

Dates for your diary

8th November 2019
PTA Race Night

11th-15th November
Maths Week

12th November
Y1 Explorer Dome

14th November 2019
PTA Special General Meeting

15th November
Governor Visit Day

19th and 21st November
Consultation Evenings

29th November 2019
Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30pm

3rd December 2019
Christmas Performance
2.00pm

4th December 2019
Christmas Performance
2.00pm

5th December 2019
Christmas Performance
2.00pm

17th December
Hexagon Theatre –Cinderella

18th December
Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th December
1.45pm End of Term

Friday 20th December
INSET Day

School News

This week we have been learning about Remembrance. Major John Steeds, from the Royal British Legion, led our assembly on Wednesday morning and Rowan class finished the week by leading our whole school Remembrance assembly on Friday. Thank you to Rowan class for your hard work in preparing for the assembly. It has been great to hear feedback from parents that the children are coming home and sharing the knowledge they have from this week about Remembrance.

Thank You!

Everyone from the Foodbank would like to say a big thank you for your generous support at Harvest time. The school's collection weighed 177.7kg and they are very grateful for this contribution so that they can continue to help those in need.

Friday Funday Cafe

This week we have started a lunchtime club for those children who show lovely table manners at lunchtimes, are being kind to their friends and keep the dining hall tidy. The children chosen will go to Bumblebees where they can have their lunch on tablecloths whilst having music to listen to. Each week the lunchtime supervisors will pick two children from each class to enjoy this special treat!

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent Consultation Evenings are taking place on Tuesday 19th November 2019 between 3.30pm – 6.00pm and Thursday 21st November between 5.30pm – 8.00pm. Bookings can be made through Parentmail.

Pantomime

Our Reception, Year One and Year Two classes have the opportunity to attend a performance of "Cinderella" at The Hexagon, Reading on Tuesday 17th December 2019. Further details have now been sent out along with booking details.

PTA Race Night 2019

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the PTA Race Night tonight, the doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets are still available on the door and cost £5.00.

BYO drinks and nibbles and help raise funds for the school.

ELSA-Emotional Literacy Support Assistant

You may have heard your child speak about Mrs Hodson, our ELSA. ELSA's have been trained by Educational Psychologists to plan and deliver programmes of support to pupils who are experiencing temporary or longer term additional emotional needs.

This might be: recognising emotions, self-esteem, social skills, friendship skills, anger management, loss and bereavement, missing a parent who has been deployed or is on exercise with the armed forces. A good number of children receive support at some time in their school career. Mrs Hodson works with individual children, small groups and whole classes through play based activities.

Mrs Hodson also holds drop-in sessions for parents to discuss any emotional concerns they have about their children
Monday 9.00-9.30am & 3.00-3.30pm and Thursday 9.00-9.30am

PTA News

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 14th November at 7.00pm in the school hall.

This will be a special general meeting to elect committee members. This will then ensure that the committee is in line with the constitution.

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the playground –

Loic Manneville, Jo Nuckley, Claire Oakes, Gareth Bowen

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns the children have been learning about staying safe around fireworks. We made a bonfire in the garden and talked about what clothes to wear to keep us warm. We have been looking at the story of the Gruffalo and have been making “Gruffalo Crumble” with orange eyes and purple prickles.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

In Acorns this week we have read the story ‘Daniels first fireworks!’ and looked at a non-fiction book called ‘Bonfire night.’

We went on an Autumn walk and talked about the seasons and signs of Autumn. We have been playing games and singing new songs. We have been practising dances with music in PE

In Maths we have been recognising numbers to five and ten. We have been counting Autumnal items.

We have been making poppies for Remembrance and rockets and firework pictures.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

At the beginning of the week we looked at bonfire night and we created lots of bonfire artwork, as well as looking at how to stay safe on bonfire night and around fireworks.

We also explored light and dark by looking at different things around us that produce light, how we can stay safe in the dark and how it is getting darker earlier because of the clocks changing.

Towards the end of the week we have been learning about Remembrance day. Together we made a poppy wreath to present in the Remembrance assembly on Friday and some of us made poppies to wear too.

This term our topic is called ‘Let’s Celebrate’ where we will be learning about lots of different celebrations in a range of cultures. Next week we will be looking at another celebration, Diwali.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

This week in year 1 we have been learning all about why we celebrate bonfire night and why we wear poppies to Remember. We celebrated the 5th November with a bonfire in school. We burnt our own Guy, ate s’mores, watched sparklers and listened to the sounds we could hear. All this helped us create some amazing poetry.

In history we learned about why we wear poppies at this time of year and in art we created our own poppy wreath so we could join in with the special Remembrance assembly on Friday.

In Maths we have been learning to identify coins. The children have found this quite tricky so if you could help them recognise coins at home we would appreciate this.

In music we have begun learning our Christmas songs for the Nativity and in PE we have begun to learn our special Christmas Nativity dance. Expect to hear lots of singing for the next few weeks!

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week in English, Year 2 have been learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot, and as well as answering comprehension questions about it, they have written an account of the important events in the plot. The children should now have a much better understanding of why we celebrate every 5th November!

In maths, the children have tried hard to learn how to add and subtract two 2-digit numbers using different methods to calculate and record their work, such as by using practical equipment, jumping on or back in tens and ones on a number line and by recording the number sentences.

In art, Rowan class enjoyed creating poppy pictures based on a famous painting by Monet and Hazel class have had fun creating circular pictures with autumn leaves in the style of the contemporary artist Andy Goldsworthy.

In PSHE, the children have also learnt about Remembrance Day and firework safety.

Thank you for your continued support in listening to your child read regularly and for encouraging them to practise their spellings

Forest School

This week at Forest School we have been creating some spectacular woodland art using natural materials to make big firework pictures. Some of the children have been making their own stick sparklers with colourful wool and Year 2 have been using flint and steel to make mini bonfires. Each session rounded off with a welcome drink of hot chocolate.

Thank you again to all our wonderful volunteers. Forest School could not happen without your support. Don't forget gloves and hats and warm layers as the temperatures drop.

Breakfast Bees and Blands Bumblebees (Before and After School Club)

This week in Bumblebees the children have been enjoying making edible sparklers and talking about staying safe during the fireworks. The children have been busy decorating an invitation for a Christmas party. An email will be going out to confirm the details and how to RSVP.

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



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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?

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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>