

Dates for your diary

15th November 2018

Wear something spotty for
Children in Need

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

17th December 2018

2.00pm Joint Garland and Mrs
Blands Carol Service

18th December 2018

Snow White @ the Anvil

19th December 2018

Christmas Lunch

20th December 2018

Nursery Morning session only
(including lunch club)
1.45pm School Finishes

School News

Thank you to Rowan class for leading our service of remembrance this morning. Each class made a wreath to hang in the hall. The children also managed to be silent for a minute and then all sang Peace is a River.

Harvest Festival Gifts

Thank you so much for supporting the Foodbank with your Harvest gifts. The collection weighed 130.8 kg which is the approximate equivalent of contributing to 118 meals for those in need.

Snow White at the Anvil

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for the Pantomime visit to the Anvil. If you haven't already done so please can you sign up via surveymonkey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SnowWhite>. Payment may be made by cash/cheque or via parentpay. Please speak to the office if you need any help with this.

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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**.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

PTA News

1st December 2018
12 – 2pm Christmas
Fair

17th January 2018
7.00pm PTA meeting

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the
playground –

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

This week in Little Acorns the children have been utilising our pumpkins by using a hammer and golf tees to tap holes in them. This has helped the children develop their hand eye coordination and fine motor skills. We enjoyed making chocolate sparklers to celebrate Bonfire Night.

The children have been learning about Remembrance Day this week and have each made a poppy biscuit. All the children have contributed to making a Remembrance Day display and made some poppy pictures.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

We have been learning about Diwali.

We read and shared the Diwali story about Rama and Sita and have learned about ways Diwali is celebrated at home. Light is very special during the festival of Diwali and so we made Diva lamps.

In maths, we have been learning about 2D shapes and created Mendhi and Rangoli patterns.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week we have been learning about the Hindu celebration of Diwali and read the story of Rama and Sita. We looked at the henna tattoos and patterns, as well as different temples and places of worship. Together we made a diva and wrote instructions of how to make one, and then we used our instructions to make our own diva out of clay.

In maths this week we have been reviewing 2D shapes and learning the names of 3D shapes, as well as describing their edges, faces and vertices. See if you can spot any 3D shapes around your house.

We have also learned about Remembrance and made a poppy wreath. It was lovely to present it in the remembrance assembly and hang it up with wreaths made by the other classes.

If you have any 'wow moments' please bring them into school, it would be great to share with the class what the children do at home and also to put it in their learning journal. Please let us know if you would like any more sheets.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

In English we have continued to learn about Brazil using non-fiction books to find out more information. The children then used these facts to make their own posters about the country. Can they tell you one of the facts they have found out?

In Maths this week, we have continued our work with measures, solving problems involving length and weight. The children measured in non standard units, using steps to measure distance and cubes to measure weight. Over the weekend can your children use the language heaviest/ lightest to compare the weight of items at home?

Finally a desperate plea for helpers... Both classes have struggled in recent weeks to have enough helpers for forest school and have had to resort to begging on the phone or at the school gate! PLEASE if you can spare one afternoon; sign up. Equally if you can't make forest school we would love to have you in class to help with readers or Christmas crafts (sorry too early!?)

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

In Literacy we have been learning the legend of, 'George and the Dragon' and have been writing our own versions of this story. As well as our usual writing 'toolkit,' our focus has been on the use of adjectives to describe character and setting. The children's language has really grown over the last few weeks- hopefully you will have noticed it at home too!

In Maths, we have been getting to grips with addition and how we can use partitioning to help with this. We have been adding and subtracting tens from a two digit number, and have built up to adding two 2-digit numbers and working on worded problems. We have used Dienes and Number Squares to help us.

In the afternoons we have spent time learning about the importance of Remembrance Sunday and have made poppies and a class wreath to mark the event.



Forest School



Hazel class had a challenge this week: to build a protective nest for the dragon's eggs! The children worked in teams and all came up with different ways to keep the egg safe, including putting a roof on. We left the eggs in the nest to investigate how well they are protected when we see them next week. We saw some wonderful team work when the nests were being built. Ms Ball donated two pumpkins to us. We talked about how left over pumpkins can be used to feed woodland creatures. We carved our pumpkins and left them in the woods to see if they are nibbled! The children were very knowledgeable about which animals might eat them.

Maple class enjoyed a warm Autumn afternoon in the woods. We used natural materials to make a large rangoli pattern on the forest floor. Lots of children enjoyed digging in the clay soil and a large group of children worked on building a den.

Thank you to Romany's Mum and Maisie's Dad for coming to help us have so much fun

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



PTA News

The PTA are delighted to have been awarded £500 by Reading based company Huntswood, a specialist resourcing and consultancy company. Maple parent Charmaine Kelly works for Huntswood and nominated the Mrs Bland's School Association (PTA) for their monthly charity tombola. Amazingly they won first attempt! Please get in touch with the PTA if you work for a company who support local schools and youth groups in a similar way, or offer 'Match Funding' of events such as our forthcoming Race Night and Christmas Fair.

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-blands-infant-and-nursery-school>