

Dates for your diary

15th February 2019
3.25pm School Finishes

25th February 2019
8.50am Spring Term 2 starts

1st March 2019
9.00am Developing Early
Language Workshop – Nursery
Parents

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

5th April 2019
End of Term
1.45pm Main School Finish
1.45pm Nursery (Acorns) Finish

Tuesday 23rd April 2019
School Begins

School News

Forest Fun Holiday Club

The Forest Fun Holiday Club will be running in the Easter Holidays from 8th April to 12th April from 8.30am until 4.30pm. Cost will be £25 per day, or for all 5 days £115. Booking forms will be available from 25th Feb along with the full programme of activities from the Office. Children will spend the morning at the woods and then we have crafts and activities planned for the afternoons. Danny Williams will be leading a sports session one afternoon, there will be dance, cooking and

Clubs

If any child would like to join in the following clubs after half term, please contact the Office.

Football – Wednesday Lunchtimes – £15.00

Tag Rugby – Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm - £24.00

Street Dance - Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm - £18.00

If your child already does a particular club, they will carry on as normal

World Book Day 7th March 2019

On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. To celebrate World Book Day we would like all the children to come to school dressed as characters linked to the following Authors and/or topics:

Nursery – Eric Carle e.g. The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Brown Bear, Brown Bear

Reception – Julia Donaldson e.g. The Gruffalo, A Squash and a Squeeze

Year 1 – Superheroes

Year 2 – Roald Dahl e.g. George's Marvellous Medicine, The Twits

This is only one of the activities we will be doing - so please look out for the letter recently sent out via parentmail.

Half Term Fun

If you are stuck for something to do over the half term, Reading Museum have a range of free activities for you to go to. Please see the attached flyer.

Vacancy at Home-Start West Berkshire

Home-Start West Berkshire are looking for a Part Time Family Co-ordinator. If you are interested please see the attached advert.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns, the children have been learning to do careful counting. We have counted acorns, snowflakes and our fruit at snack time. The children have decorated winter hats. Next term our topic will be, 'How Many Colours in a Rainbow?' We will be exploring colour throughout the term.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

In Literacy this week we have read the book, 'Say Hello to the Snowy Animals!' We have learnt the names of some arctic animals.

We have practised writing our names in our new marking making station matching the coloured pens and pencils into the correct pots.

In phonics we are beginning to read the key words: 'I, to, no, go, the,' as well as practising most of the sounds of the alphabet.

In Maths this week we have learnt the names of 2D shapes and their properties. We have found out how many sides and corners they have. We have been learning the names of some 3D shapes: cuboid, cube, cone and pyramid.

We have iced some biscuits and made snowflake movements to instrument sounds.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week we have continued to read the story, 'The Gruffalo's Child. Last week we learnt the story, so this week we have changed a part of the story to make it our own. Many of us changed the mouse to be a different creature and we had lots of fun describing a new character.

In maths, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We have had lots of fun creating Gruffalos with 2D shapes. We also looked in more detail at 3D shapes by describing and comparing their edges, faces and vertices. Can you find 3D shapes at home and describe them?

We have thoroughly enjoyed our topic, 'Where Does Snow Go', and exploring all things icy and cold. Next half term we learning about a brighter topic called, 'How Many Colours in a Rainbow?' We look forward to seeing you back after half term.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

In English Mrs Nisbet has set us a challenge to think about our outside area. We looked at the provision we already have and talked about what we think we could improve on. The children looked at a variety of pictures and created a wish list. Finally they wrote a letter to Mrs Nisbet sharing their research. If successful we should see some changes in the near future.

In Maths we have been learning to measure using a ruler (cm). We were really impressed with the children's ability to accurately measure a range of lines and objects. Over the half term holiday perhaps you might like to practise drawing and measuring using centimetres.

Thank you for providing the materials needed to make the moon buggies. The children really enjoyed creating their models and considering the aesthetics of their finished product.

There will be no spellings over the half term so please use this opportunity to read lots!

PTA News

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7.00pm PTA Meeting

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3.25pm Cake Sale –
Hazel Class

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with Garland Junior
School

29th March 2019
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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)

Muck, Mess and Mixtures is at an end, and what a fantastic topic it was! We've learnt about George and Grandma, erupted volcanoes, made potions at Forest School and the pinnacle was making slime. What a lovely time we have had!

In English this week we've been looking at the features of riddles and writing our own. It was fun making someone else guess what we had written about! In maths we've continued with fractions, this time of numbers. Finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a number isn't easy!

Our new topic after half term is called, 'The Scented Garden'. I wonder if any of you will be doing any digging and planting over the holidays?

After half term?

Maths – telling the time – We would be very grateful if you spent a little time over the holidays learning to tell the time- it is one of those very tricky parts of maths!

SPaG – apostrophes for possession

Star of the Week

Friendship Star



Edgar - Acorns
Lydia - Beech
Henry - Maple
Freya - Birch
Archie - Willow
Riley - Hazel
Lacey - Rowan



Hanna - Acorns
Seren-May - Beech
Myla - Maple
Bradley - Birch
Kaci-May - Willow
Jarro - Hazel
Cheyanna - Rowan

PTA News

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>