moan about PE kits- sorry! Quite a few children have not got their PE kits in school. May we remind you that PE is an important part of the curriculum, and that all children need to participate. In addition, the spare kit we have lent out is not being returned, and therefore we don't have much to lend out when needed. Please return any borrowed kit to us as soon as possible. Thanks.



### Forest School



**Hazel Class**, 21<sup>st</sup> September. This week we used the trundle wheel to measure how long it was down the lane! Once in the woods we discussed burrowing animals and then went off to measure animal holes we found. The children discovered lots of large holes - badger setts - and only two smaller holes probably made by rabbits. There was lots of climbing and exploring as well as playing with the soft toy burrowing animals. THANK YOU VERY MUCH to Finlay's Mum for coming to help us have fun.

**Maple class** went to the woods for the first time on Monday. It was a lovely sunny afternoon and the children were very excited! We enjoyed having a run down the track and exploring the woodland area. The children did extremely well listening to the rules and some of them were able to demonstrate how to be safe in the woods, for example how to hold a stick. They found toy animals that were hiding in the woods and we discussed which animals might live in the woods (like foxes and hedgehogs) and which ones wouldn't (like a monkey!). Well done to all the children for showing great listening skills and for following the rules very well.

**Beech class** had a very warm sunny afternoon for their first visit to the woods. They showed good listening skills and excellent road safety awareness. The children were very excited to be in the woods and confidently explored, climbed trees and played with sticks. We also talked about which animals might live in our woods. We had three Mum's helping us to have fun and would like to say a big thank you to them.

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE PARENTS WHO CAME TO HELP AND JOINED IN THE FUN!

### Star of the Week

### Friendship Star

Theo - Acorns  
Liberty - Maple  
Matilda - Beech  
Isaac - Birch  
Annabelle - Willow  
Darcy - Hazel  
Jack McIl - Rowan

Jaxon - Acorns  
Khaleesi - Maple  
Alfie - Beech  
Skylar - Birch  
Eva - Willow  
Danny - Hazel  
Lily - 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...

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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-blands-infant-and-nursery-school>