

Dates for your diary

Monday 29th October 2018
School Re-opens

Tuesday 30th October 2018
Little Acorns 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

3rd December 2018
2.00pm Christmas
Performance Dress Rehearsal
– siblings welcome

4th December 2018
2.00pm Christmas
Performance – adults only

5th December 2018
2.00pm Christmas
Performance – adults only

6th December 2018
9.30am Christmas
Performance – adults only

14th December 2018
3.25pm Cake Sale – Hazel

School News

Harvest Assembly Donations

We received a wonderful variety of useful products and food items which have been taken to the Burghfield Food Bank for distribution to local families in need.
Thank you for all your kind donations.

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. The appointment booking will open automatically on the 29th October.

Topics and Themes

All of our learning themes will be changing after half term. The staff have been working hard to provide lots of new experiences to make the learning exciting.

EYFS – What is a Shadow?

Learning about different light sources, different materials and their properties and how shadows are formed and about nocturnal animals.

Year 1 – Rio De Vida

Carnival music, comparing the UK with Rio, making costumes and instruments and dances from South America

Year 2 – Dragons (week 1 and 2)

Poetry and story writing

Beat Band Boogie (week 3 on)

Learning about how sound travels and making musical instruments

Have a wonderful October break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 29th October

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

PTA News

Change of date
1st November 2018
7pm PTA Meeting

9th November 2018
7.30pm Race Night

1st December 2018
Christmas Fair

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**or catch someone on the
playground –**

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

This week in Little Acorn the children have been exploring the changes in the weather. We have found lots of spider's webs with rain drops and we have looked at how the leaves are changing colour. We have also done sponge printing of autumn leaves. We have had lots of fun in the soft play area with our 3D shapes and built some very tall towers.

We are very excited to be having our children's toilets fitted in the half term, which does mean we will be closed on Friday 19th October and Monday 29th October. This is to give the builders and staff a like time to get the setting ready for another exciting term. Have a lovely half term.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

This week in Acorns we have been looking at pattern. We have made pattern collages and necklaces. We have looked at the different patterns on wild animals. In Literacy we have read the story, 'Jungle animals' and looked at a non-fiction book about animals at the zoo. In maths, we have been counting and matching pegs onto number leaves. We have also planted some apple pips in our nursery area as some children were interested in what would happen.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In literacy we have been reading the book, 'Snip Snap Croc' and labelled and drew pictures from the story. We enjoyed pretending to be the crocodiles and re-telling the story.

In maths this week we have been making repeating patterns using different shapes, colours and sizes. Can you spot a pattern at home or make a pattern of your own? Over the holidays it would be great if the children could practise getting themselves changed in and out of their P.E clothes and school uniform. Also please can you check that all your P.E kit and uniform has name labels, just in case they get mixed up? It has been a great first half term looking at our topic 'Can I Have a Dog?' Next half term we will learn, 'What is a shadow?'

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

This week we have been identifying non-fiction texts and their features – Headings, sub headings, diagrams, and fact boxes.

We then used this knowledge to create our own non-fiction text on a red squirrel. Over the holidays why not visit the library and see if you can find out about our new topic – Brazil.

In Maths we have been using the number bonds to 10 we learnt last week to then derive subtraction facts.

We were pleased that the children could tell us that $10 - 6 = 4$ and $10 - 4 = 6$.

To end our topic we designed and made fairy doors inspired by our trip to Wellington Country Park. We have talked about how the seasons are changing, looking at our class tree and observing its changes.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

Wow...what a week! I think those strong winds put us all in whirlwind mode! Tuesday was a fantastic day. Our visit from the falconer was terrific. We were introduced to some amazing birds of prey and lots of us held them wearing a thick gauntlet on our hand. "I loved the owl" Megan said and indeed the great grey owl was spectacular. Thomas was very pleased because Sabre the Gyr Falcon left him a beautiful feather. We watched number 1 the Harris Hawk 'catch a rabbit' (a bag on the end of a string) and laughed when he landed on the P.E mats. We learnt a lot of new information too and James the falconer said we knew an awful lot for children who were only six and seven! He was very impressed. **Thank you PTA for funding this.**

In the afternoon we dressed for our banquet. We sang songs about knights and maidens with Mrs Blagdon, jousted in the hall riding our trusty hobby horses and then settled down to King Harry's banquet. We were not allowed to eat until he said so!

Overall it has been a fabulous topic and we have all enjoyed ourselves immensely – adults and children! Thank you for all your support and see you after the holidays!



Forest School



Due to winds of 45 mph forecast Hazel class remained on school grounds on Friday 12th. Groups of children came outside to collect various colours of leaves and herbs to create pieces of art work in their art book. We looked at Andy Goldsworthy pictures to give us inspiration. We also bashed conkers with a hammer into little bits and boiled them up for over half an hour. This created a brown soapy liquid that can be used to wash clothing with!

Thank you to Amelia's Mum for coming to help us.

Maple class had a very damp Forest School this week and needed to wear waterproofs and wellies. We learnt the rules of fire safety and then the fire was lit. The children all enjoyed toasting on the fire and listening to the sounds the fire made. Thank you so much to the parent helpers - William and Natalie's Mum's.

Star of the Week

Friendship Star



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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.

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Thank you for your support and good luck everyone!

The PTA

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