

### Dates for your diary

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

30<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Year 2 Trip – Thatcham  
Discovery Centre

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

17<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
3.25pm Cake Sale – Beech

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019  
Empty Classroom day

24<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
End of Term

### Change of Date

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

### School News

#### Parent Consultations

It was lovely to see so many of you attending the parent consultations that we held on Tuesday and Thursday. These meetings are a great opportunity to share the wonderful work your children have been doing and to talk about the next steps they need to work on to help them move further on with their learning. Working on these next steps at home as well as in school makes such a big difference. Thank you for your support.

If you haven't managed to see your child's teacher this week then please book an appointment with the class teacher.

#### Class Photographs

Just to remind you that on Tuesday the children will be having their class photographs taken.

#### 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 so please do put your booking form in as soon as possible!

#### New Lunchtime Menu for Summer

ISS have produced their new menu for the next 6 months. This will start after the Easter Holidays and the Cypad system will be updated by ISS. A copy of the new Summer menu is attached to this newsletter.

## Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns the children have been looking at the story 'Little Yellow Little Blue' and discovering how colours change when they mix together. The children then mixed colours to observe the changes. We have enjoyed sorting bears into coloured pots and learning the colour names. The children have been learning the nursery rhyme 'Old McDonald' as part of our Rhyme Time Challenge and look forward to performing to Mrs Williams next week.

Next week we will be celebrating Easter and will have lots of Easter activities.

### Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

In Acorns this week we have read the story 'Elmer' and shared lots of Elmer stories. In maths we have been making patterns and using positional language, such as 'in front of', 'next to' and 'behind'.

We have been thinking about what makes our mum's special. Look out for something at the end of the week!!

We have also been finding out how plants grow and have planted cress seeds.

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.

Also 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)

We hope the children enjoyed the trip to 'The Look-Out' last week as much as we did! To follow-up from the trip, we started the week writing recounts of our day. We were most impressed with their improved confidence to write independently. Addition has been our buzz word in maths. We have used counters to add two amounts and find out 'how many altogether' and then moved on to using a number line strategy to 'count on' from a starting amount to solve the addition. The children were then encouraged to record additions as number sentences using the '+' and '=' sign. We have also continued to look at 'Little Red Riding Hood' as a focus book but have encouraged the children to share their own ideas of how to change the story. Next week, on Friday, we would love the children to talk about their favourite colour by bringing in an item for Show and Tell. Please ensure that the item is not too big or too precious as we don't want any tears before the Easter holidays. Thank you for your continued support, it was lovely to speak about the children's fantastic progress at Parents' Evening this week.

### Birch and Willow (Year 1)

Easter Assembly practise is well under way, some children have lines to learn, others have a dance to do and everyone will be learning a poem to recite off by heart. We look forward to sharing it with next Thursday at 9.30am!

In Literacy we started the week by retelling the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'.

The children showed super perseverance and stamina, most writing more than a page! They used fantastic story language but unfortunately forgot capital letters and full stops. So, for the rest of the week they have been working hard to make sure they break their writing into sentences using the correct punctuation.

In Maths the children have continued to investigate money. They have talked about the value of the coins, showing how many 1ps each is worth and ordered the coins from the one with the largest amount to the smallest. They have thought about different ways that they can make amounts too. Maybe over the weekend they could try buying something using the exact coins needed.

### PTA News

**29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
**3.25pm Cake Sale –**  
**Birch Class**

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**  
**7.00pm PTA meeting**

**17<sup>th</sup> May 2019**  
**3.25pm Cake Sale –**  
**Beech**

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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)

Year 2 have been working hard pretending to be Oliver Twist and writing diaries to explain his thoughts and feelings in the story. Lots of us were motivated by writing about how Oliver had to punch Noah in the 'big fat nose!' In Maths we have been revising odd and even numbers and multiplication. We have also worked hard on addition and subtraction, especially when crossing the tens e.g.  $34 + 27$ . We have done this using informal written methods, such as drawing number lines or Dienes and have been tackling some complicated problems. Science has seen us thinking about how water travels through plants and we have dyed flowers and celery sticks to evidence this. We have also been talking about the Easter Story in RE and thinking about how to relax in PSHE. Literacy- next week we will be finishing off our diaries and practising our editing skills. Maths- revision of division and partitioning numbers; moving onto reading scales (on a thermometer)

### Star of the Week



### Friendship Star



### Perfect Presentation



Amelia - Hazel

## **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 Summer 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!

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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>