

Dates for your diary

18th October 2018

Little Acorns finishes at
11.45am

19th October 2018

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

29th October 2018

School Re-opens

1st November 2018

7.00pm PTA Meeting

9th November 2018

9.30am Remembrance
Assembly – Rowan Class

9th November 2018

7.30pm Race Night

Parent Consultation Meetings

Tuesday 20th November
3.30pm – 6.00pm

Thursday 22nd November
5.30pm – 8.00pm

30th November 2018

9.30am Advent Assembly –
Beech Class

1st December 2018

12pm – 2pm Christmas Fair

School News

Forest Fun Holiday Club

Monday and Tuesday are full.

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. Bookings close on Wednesday 17th October 2018.

Book Fair

Thank you for your wonderful support. The final amount raised is still to be confirmed but we have earned the same value to spend on new books for the class libraries.

School Trips

Children benefit greatly from educational visits which are directly linked into the Class topic work. Unfortunately, due to the ever decreasing school budgets, we do not have the funds to subsidise these exciting opportunities which enhance the children's learning. Thank you to those parents who have kindly supported the costs of the visits. If we are unable to raise sufficient contributions to cover the visits we will not be able to go ahead with these in the future.

Should you wish to discuss spreading the cost of the visit, please do come in and speak, in confidence, to the school office.

Parent Consultation Meetings

Tuesday 20th November 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Thursday 22nd November 5.30pm – 8.00pm

You will have the opportunity to book a ten minute appointment with the class teacher which will take place in the hall. These appointments will be strictly for parents/carers only. Appointments will be available to book online via the Parentmail portal after half term.

Your child will be settled into their new class and we will be able to discuss progress and achievement.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns we have been learning about zoo animals and the noises they make. We have enjoyed playing in the garden and singing, 'Incy Wincy Spider' in the water tray with pipes and spiders. We rolled conkers in paint to explore the marks they made.

Please remember to send in named coats and welly boots as the weather turns a bit cooler. Please can we ensure that the children are picked up promptly at 11.45 to give the staff time to tidy up at the end of the session.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

This week we have been printing animal sponge pictures.

In Literacy we read the story, 'Say Hello to the Baby Animals'.

In Maths we have been learning about 2D shapes. We have been going on shape hunts and matching shapes in games.

We have practised writing our name and using our name cards.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In Reception this week we have been busy learning to name and describe shapes. We have made shape pictures and we had a hunt around the school to spot 2D and 3D shapes in our environment. See if your child can name shapes at home or on their way to or from school.

'We All Went on Safari' was our focus story for the week. We learnt to put pictures from the story in the correct sequence and were encouraged to use our phonic knowledge to write some words linked to the story. In literacy time we also started to look at non-fiction books and their features, learning that these books are used to find out information.

We were very pleased at how well the children had learnt the 'Autumn Leaves' song, we enjoyed singing it to the rest of the school in Friday's Harvest Assembly.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

On Thursday, 55 Year One children visited Wellington Country Park as part of our 'Enchanted Woodlands' topic. We had great fun exploring the woodlands, identifying trees and searching for fairy doors. There was even time for a ride on the miniature railway and a quick play on the adventure playground! Their behaviour whilst walking around the park was exemplary, and a credit to Mrs Bland's Infant School. Finally, thank you so much to our volunteers who helped make the trip such a success.

When not having fun outdoors, we have been writing our own autumn poem using our senses to generate ideas. In maths, we have used numicon to find pairs of numbers that total 10 (number bonds). Some of us were systematic in our approach to the task, knowing that 1+9 and 9+1 both make 10. Can your child recall the number bonds to you this weekend?

As the weather is getting cooler, please could we ask that if your child wears tights, you provide spare socks for PE lessons. Many thanks for your assistance in this matter.

PTA News

Change of date
1st November 2018
7pm PTA Meeting

9th November 2018
7.30pm Race Night

1st December 2018
Christmas Fair

Get in Touch via –

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**or catch someone on the
playground –**

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

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week in English, Year 2 have written fantastic, independent recounts of last week's trip to Oxford Castle. In their work, the children used particular vocabulary such as time connectives, and tried hard to make their work interesting for the reader by using adjectives. In preparation for their banquet next week, they have also planned menus for a knights' banquet and written instructions for how to behave at a banquet.

In maths, both classes have continued learning how to solve problems using facts for the double of numbers to at least 10, as well as learning how to find half of an even number, using number facts and practical resources to help calculate. Please encourage your child to practise learning by heart, the double and halves facts for numbers to 10 (e.g. double 1= 2, half of 2 is 1, etc.). Many thanks for your support.

The children have also thoroughly enjoyed using clay to create their own raised castle tiles, with details such as small towers, mottes and castle walls. They will be painting these next week.



Forest School



Hazel class went on a hunt to identify signs of Autumn this week. Children were particularly fascinated by the different colours of leaves and some spent time drawing them. We talked about evergreen trees and deciduous trees too. Lots of children enjoyed creating their own imaginative game and climbing trees. NEXT WEEK - BRING LOTS OF DIFFERENT COLOURED LEAVES TO SHOW THE GROUP! Thank you to Mrs. Brown for coming along to have fun with us.

Maple class learnt about habitats in the woods and were very good at identifying where particular animals live. We also found lots of leaves that were changing colour and talked about autumn. Lots of children climbed trees and engaged in imaginative play. Thank you to Natalie's Mum for coming to have fun with us.

Beech class learnt about animal habitats this week by playing a game in the woods. Some children then planted acorns in the hope that we will get new oak trees growing (we talked about what will help them to grow). Lots of children enjoyed climbing trees and digging in the soil. After our drink and chat the children also sang their harvest song as a practise for their assembly. Thank you to the three Mum's who came along to join in our fun!

Star of the Week

Friendship Star

**Jagger - Acorns
Harriet - Maple
Jasmin - Beech
Jaxon - Birch
Jack - Willow
Poppy - Hazel
Harry - Rowan**

**Isabel - Acorns
Joshua - Maple
Daisy - Beech
Alice - Birch
Jacob - Willow
Lacey-May - Hazel
Amelia - Rowan**

PTA News

Thank you to all those who attended the PTA meeting last week; we had a very productive hour planning some exciting events for next half term. Our next meeting is Thursday 1st November at 7pm. Please note this is a change to the original date as the following Friday (9th November) is our annual Race Night Fundraiser and Social for Parents. This event is always great fun; it will be BYO drinks and nibbles, with tickets going on sale after the half term break. Why not get a table together?

The PTA are also looking for local businesses or individuals who would be happy to 'sponsor' one of the nine races on the night; for £15 you can have fun thinking up names for the race itself and the eight horses competing in it. The race name, horses' names and company logo will be printed in the race program, which will be going home in the book bags of all children ahead of the event.

Last year we were very grateful to receive the support of the following businesses: HL Pilates, Atkinson & Sons Roofing, Tailor Made Windows, Teescroft Electrical, Davis Tate, Graham's in the Garden, Bovis Homes, Duck and Bumble and Oven Clean.

If you are interested in sponsoring a race, please contact the PTA by emailing mrsblandspta@gmail.com, or catch one of us in the playground.

We are also always on the look out for raffle prizes at Race Night and the Christmas Fair, please let us know if you have anything you would like to donate.

Many thanks to Rowan parents for providing the cakes for our first cake sale of the year, the proceeds from which will be used to fund an exciting visit from Millets Farm Falconry Centre next week!

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>