

Dates for your diary

6th February 2019

3.25pm Cake Sale – Willow

8th February 2019

9.30am Chinese New Year
Assembly – Maple Class

8th February 2019

Disco Night

3.25 – 4.25pm Reception

4.45 – 5.45pm Years 1 & 2

15th February 2019

3.25pm School Finishes

25th February 2019

8.50am Spring Term 2 starts

7th March 2019

World Book Day

7th March 2019

7.00pm PTA Meeting

8th March 2019

3.25pm Cake Sale – Hazel
Class

20th March 2019

Year R trip to Discovery Centre

22nd March 2019

Joint Quiz night with Garland
Junior School

27th March 2019

3.40pm – 6.00pm Parent
Consultations

28th March 2019

5.30pm – 8.00pm Parent
Consultations

29th March 2019

3.25pm Cake Sale – Birch
Class

2nd April 2019

Class Photos

4th April 2019

9.30pm Easter Assembly –
Year 1

A Little Reminder

As the weather is on the chilly side at the moment, please, please, please can you remember to put socks, tracksuit bottoms and tops into your child's PE kit. A coat, gloves and scarves are also appreciated at playtime. We do have spares, but we have now run out so please can you return all that have been borrowed.

We are also having increasing traffic for forgotten lunches, play dates etc coming through the front office. There are orange slips available at the point that the children come into school, if you have a regular arrangement then please send an email into the office for that. The office is here to help, and obviously in an emergency we will do all we can to assist you.

We would also like to remind parents that the adventure play equipment in the KS1 playground is out of bounds to non Mrs Bland's children and any child after school hours.

Finally we are still going to Forest School (if it is really cold we come back to school earlier), any volunteers would be appreciated, and please remember to wrap your child up well. Too many layers are far better than too few.

PTA Events coming up

We are delighted to have a vibrant PTA, who are always looking for help. Meetings apparently end with a trip to the curry house. We have numerous events coming up from cake sales to discos to a quiz. Please check the Calendar and PTA news below for more information.

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

Gaming and Fortnite

We have become increasingly concerned about the number of children who have been talking about playing the game, Fortnite. In the UK, this game is rated as a 12. It has been rated as not suitable for children under this age, due to the level of violence and the fact that players interact with other players online (younger players may be exposed to offensive language from strangers or via the on-screen chat). Please do research parents guides to the game for more information.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns, the children have been learning about Chinese New Year. We have learnt a song and practised dancing with ribbons like the Chinese children. The children enjoyed trying to use chopsticks in our Chinese restaurant. Next week we will be going back to our topic of, 'Where Does Snow Go?'

A reminder that we would like to have a family display in Nursery so please send in your photos or email them to the main school office.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

In Acorns this week we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We have made lanterns and dragon puppets. We have read the story about The Zodiac Animal's Race and we found out about how Chinese people celebrate New Year. In the classroom we have been trying to use chopsticks in the Chinese take away. We have been finding countries on the globe and joined in with a dragon dance to Chinese music. We have described the taste of Prawn crackers during our snack time.

In Maths we have been counting pennies in money pockets and counting and matching to a number.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

Our theme this week has been Chinese New Year! We have read the Chinese New Year story and learnt about the different animals and which order they finished. Some of the animals were a little sneaky and some a little slow. Can you re-tell the story at home and get the animals in order?

Because we were learning about Chinese New Year this week, we even tried some Chinese food and described what we ate. All the children have enjoyed role-playing in our Chinese restaurant and serving food to customers, as well as writing menus.

Next week we are back to snow and ice themes looking at The Gruffalo's Child. Please bring in any 'wow moments' that you may have, it would great to see their development at home too. Have a lovely weekend.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

This week in English we have written our own alien story. We have used what we found out last week from the Beegu story and adapted it, changing the main character and some of the events. Can your child retell you their story over the weekend?

In Maths we have been using time words linked to the Chinese New Year. The children listened to the story and sequenced the events using the language first, second, third etc. They have also started to look at how to tell the time using an analogue clock. Can you help them by practising telling the time using the vocabulary o'clock and half past, drawing attention to the big hand (minute hand), and the little hand (hour hand)

In topic we found out about Neil Armstrong and added his life events to our time line. We have started to measure and cut wood to make the frame for our space buggies. Could you please have a look for any materials that would be suitable to make the body, for example margarine tubs or clear plastic food containers. Thank you

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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)

Another great week in Year 2. We completed our diary writing as George planning the terrible medicine for Grandma – super chatty styles, talking to the diary as if it were our very best friend. Next week we will move onto Chinese New Year and some story writing. Division has finished for the time being – problem solving and answers with remainders were on the agenda. Next week.... Da d a da! FRACTIONS.

In science we observed what happened when we added different substances to water and learnt the difference between dissolving and mixing. The custard powder did very strange things indeed!

Mrs Nisbet taught us how to make a coil pot in order to create a clay volcano ready for eruption and we will be making slime in the final week before we break up....

Please don't forget to sign up for a Forest School session if you have any time on Wednesday (Rowan) or Friday (Hazel) afternoons. Any help is always so appreciated.

Next week: fractions of shape and number

SPaG: Adverbs found in stories

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



PTA News

So what lies ahead? On Wednesday 6th February we are looking forward to a cake sale with cakes provided by Willow class this time – the proceeds from this will fund a special treat for year 1 students this term. We will also be selling second hand uniform at the cake sale; if you have any unwanted uniform you would like to donate please drop it into the school office, in particular summer dresses.

On Friday 8th Feb we look forward to the annual Valentine's Disco. This will be from 3.30-4.30pm for Reception children and 4.45-5.45pm for children in years 1 and 2. We are always in need of parent volunteers for the disco (which can be a fascinating and eye opening event for parents!) – please let us know if you can help. Sign-up sheets for parent volunteers will be with class teachers closer to the time and tickets will be on sale from Monday 4th February.

On Friday 22nd March we are pleased to confirm that we will be jointly running a Quiz Night Fundraiser (adults only) at Garland Junior School from 7.30-10.30pm, with proceeds from the evening being split between both schools. This always proves to be great fun, with rounds in previous years having included 'Human Top Trumps' and 'Cheesy Wotsit Face'.

The PTA committee this year are proving to be a sociable bunch with most meeting being followed by a trip to the local curry house! New faces are very welcome; we always struggle to staff larger scale events such as the Christmas Fair so are keen to recruit new members. If you can help in any way please get in touch with one of us; in the playground, via Facebook or via our gmail address.

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>