

Dates for your diary

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
9.30am Easter Assembly –
Year 1

5th April 2019
End of Term
1.45pm Main School Finish
3.30pm Nursery (Acorns) Finish

8th – 12th April 2019
8.30am – 5.00pm Forest Fun
Holiday Club

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 5.00pm, for all primary aged children up to Year 6. There are a few spaces available for Nursery aged children (3years+). The cost is £25 per day, or for all 5 days £115. Booking forms are available 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 also be dance session with the dance teacher, plus cooking and other art and craft activities. Please see the website for more details and a booking form.

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.

Quiz Night – Friday 22nd March

The PTA in conjunction with Garland's PTA are running a Quiz Night on Friday 22nd March from 7.30pm at Garland Junior School. This is a fun filled night – we've had the delights of 'Human Top Trumps' and 'Cheesy Whatsit faces' – what will be next?

Tickets are priced at £5pp, teams are groups of up to 6, there is a licensed bar, and bring your own snacks. Booking forms can be returned to the school office with the correct money. Please see the attached form.

Change of Date

The Easter Assembly for Year 1 parents is now on Thursday 4th April at 9.30am.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

PTA News

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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,

Welcome back. The children have settled back into routine and are enjoying the sunshine. This term's topic is, How Many Colours in a Rainbow? The children have all helped make a collage of a rainbow and we have talked about how a rainbow is made. We have been reading all about Elmer the colourful elephant and learning our colour names.

Next week is Book Week. We would welcome you in to come in and read a story with the children on Thursday between 11.15 and 11.45.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

In Acorns this week we have begun our topic, How Many Colours in a Rainbow!

In Literacy this week we have read the story, 'Brown Bear! Brown Bear!' We have been practising rhyming and making sound patterns with instruments. We have practised the sounds of the alphabet and tried to read some simple words.

In Maths this week we have been counting and matching to a number using coloured fruits and numbers.

We have been painting rainbows and have looked at colours in our natural environment on our colour walk. For World Book Day, on Thursday 7th March we are dressing up as characters from Eric Carle books e.g. butterflies, caterpillars, bears, ladybirds

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week we have started our new topic, 'How Many Colours in a Rainbow?' Our focus book has been: 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and we have used this to inspire us to write letters to Duncan (the character in the story) or to familiar friends and family members. In maths, we have been busy 'handling data', collecting information on our favourite colours, eye and hair colour etc and then using the data to create and interpret simple graphs (bar graphs, pictograms and we even introduced Venn Diagrams!). At the art table we have explored colour mixing and we've learnt about 'Primary Colours' and the colour wheel.

Next week, we look forward to celebrating 'Book Week' and seeing you all dressed up as characters from Julia Donaldson books.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

This term our topic is 'Superheroes' and the children have been very enthusiastic about it! Over the course of the term we will be using fictional and real life heroes to bring our learning to life.

We have started our English topic by reading a selection of comic strips and superhero stories with some very familiar faces. The children drew and wrote sentences about their favourite superheroes, explaining why. The children explored the many sound effects used in comic strips such as bang, crash and wallop and will be using these in their drama and dance session next week.

In maths this week we have explored place value and used concrete objects to represent numerals. The children were encouraged to use the terms tens and ones (you might remember them as units!) when representing numbers.

It's book week next week. We can't wait to see the children in their superhero costumes. If your child would like to take part in the book exchange, donated books will need to be handed in by Wednesday to their class teacher.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week Y2 have been learning how to use non-fiction books to research information and answer their own questions about plants. They have also written a simple fact-file about a common flower with a partner and answered comprehension questions about a flower.

In maths, we have been learning to tell the time on an analogue clock (o'clock, half past, quarter to/past), and some children have moved on to reading the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Please encourage your child to read the time at home on both digital and analogue clocks to help consolidate their learning.

Next week we will be consolidating learning from this week on use of the apostrophe for possession (the baby's rattle, the car's wheels, etc.), writing their own fact-files about a common flower, and continuing work on telling the time and solving problems related to time.

Please also remember to help your child learn their spellings, as they are tested each Monday. Let's see if we can get some more star spellers next week!

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Perfect Presentation



Evie-Mae – Hazel
Rhea – Hazel
Davina - Hazel

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 meetings 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, 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>