

**Dates for your diary**

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**3.40pm – 6.00pm Parent  
Consultations**

**28<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**5.30pm – 8.00pm Parent  
Consultations**

**29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**3.25pm Cake Sale – Birch  
Class**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019**

**Class Photos**

**4<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**9.30am Easter Assembly –  
Year 1**

**5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**End of Term**

**1.45pm Main School Finish**

**3.30pm Nursery (Acorns) Finish**

**8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**8.30am – 5.00pm Forest Fun  
Holiday Club**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**

**School Begins**

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**

**7.00pm PTA meeting**

**8<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**9.30am – 11.30am Sports  
Morning**

**12<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**Burghfield May Fayre**

**Change of Date**

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

**School News**

**Oliver Twist**

Our Oliver Twist week was enjoyed by everyone. Classes learnt about life in Victorian times and yesterday we had a theatre company come and perform the story to the children in YR, Y1 and Y2. Year 2 were very lucky as they also had a theatre workshop following the performance.

**Forest Fun Holiday Club – only a few spaces left**

The Forest Fun Holiday Club will be running in the Easter Holidays from 8<sup>th</sup> April to 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Craft Club**

Burghfield Common Library run a craft club, on first Saturday of the month from 10.30am to 12.00pm. Please contact them on 0118 983 3632 for more information.



## PTA News

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**  
**7.30pm Joint Quiz Night**  
**with Garland Junior**  
**School**

**29<sup>th</sup> 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,**

## Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns the children have been listening to the story of, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We have explored real food from the story in our tray outside. We have been learning a song about a caterpillar, maybe your child could sing it to you?

The children have loved the new Water Wall in the garden, watching the balls roll down the pipes!

Next week we will have your child's Learning Journey available for you to look through with your child and we are available to meet should you have any questions.

## Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

In Acorns this week we have read the story 'Little Red Riding Hood'

We have also been retelling the story in the role play and with characters at the small world table. In maths we have been thinking about 'more' and 'less' and counting one more up to five. We have been thinking about special people in our family and what makes us special.

We have been finding out what makes rainbows in the sky? We have looked at what happens when we put skittles sweets on a plate with a small amount of water.

Could we 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.

We have had a few cases of chicken pox in the nursery so please keep an eye out if your child has not already had it!

## Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In English this week we have been reading the story of, 'Little Red Riding Hood'. Together we made a story map and re-told the story together using the map and pictures to help us.

In Maths we have been learning about money and learning what each coin equals, as well as counting coins that have been in our piggy banks or purses. At the maths area we have been exploring how to use the till in our fruit and veg shop, as well as giving fruit and vegetables prices.

On Wednesday Beech and Maple class went on a trip to The Lookout Discovery centre. We explored lots of different rooms including water, light, forces and building, as well as a workshop where we explored light and sound. We had lots of fun and big thank you to the parent helpers who came with us.

## Birch and Willow (Year 1)

Victorian day was a success; the children all looked amazing and entered the day with great enthusiasm. They started by splitting into boys and girls and sitting in rows in class. They practised cursive handwriting in chalk on blackboards.

Counted in 2, 5, 10s and learnt their 2 times tables and a poem by rote. The boys practised their technical drawing while the girls cleaned. We had Drill and then played some old playground games and finished the day with a photo. In Literacy, the children have been listening to the story of Oliver Twist and they can talk about and sequence the events of the story. This helped them enjoy the performance on Thursday afternoon even more!

In Maths we have been recognising coins and working out totals of 2p coins. Then moving on to working out totals of 10ps and used this knowledge to buy different items.

On top of this we have started to design and make our Superveggie capes. We have practised sewing ribbons and buttons onto a fabric.

Look out next week for songs, poems and possibly a few lines to practise for our Easter Assembly.

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

What a great week! Firstly huge thanks to you all for 'costuming' your children on Tuesday. Workhouse Day was fabulous - although a number of pupils said they wanted to stay sitting in rows and be consistently shouted at! Some of our children were great sports too – wearing the dunce's hat and having to stand in the corner. Thanks Jack McIlroy and Davina – we know in reality you always work hard and produce fantastic work! Super acting. Maths continued with 3D shape – just what is the shape of a dunce's hat? We also looked at lots of strange items from the Victorian era and answered questions as to what we thought they were or used for. Lots of the children were amazed that in the early 1800s tea was very expensive and kept in a lockable box! Mrs Smith would have struggled, she drinks about ten cups a day, Minimum!!

The play was wonderful too. A fitting end to OT Week!

### **Next Week**

However, we have enjoyed Oliver Twist so much we will continue doing some work related to this story.

Also, please look out for a letter about the trip to Bristol in June!

Maths – Revision of addition and subtraction of two digit numbers, arrays and measuring (length and weight)

Literacy – Diary writing and for some children, writing a play script

**Thank you and see you at Parent Consultation Meetings!**

### Star of the Week



### Friendship Star



## PTA News

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, 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>