

Dates for your diary

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

Christmas Fair

It is the PTA School Christmas Fair tomorrow between 12pm – 2pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Christmas Lunch 19th December

If you haven't already done so please can you order your child's Christmas Lunch for the 19th December by the end of Monday. This is so our cook can order the correct amount of food for that day.

Christmas Performance Tickets

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Performances from the 3rd December. Please Note: the doors will shut promptly at 2.00pm for afternoon performances and 9.30am for the Thursday performance. There is strictly NO admittance after this time. The stage is in the middle of the hall so late arrivals would disrupt the performance and after all the hard work the children have been doing rehearsing, we would love for the performance to go smoothly.

Please note that photographs may be taken (without flash) for your own collection but NO images should be uploaded to social networking sites or onto the internet for public viewing.

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

Please sign in at the office as normal

Farewell to Heidi Evans

The classes all presented Mrs Evans with a card and the staff presented a gift. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Evans all the best in her new ventures and saying a huge thank you for all her hard work making Breakfast Club, Forest School and Nursery such a great place to be.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns the children have been very helpful in painting our outdoor hut. The children chose the colour and helped cut the bushes back. A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Rounce for fixing a roof to it, so that we can use it in all weather.

We have been reading the story 'WOW said the Owl' and looking at the differences between day and night and the animals that come out at night.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

This week we have read, 'The Gruffalo' and, 'The Gruffalo's Child'!
We have been learning about shadows and how we make them. We made shadows in our magical cave and on the interactive white board with torches.

We have been counting groups and saying which group has more or less. We also made a day and night book about animals for our book corner. We made penguin hats ready for our performance next week and enjoyed making the googly eyes!
Please remember to make sure you bring in a penguin costume (black and white clothes!) for our performance on Monday the 3rd of December if you haven't already!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In Reception this week we have been busy practising our songs and dances for the school Christmas Production. If you have not already done so, please ensure you bring in your named costumes on Monday for the dress rehearsal.
To accompany our performances, we have created animal artwork for our given countries of Australia (Beech Class) and Africa (Maple Class). Our focus story for the week has been, 'Owl Babies', see if your child can recall the characters and events in the story.

In maths we have been learning to add two quantities of objects together and find the total. Some of us have also gone on to look at the symbols we use to record these additions and have recorded some addition sentences independently. If your children are keen to practise writing at home, see if they can form their numbers to 10 correctly.

We look forward to seeing all the children dressed as Kangaroos (Beech) and African animals (Maple) in our performances next week.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

We are nearly there! In the craziness that is the run up to the Christmas production we have still managed to keep some normality in year 1.

In Maths we have explored capacity using the terms empty, full, half full, nearly full and nearly empty to describe a variety of containers.

The children then used non standard measures to compare the capacity of different containers. See if your child can use the vocabulary learnt this week to describe the capacity of different containers at home.

In English we had a letter from Natilia in Brazil asking our advice about carnivals. The children came up with lots of ideas for her, writing a letter back and even created an invitation for our own carnival next week.

We can't wait to show you our Christmas production we have been working hard on. If you still have not handed in a costume it is needed by Monday for our first performance.

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)

I know we said it last week but Hazel and Rowan classes have had another 'full on' week. Plenty of rehearsals for Babushka and creating wonderful works of art for our display boards. In maths, money continues to be our focus: finding ways to make different amounts and solve tricky problems. For example I have five coins in my hand, three are silver, two are copper and they total 53p. What are the coins?

Forest school was great. We had to have our fire at school as the lane to the woods was closed. Gareth let us toast marshmallows... "gooey" said Megan, "melting" added Ella, "yummy" said Cheyanna. We all agreed with the last comment! Big thanks to all parents who help at Forest School. You are much appreciated!

May we ask if any of you are available for a short time every week next term, we would so appreciate help with hearing readers!! Please speak to any of the teachers if you can! Our children love to read!

See you all next week at one off the performances!



Forest School



This week we were unable to go to the woods due to the building works. We used the school grounds to have fires so that the children still had a lot of fun!

Star of the Week

Friendship Star



**Gracie - Acorns
Kira - Beech
Tora - Maple
Adam - Birch
Jacob - Willow
Jarro - Hazel
Olive - Rowan**



**Chloe - Acorns
Leo - Beech
Bella - Maple
Benedict - Birch
Mia - Willow
Zoe - Hazel
Lacey - Rowan**

PTA News

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-blands-infant-and-nursery-school>