

Dates for your diary

9th October 2018

School Photos (Individual & sibling)

9th October 2018

**3.25pm Travelling Book Fair
Nursery & Reception**

10th October 2018

**3.25pm Travelling Book Fair
Year One**

11th October 2018

**3.25pm Travelling Book Fair
Year Two**

11th October 2018

**Year 1 trip to Wellington
Country Park**

12th October 2018

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

12th October 2018

**3.25pm Cake Sale
(Rowan Class)**

19th October 2018

**End of Autumn Term 1
School Finishes at 3.25pm
Nursery Finishes at 3.30pm**

School News

We have had another busy week in school! Year 2 had a fabulous time during their visit to Oxford Castle on Thursday and the whole school have very much enjoyed the opportunity to visit the Life Bus which delivered sessions to encourage us all to make healthy life choices! It was lovely to hear the children from Acorns coming out from their session and singing the song they had learnt on their walk back to nursery.

School Photographs

You are welcome to come in on Tuesday 9th October from 8.00am to have photographs taken with siblings

Forest Fun Holiday Club

Primary aged children £22.00 per day or £100 per week.

(3 Nursery spaces available at £25.00 per day)

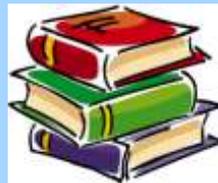
22nd – 26th October

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 our school hall. 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 9th October – Nursery & Reception – 3.30 – 4.15pm

Wednesday 10th October – Year 1 – 3.30 – 4.15pm

Thursday 11th October – Year 2 – 3.30 – 4.15pm

Summer Reading Challenge

We hope you all enjoyed the library Mischief Makers Reading Challenge over the summer. Please can you bring in your certificates by Friday 12th October ready for the reading challenge assembly that Mrs Williams will be leading to celebrate the children's hard work!

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week Little Acorns have enjoyed an Autumn walk collecting acorns and different coloured leaves. We then used these items for a display within Little Acorns. The children have enjoyed pushing conkers into the playdough. They have loved going outside and using the chalk to make patterns.

We have enjoyed our snack times and the children are very good at using their manners and singing our 'Please and Thank you song'. We have been learning the story of Dear Zoo ...ask your child if they can remember the animals in the story.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

We had lots of fun over the last week by making junk model animals and drawing people. We have started to learn to write our names and been learning to count one more. Whilst enjoying the outside areas in the sunshine, we have also been learning our classroom and outdoor rules.

As the weather is getting slightly colder and potentially wetter, please can you send in some named wellies if you haven't already done so, thank you.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In Reception it has been another busy week full of lots of fun and learning. In literacy we have been looking at a book called 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and exploring the main character Gerald, and how he tries very hard and succeeds. Can your child re-tell the story at home?

In maths we have been learning how to find one more and one less. We have been using the animals in the zoo, in our classrooms, to help calculate more and less. Try working out one more and one less with sweets or fruit at home.

This week we have been looking at what animals you can find in a zoo and been discovering what a zookeeper does in our role-play area. We have also been on the life bus this week and we learnt about another giraffe who has been helping us look after ourselves and stay healthy.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

This week in English we have continued our work on the Gruffalo, writing sections of the story. We were really impressed with how the children used the learnt story and actions to aid their writing. During the lessons we modelled using finger spaces between words. If your child chooses to write this weekend you may wish to remind them to use finger spaces to support the work we have done in class.

In maths, we have been exploring 3D shapes and identifying half of a 2D shape. The children were able to identify cubes, cuboids, spheres and cones amongst others. When out and about this weekend, see if your child can identify any 3D shapes in the environment around them. Can they name them?

We are really looking forward to our trip to Wellington Country Park next week. If you have not had the chance to, please read the trip parent mail sent out this week as it includes details about the day.

PTA News

12th October 2018
3.25pm Cake Sale
(Rowan)

8th November 2018
7pm PTA Meeting

9th November 2018
7.30pm Race Night

1st December 2018
Christmas Fair

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

**or catch someone on the
playground –**

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

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

Rowan and Hazel have continued to enjoy their topic about knights and castles with a special visit yesterday to Oxford Castle. We have been remembering how to write a recount using all those time words at the beginning of our sentences: First, Next, Then, After that and Finally. Our hobby horses are now finished and very colourful they look too. We will be riding these at our 'Knights Feast' in the last week of term.

Maths has seen us doubling numbers of all sizes and next week we're going to start halving! In art we made Christmas Cards! Yes we know it's early but they look great and you will be able to purchase printed versions later in the year. The PTA will keep you informed. And...its Rowan's Cake Sale next week so please pop something extra in your basket when shopping this weekend or get the Great British Bake Off recipe book out! Finally a BIG thank you to parents who came on the trip! Much appreciated.



Forest School



Hazel class told me lots of information about castles this week and we then discussed the materials they were built with. We had a fire and investigated how quickly wood and other materials burnt (if at all). Children enjoyed exploring the woods and we found an enormous leaf that no one could identify! The challenge is for the class to work out which tree it has come from by next week! The group also found sweet chestnut shells and we talked about the difference between these and conkers.

THANK YOU TO HOLLY'S MUM FOR COMING WITH US TO THE WOODS - WE NEED PARENT SUPPORT TO TAKE THE CHILDREN OFF SITE SO PLEASE DO VOLUNTEER.

Maple had a lovely time in the woods on Monday afternoon. We talked about the animals that may live in the wood and looked at some soft toys of them. The children knew it was Autumn and we talked a little about hibernation. The group then spent time making beds to keep the animals warm. Jimmy found some rabbit holes and lots of children enjoyed climbing trees. We ended our session with a nice drink.

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO WILL'S MUM, ELSA'S MUM AND JIMMY'S DAD FOR COMING TO HAVE FUN WITH US!

Star of the Week

Friendship Star



**Niamh - Acorns
Emily - Maple
Mason - Beech
Noah - Birch
Jamie - Willow
Holly - Hazel
Thomas - Rowan**



**Preston - Acorns
Henry - Maple
Izzy - Beech
Skylar - Birch
Chonte - Willow
Davina - Hazel
Megan - Rowan**

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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>