

Dates for your diary

30th November 2018
9.30am Advent Assembly –
Beech Class

**Non-Uniform Day for
Christmas Fair BottleTombola**

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

Farewell

We will be saying farewell to Heidi Evans on 30th November. Heidi has worked as our Forest School Leader, Breakfast Club Leader and in both our nursery classes since September 2015. Mrs Evans is leaving us for pastures new.

We are also saying farewell to Mrs Hudson on 13th December. Mrs Hudson has been organising us all and managing the school since June 2015. Mrs Hudson is moving away from the area.

We would like to say the 'biggest' thank you to both Mrs Evans and Mrs Hudson for all their hard work and commitment over the last three years and we wish them all the best in their new ventures.

Last week of Forest School for this term

Next week will be the last week of forest school for this term. Children were cooking this week and will be cooking next week over a fire to celebrate the last session for the term. We need lots of volunteers when we have a fire, so please let class teachers or the office know if you can help.

Christmas Fair

It is the Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st December from 12pm – 2pm. On Friday 30th December we are having a non-uniform day in exchange for bottles of drink for the adult tombola. The PTA would appreciate as many donations as possible as this stall is very popular and raises lots of money!.

Christmas Performance Tickets

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Performances from the 3rd December. All pre-ordered tickets can be picked up from the Office from Monday 26th November. Please remember to bring in the exact change for these (£1.50 per ticket). Any uncollected tickets and spares will be available to purchase from Wednesday 28th November.

Parental Support Drop-in Sessions

Mrs Hodson is our ELSA providing emotional support to the children in school. We are now pleased to offer drop-in sessions where parents may discuss any emotional concerns they have about their children with Mrs Hodson. Have they become quieter than normal, angry, or just not themselves; or are there changes at home that may be bothering them?

Times available are Mondays 9.00 – 9.30am or 3.00– 3.30pm
and Thursdays 9.00 – 9.30am

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns the children have explored the flour tray, and found numbers hidden in there. The children have been making clay hedgehogs as we continue to learn about animals that come out at night. The children have enjoyed going outside and have been talking about the change in the weather.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

This week we have read the story 'The Foggy Foggy Forest!' by Nick Sharrat and guessed the silhouetted characters in the forest!

We have been enjoying playing games on the tablet in the ICT area.

We have been practising the dance and songs for our Christmas production.

In Maths, we have been counting spots on a dice and matching the numbers to objects. We then looked at who had the biggest and smallest amounts of the objects we had counted.

We have been making penguin collages and have worked on our class project of improving our book corner.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week we have been exploring space and reading our book, 'Little Moon'. The book has shown us all the planets and what it might be like to live in space. We have all enjoyed our role-play area, where we have dressed up as astronauts and aliens.

In maths this week we have been exploring one more and one less. Can you calculate one more with sweets, or find one less using some toys?

Beech class have been rehearsing for their advent assembly next week, please can you practise lines and the songs at home. Both classes have also been rehearsing for the Nativity, which we are very excited about.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

This week has been another busy week in Year One. In between play rehearsals, dancing and singing we have written a story based on those we read last week. The children had lots of wonderful ideas to explain how the toucan got his brightly coloured beak and how the frog got his sticky feet. Perhaps your children could orally retell the story to you this weekend?

In maths we have explored multiplication, the children have learnt vocabulary related to the sign and began to read numbers sentences involving the x sign. They used concrete objects such as cubes and play dough as well as creating arrays to find the answers to calculations.

Our Christmas play is quickly creeping up on us and we have not had many costumes in. A gentle reminder, children need a brightly coloured top and trousers, named and in a bag. Also, if any grown ups are particularly arty crafty and are available to help with various Christmas crafts over the coming weeks please speak to your child's class teacher. We particularly need help creating decorations for the St Mary's Christmas tree festival.

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)

Another busy week for Year 2! Rehearsals for our end of term play Babushka are underway and we can all feel that Christmas is well and truly in the air. In DT we are finishing our stringed instruments and then writing instructions on how to make them. Our focus has been on adverbs, describing how we did something. We also used the sub heading **Equipment** to list all the items we needed to make the instrument. However, we were not allowed to put Gareth's name on that list!! Maths has seen us dealing with money; looking at the values of coins and using different value coins to make a given amount. Also our area is rather noisy at times, as we have plenty of percussion instruments around and we are finding out how sound travels.....



Forest School



Sadly Hazel class did not have a parent volunteer this week so we remained on school grounds. The children did however have a wonderful time marching in a band, trying out different instruments. We also talked about making soup in the woods and they wrote down suggestions for ingredients.

Maple and Beech had fun making their own hot chocolate in the woods this week as well as playing with nocturnal animals.

NEXT WEEK: Is our last Forest School of 2018 and will be my last as Forest School Leader. We will try and make it into a bit of a party in the woods!! Heidi

Star of the Week

Friendship Star

**Teal - Acorns
Jimmy - Maple
Seren-May - Beech
Bradley - Birch
Harry - Willow
Harrison - Hazel
Elizabeth - Rowan**

**Preston - Acorns
Natalie - Maple
Jack - Beech
Thomas - Birch
Thomas - Willow
Amelia - Hazel
Ella - Rowan**

PTA News

It's the Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st December from 12pm – 2pm, we are accepting donations of bottles for our bottle tombola and any help on the day.

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, 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>