

Dates for your diary

Parent Consultation
Meetings
Strictly Parents Only

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



It was lovely to see everyone dressed in 'spots' for Children in Need yesterday. Our Children in Need Champions, along with Mrs Hodson, led our assembly and we all had a think about why we raise money to help others. Our Champions counted all of the donations and it was brilliant that we raised the grand total of £205! Well done everyone!

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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**.

Lunchtime Assistant Required

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Assistant. The position is from 12.00pm – 1.00pm Monday to Friday, Term Time Only. Application forms available from the school office.

Closing date for applications: 5pm 23.11.18

Cleaner Required

We have a vacancy for a cleaner. The position is from 4.00pm-6.00pm Monday to Friday, Term Time Only. Application forms available from the school office.

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Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week the children have been exploring the dark tent. They have used lots of different light sources to make shadows. We have been learning about animals that come out at night. The children helped to make biscuits and decorated them like 'Pudsey' for Children in Need this week. Outside the children have enjoyed helping us create a Construction site and loved dressing up as builders

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

This week we have been learning about hibernating animals. In literacy we read the story, 'It was a Cold Dark Night' which is about Ned the Hedgehog looking for a home one night. We made patterns on hedgehogs with pens and pencils.

In maths we made dough hedgehogs and counted the match stick prickles. We also made nests for hedgehogs with leaves and hedgehogs out of play dough.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In Reception this week, we have enjoyed lots of bear themed activities. Our focus story has been, 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear?'. In the story, the little bear can't sleep because he is afraid of the dark, so we have been discussing our feelings about the dark and what we can do to help us sleep. See if your child can retell this week's story at home. To support our counting and recognition of numbers we have used bear counters and caves and stacked duplo bricks to match given numbers. The children have also practised writing numbers. Please remember we would love to see any writing your child does at home. In recognition of Children in Need, Pudsey bear has also featured in our classrooms this week. We have decorated his eye patch with finger paints and had challenges to add pom-poms / cheerios to his spots using tweezers.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

This week in English we have focused on answering comprehension questions linked to three different stories set in South America. The children listened carefully to the story and wrote sentences to explain what, when, where and why events have occurred. To extend them this week in their reading could you ask them to predict what might happen next or give reasons why they think certain events have happened?

In Maths we have been counting in 2's! We have counted socks, Noah's Ark animals and 2p coins. We have also looked at the patterns that happen when counting in 2's and recorded the next numeral in the sequence.

Can you see if your child can count in 2's when you are out and about this weekend?

In our topic work, we have learnt a song to help us remember the seven continents, designed masks and talked about seasonal change. As well as starting to learn lots of our songs for the Christmas play.

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,

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

Firstly, we were very proud of Rowan and their clear speaking voices in leading the Remembrance Assembly. Also thank you to Mrs Blagdon and the choir for their uplifting singing of, It's a Long Way to Tipperary. I think we all had a tear or two in our eyes.

During our writing sessions we have focused hard on completing our dragon stories and using a wide selection of adjectives and adverbs. Maths has seen us switching our thinking to subtraction using different resources and solving a variety of problems.

Our next topic is a noisy one Beat, Bang, Boogie! Plenty of science! We will investigate how sound travels, explore musical instruments and consider how sound is produced in each one. In between all of this will be our rehearsals for the Christmas Play-'Babushka'.

We know Year 2 will rise to all of the challenges ahead.



Forest School



Beech class had a wonderful time playing in the sticky clay and looking out for leaves that insects and caterpillars had been nibbling. We talked about what we would use instead of an oven when we make hot chocolate in the woods next week. Children enjoyed climbing and chatting and digging with trowels.

Star of the Week

Friendship Star

**Elene - Acorns
William - Maple
Carys - Beech
Max - Birch
Archie - Willow
Lacey-May - Hazel
Jacob - Rowan**

**Sam M - Acorns
Elsa - Maple
Kayleighjayne - Beech
Freya - Birch
Chloe - Willow
Poppy - Hazel
Eva - Rowan**

PTA News

Last Friday the PTA hosted their third and most successful race night fundraiser.

The evening raised over £700 for the school through the sponsorship of races by local businesses, raffle tickets sales, betting on races and sale of food.

For the first time those not able to attend the event were able to place bets in advance; congratulations to Janet Sykes, Alex Lines, Jo Nuckley, Katie Hopkins and Mrs Nisbet, your winnings will be with you shortly!

Many thanks to Maple parent Som Oxley who cooked the Pad Thai noodles and spring rolls that were enjoyed by many on the night. Thank you also to Newbury Racecourse for providing first prize in the raffle; two premier enclosure tickets, and to Davis Tate for providing a £25 John Lewis voucher for the raffle.

For those of you who sponsored races and bet on races in advance or on the night, here are the results:

Race	Sponsors	Favourite	Winner
1	My Sporting Times	Bella Dancerella	Usain the horse has bolted
2	Burghfield Running Club	8 minute mile	Hitting the wall
3	Stemaco (Raw Materials) Ltd	Hoof Hearted	Hoof Hearted
4	Bugaboo	Bain of my life	Double dare donkey too
5	Mrs Bland's Staff	Rowan Upstream	Sparklebox
6	TML Window Cleaning	Charlie	Rochelle
7	Aqua Fit/Chat group	Toni's Trotters	Cantering Chris
8	YMCA Reading	Ray Bans	Go West not East
9	The Ideal Home	Spring Haze	Titanium

Thank you to all our race sponsors, and in particular to Ruth Bowen and her Aqua Chat group and Mr and Mrs McIlroy and the Ideal Home, for betting so generously!

Also, a final thank you goes to John Coleman our race night host. John does so much for the school; the children will meet him as Father Christmas at both the Christmas Fair and the school Christmas lunch, and he has agreed to be the DJ at both the Valentines and summer discos.

Our next event is the Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st December from midday-2pm; we will be looking to recruit helpers to help set up, tidy away or man a stall for an hour, so if you can help in any way please get in touch!

During the Christmas Season 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, the trainline 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>