

Dates for your diary

19th March 2019

Workhouse Day - Years 1 & 2

20th March 2019

Year R trip to Discovery Centre

21st March 2019

Oliver Twist Theatre
Production - Years R, 1 & 2

22nd March 2019

Joint Quiz night with Garland
Junior School

26th 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

Change of Date

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

School News

Ofsted

We have had a very busy week, as Ofsted visited us on Wednesday for a Section 8 short inspection. The inspection report will be published in 14 working days and until then we are unable to share the result. However, what we can say is that we are happy with how the visit went and look forward to sharing the report with you on publication. Thank you to those of you who completed the parent survey to offer your views of the school and thank you to the staff and the children for their continued hard work!

Forest Fun Holiday Club – only a few spaces left

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. Places are filling up fast, please do put your booking form in as soon as possible!

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.

Tuesday 19th March Workhouse Day – Years 1 & 2

We would like the children to dress up as poor Victorian children on this day. Please do not buy any costumes for this – but maybe chop up some old trousers, shirt etc. Children in Victorian times also wore lots of hand me downs too – including adult clothes such as waistcoats, caps and hats and neckties. Girls could wear a raggedy dress and old apron, hair in plaits etc. Flat ankle boots look the part too.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns we have been looking at the story 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear' by Eric Carle. The children have enjoyed making different animal noises and have been using hammers to hit golf tees into a melon to practise our hand-eye coordination.

Next week we will be learning all about 'The Hungry Caterpillar'.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

In Acorns this week we have read the story called 'Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly' by Nick Sharratt. In maths, we have been representing numbers with red spots for apples on a tree in maths and working out our favourite fruits with a fruit pictogram. We have made fruit salads and talked about eating healthy foods and have celebrated red nose day and helped raise money for charity.

Could I please remind everybody if your child wears earrings we ask that they are stud earrings and not hoops for safety reasons and also that earrings should not be worn on PE days. Acorns PE days are Thursday morning and Friday afternoon. Thank you for your support.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In Reception this week we have read a variety of Elmer books and celebrated the things that make us different and special. We have encouraged lots of creativity and art work. Our activities have included designing our own Elmer skin, observational drawings of Spring flowers and using a variety of art materials to create pictures of our choice in our outdoor 'Artist's Gallery'.

In maths, our focus has been to learn to name and describe 3D shapes, see if your children can spot real life examples at home.

We look forward to our trip to the Look Out Discovery Centre next Wednesday, please remember to bring a lunch box or pre-order a picnic bag lunch with the school office.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

This week in Maths we have been learning different strategies to help us to add numbers together. We have learnt number bonds to 8 and 9 and even challenged ourselves to work out subtraction facts using this knowledge. We then extended our learning by adding 3 numbers together, looking for pairs of numbers to 10 first then adding the final number, for example $4 + 6 + 3 = 13$.
 $(4+6 = 10) + 3 = 13$

In Literacy we have chosen one of the Supertato books to look at in more detail. We have sequenced the story and drawn it as a comic strip, adding speech bubbles and sound effects. We then rewrote the story in our own words, picking out some great vocabulary choices.

In Topic we have learnt about Florence Nightingale. The children were very good at remembering lots of facts they learnt from watching a video about her. They also could say how she changed the way patients were treated in the war. As a school we have been talking about spreading acts of kindness and the children thought about what they could say or do for someone to brighten up their day.

PTA News

22nd March 2019
7.30pm Joint Quiz Night
with Garland Junior
School

29th March 2019
3.25pm Cake Sale –
Birch Class

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)

Well, that was a week with a big surprise!

Year 2 have continued their work on non-chronological reports about flowering plants – this time drawing our own flower, creating key facts and then grouping them into sub-headings. Quite tricky but we all tried really hard.



In maths, we have been comparing and contrasting 3D shapes. Lots of us discovered that it is really difficult counting edges and vertices on the more complex shapes...we forget where we started! We will continue looking at these next week as we need to be sure of the different names and their properties. For example, a cuboid has six faces (some or all of which will be rectangles), eight vertices and twelve edges. In art we are finishing our drawings and pastel pictures of flowers and in R.E we are considering how people may have felt during different parts of the Easter Story.

Finally, may we say how proud we were of all of Year 2 during Wednesday's Ofsted Inspection. Their books looked great and their behaviour was fab!

Next Week? It's Oliver Twist Week. Don't forget to dress as a poor Victorian Child on Tuesday and we are all looking forward to the theatre group visiting us on Thursday. Lots more going on as well!

Thank you for your continued support

Star of the Week

Friendship Star



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>