

Dates for your diary

15th January 2020
Eye Tests – Year R

17th January 2020
9.10am Year 2 Sats
Information Morning

20th to 24th January 2020
Chinese New Year Week

31st January 2020
Chinese New Year Assembly –
Beech Class parents invited

7th February 2020
School Disco
3.30pm – 4.30pm – Year R
4.45pm – 5.45pm – Years 1&2

14th February 2020
3.25pm Cake Sale – Birch
End of Term

24th February 2020
Start of Spring Term 2

3rd March 2020
Quirks Roadshow - Year 1
Rushell Farm Trip – Year R

5th March 2020
World Book Day
No Forest School

23rd – 27th March 2020
Jungle Book Week

26th March 2020
Magic Theatre “Jungle Book”
in school

27th March 2020
3.25pm Cake Sale – Cherry

31st March 2020
3.40pm – 5.30pm Parent
Consultations

2nd April 2020
5.30pm – 8.00pm Parent
Consultations

3rd April 2020
9.30am Easter Assembly –
Year 1 parents invited
End of Term – School Finish
1.45pm

School News

Welcome back after the Christmas break and Happy New Year!

A new year brings with it lots of new and exciting learning opportunities.
Each year group is learning through a different theme:

Nursery – How Many Colours in a Rainbow?
Reception – Once Upon a Time
Y1 – Fairy Tales and Forests
Y2 – Muck, Mess and Mixtures

We have an ‘Open Door’ policy, please do come in and speak to us if you have questions or comments. Teachers are often busy first thing in the morning receiving children into their classes, but everyone is happy for you to come in and arrange a convenient time to meet.

Have a lovely weekend!

Parking

When you come to pick up your child from school, please can you pay attention to the road markings and ensure that you are parked considerately for our neighbours but also more importantly for the safety of our children. We have already had some near misses and we have only been back for a week!

Year 2 SATs information Meeting

We are holding SATs Information Meeting for all Year 2 parents on Friday 17th January at 9.10am, which we warmly invite you to. A letter will be sent home today.

School Lunches

Dolce have brought out a new lunch menu for the Spring term. A copy of the menu has been sent home in your child’s book bag this week.

Health Questionnaire – Reception Children

The School Nursing Team recently sent out a Health Questionnaire to all Reception children. Please can you return the completed forms as soon as possible if you haven’t already done so. Thank you

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

To see what you may have missed out on please visit the PTA on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MrsBlandsPTA>

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

A warm welcome back to our Little Acorns. It has been wonderful seeing everyone and hearing about their lovely holidays! We've welcomed this week Mrs Sharratt and the children have enjoyed showing her around the nursery. Our new topic this term is 'How Many Colours in A Rainbow?' Please can we remind parents to name coats, wellies and water bottles. Thank you

Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

This term our topic is 'How Many Colours in A Rainbow?' We have learnt the story of 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' and the children have been drawing the colourful characters from the story. The children were very good at joining in with the repeated phrases and some children read the story to their friends.

We have been learning our numbers to 10 this week. The children have been learning to recognise the numbers and put them in order.

The children have settled back into nursery really well and helped our new children to learn the routine.

Our new song of the term is 'It's Raining, it's Pouring' which the children will be practising lots throughout the term.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

Happy New Year and welcome back!

Our new topic this term is 'Once Upon a Time'. We have started by reading 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children have loved joining in with the repeating phrases and have explored lots of independent learning linked to Gingerbread such as counting buttons on his tummy and matching the correct digits, building bridges and boats to help him cross the river without getting wet or eaten!

We have a Bakery in our Role play area. The children have enjoyed making signs, writing menus and making and selling bread and cakes. If you visit the shops with your children over the weekend, maybe you could point out signs and labels they have displayed and talk about which different items each shop sells.

In Maths we have looked at estimating, trying to make sensible guesses of how many buttons are on the gingerbread man's jacket and then checking our estimating by carefully counting them. Please can you remember to bring in your child's old library book next week so that we can swap them. Thank you.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

Happy New Year! It was lovely seeing the children back at school this week and hearing the buzz of excitement as they got to share their holiday news with each other. We would like to say a HUGE thank you for all of the lovely gifts and cards we received before Christmas, they were very much appreciated!

Our new topic is 'Fairytales and Forests' and so this week we have been learning the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' off by heart. We have been using story language such as 'once' and 'next' and have used actions to help us to remember them. Ask us to tell you the story. We have learnt it amazingly well.

In ICT we have used 2Paint A Picture to draw a scene from the same story. You could log in to PurpleMash at home, using the log-ins which are stuck in the reading record book, and have another go!

In DT we are starting to look at pop up books, so that we can make our own pop up fairy tale! In maths we have been learning how to tell the time on an analogue clock-o'clock and half past. This is a really difficult thing for children to learn, so practising at home would be a great idea. If you haven't got an analogue clock at home, it may be worth getting a small one- Mrs H realised she didn't have one when she was trying to teach her own daughter how to tell the time!

In Science we have started work on 'Weather' and we have been looking at our locality and discussing the weather each day. We have taken the temperature using a thermometer too!

In PE we are going to be outside every week developing our football skills and inside working on our gymnastics skills. Please remember to provide children with a tracksuit, as it is cold outside. For girls who wear tights, please can they have a pair of socks in their bag too, as we do not have any spares. Thank you.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

The children have started the new term with lots of enthusiasm for our new topic- 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures'. We started the week by making rainbow cakes – which tasted much more delicious than they looked! We also began looking at Carl Warner in our Art lesson who takes fantastic photographs all made from food!

In English, we have begun reading George's Marvellous Medicine. Children have been sharing their thoughts about the story and the marvellous medicine George creates. Perhaps they could tell you some of the revolting ingredients he mixed together!

In Maths, we have been recapping our learning from last term. We have looked at place value, multiplication and division – working through different challenges to see how much we can remember! We have also been using our knowledge to solve different problems.

If you would like to volunteer to hear readers, help at forest school or share your exciting jobs/hobbies this term please let either of us know. We would particularly love a visitor who could link in with our Muck, Mess and Mixture topic!

We are also looking for any old pots/pans/utensils/jars that might be perfect for marvellous medicine making. If you have any that you no longer need we would love to use them in our role play areas.

This term Rowan's PE day has swapped from Wednesday to Friday so we will still need our PE Kit in school all week.

Breakfast Bees and Bland's Bumblebees (Before and After School Club)

The children have settled back into Bumblebees well. We have been making our own playdough to use in sessions and looking at what ingredients we need. The children have been building some lovely creations with the Lego. The children really enjoy dressing up in Bumblebees, if you have any unwanted dressing up clothes we would love to find them a happy home.

Friday Funday Cafe

This week's children who have shown lovely table manners at lunchtimes, kindness to friends and have kept the dining hall tidy and will visit the Friday Funday Cafe are:

Maple: Noah and Kaitlyn
Birch: Reggie and Harriet
Hazel: Billy and Lexsi-Mai

Beech: Esme and Ricky-Lee
Cherry: Rochan and Era
Rowan: Poppy and Annabel

Star of the Week



Hanna - Acorns
Preston - Beech
Joey - Maple
Reggie - Birch
Jack - Cherry
Patrick - Hazel
Harry - Rowan

Friendship Star



Junior - Acorns
Thomas - Beech
Blnd - Maple
Elsa - Birch
Lydia - Cherry
Ellen - Hazel
Freddie - Rowan

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...

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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>