

Dates for your diary

12th December 2018

Flu Vaccinations for Yr R - 2

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

7th January 2019

School Reopens

16th January 2019

Year 1 – Explorer Dome

17th January 2019

6.00pm Year 2 SATs
Information Morning

17th January 2019

7.00pm PTA Meeting

6th February 2019

3.25pm Cake Sale – Willow

8th February 2019

9.30am Chinese New Year
Assembly – Maple Class

8th February 2019

Disco Night - tbc

15th February 2019

3.25pm School Finishes

School News

Babushka

The children have had a busy week full of Christmas production performances. They have worked really hard learning their lines, singing songs and acting and all performed spectacularly. Thank you to parents for providing/making the costumes and for being a great audience. The stage curtains are now closed until next year...

Christmas Fair

Thank you so much for your support last Saturday we raised a brilliant £2000 for the school.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the Royal British Legions Poppy Appeal. We raised £163.25.

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

Maths Week

Next week it's 'Maths Week' across the school. We'll all be doing lots of Christmas maths including cooking, weighing, problem solving and maths trails. If you are able to spare some time to help with the cooking, please let your child's class teacher know.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns the children have started to learn Christmas songs ready for our performance to parents next week. They have explored the nursery looking at all the decorations and helped decorate the tree outside. The children have been investigating the playdough which smelt of cinnamon!! They have been learning to roll out the dough and make star and Christmas tree shapes.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

This week we have read the 'First Christmas' story and found out about Mary and Joseph and the birth of baby Jesus.

We have written our names on Santa's nice list as we are promising to be on our best behaviour!

We have been counting baubles for the Christmas tree and matching to a numeral.

We have begun making Christmas cards to give to someone special!

We have enjoyed showing our penguin dance as part of the school performance of Babushka!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

What a busy week it has been in Reception! We have done lots of performing and singing for our nativity. We hope you enjoyed it and you liked our Kangaroo and Circle of Life performances. A special well done goes to those children who were shepherds, kings, angels, mice and spiders.

In Literacy this week we have been reading Christmas poems and writing letters to Santa. We even posted them, so he will write back to us soon, fingers crossed. We have been very busy elves this week in maths weighing and measuring presents. We used rules and scales but we also compared different presents and ordered them, maybe you could do the same at home and see who has the heaviest present?

Next week, on Friday 14th we are doing show and tell in the class. It would be lovely if you could bring something Christmas themed in that you can talk about, maybe your favourite Christmas book or small decoration.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

It was so lovely to see so many of you at this week's performances. We're sure you'll agree, the children did us proud. Thank you for your support with the costumes and learning lines, they looked and sounded fab!

Father Christmas has popped up in our maths lessons this week. The children used house numbers to count on, finding which house he was going to visit next. They also used the terms more and less than to describe quantities of presents. Next Thursday morning the children will be measuring and following instructions in maths to bake some yummy treats. If you are available to help, please come and speak to your child's class teacher.

In English this week, we have written invitations and lists. Our focus has been using our phonics to help spell unknown words as well as recapping on the spelling of high frequency words. Over the next few weeks, if you have a spare few minutes, look at the high frequency words in the front of the reading records. Challenge your children to learn five of the words they find tricky to spell.

Finally, as we get nearer to the end of term we ask that you take this time to check your children's clothes as we still have several jumpers, wellies and pairs of trainers missing. Any property not belonging to you can be handed in anonymously, no questions will be asked!

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Get in Touch via –

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**or catch someone on the
playground –**

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

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

The children are amazing – four performances in a week is a lot and they just got better and better. In literacy lessons, we rewrote the story of Babushka. Lots to think about, including speech, adverbs and adjectives and of course not forgetting full stops, capital letters, finger spaces.....etc! The results are very pleasing indeed. In maths we've left numbers behind (for a while at least) and are looking at shapes and their properties. Big discussion with some pupils in Rowan as to how to spell sphere!

Life will calm down a little next week but just to give you a hint – there'll be a lot of maths around! We have been invited to Garland School on Monday afternoon to see their Christmas Performance and will be walking up there at about 1.40pm. One or two parent helpers would be very welcome and we return to Mrs B's by 3.25pm.

Finally – many thanks for your continued support in all that we do.



Forest School



Forest School will be returning in the New Year. Please look out for the new timetable which will be sent out via parentmail within the next week.

Star of the Week

Friendship Star

**Thomas S - Acorns
Izzy - Beech
Mitosz - Maple
Bobby - Birch
Brooke - Willow
Poppy - Hazel
Adam - Rowan**

**Henrieta - Acorns
Ondrej - Beech
Samuel - Maple
Noah - Birch
Travis - Willow
Evie-Mae - Hazel
Olivia - 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>