

Dates for your diary

2nd - 6th March 2020
Book Week

3rd March 2020
Quirks Roadshow - Year 1
Rushell Farm Visit – Year R
Change of Date - Hazel Class
go to Forest School today and
not Friday

6th March 2020
Dress up day for World Book
Week
NO FOREST SCHOOL

20th March 2020
12.15pm Birch Class Parents
invited to lunch

23rd – 27th March 2020
Jungle Book Week

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

27th March 2020
12.15pm Cherry Class Parents
invited to lunch
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! We hope you all had a lovely half term, despite the rather disappointing weather. This term we have lots to look forward to, including exciting themed weeks, such as Book Week and Jungle Book Week!

We would however like to inform you that Mrs Nisbet has been signed off work until Easter. In the meantime Mrs Williams will be acting Head Teacher and it is business as usual.

World Book Week

Next week is Book Week! We are looking forward to introducing new authors to the children through all the exciting activities we have planned.

There is still time to book a slot for you to come in and read to the children on Wednesday 4th March. Also, we would very much welcome parent support on our visit to the library on Thursday 5th March. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are available to help.

On Friday 6th March we would like all the children to come to school dressed as characters linked to the authors they will be learning about throughout the week. The authors are as follows:

Nursery – Eric Carle e.g. The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Brown Bear, Brown Bear

Reception – Beatrix Potter e.g. The Tale of Peter Rabbit, The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck

Year 1 – Kes Gray e.g. Oi Frog! Oi Cat! Oi Dog!

Year 2 – Anthony Browne e.g. Gorilla, Into the Forest, Zoo, The Tunnel

Hazel parents please do remember that Hazel Class will be going to Forest School on Tuesday and not Friday next week.

Parent & Child Lunch

We are looking forward to inviting the Yr.1 parents to have lunch with their child during March, Yr.2 will be invited during the summer term. Please look out for the invite in the 'Form' section of Parentmail. Birch Class are invited on 20th March and Cherry Class will be invited for the 27th March.

Governor News

What Do the School Governors Do?

Arguably, one of our most important responsibilities is to recruit the Headteacher. Once we've recruited the Headteacher we hand over the day-to-day running of the school to her/him. This means that ordinarily, governors don't get involved in the nitty gritty of daily tasks, however we do come into the school on agreed occasions to see what's going on and ensure the children are safe, happy and receiving a broad, exciting education that makes them want to come to school.

The governors also come into school in the evening and during the school day to attend meetings with the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher and sometimes other senior staff. These meetings allow governors to question the senior leaders about the performance of the school, asking for evidence to support their answers. Governors' questioning covers all aspects of school life, whether it be the safety and well-being of the children, the children's achievements, the management of staff, the running and agreement of the school budget, the maintenance of the school premises and more besides. We also offer support to the Headteacher in many ways as we acknowledge that it is a very demanding role. Governors come from different backgrounds with diverse vocational experiences and their ideas, skills and knowledge can help with strategic planning and decision making.

Governors' meetings also involve the review and adoption of policies and procedures that provide the framework for the way in which the school is run. We also decide the direction of travel of the school, for example, what sort of school we want Mrs Bland's to be to best meet the needs of all of our pupils.

If you're interested in finding out more about the work of the governors, we have a dedicated area on the school website with more information, or please feel free to contact the clerk to governors via the school office. We're currently looking for more governors to join the board and soon we'll be holding a parent governor election. We're also looking to recruit new governors from the wider community who aren't necessarily parents or have a direct association with the school, but who are community-minded and have an interest in helping the next generation of children get the most out of their time at Mrs Bland's.

**Julie Spratley,
Chair of Governors**

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

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

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful half term and are ready and raring to begin our new topic - 'Are Eggs Alive?' The children have all enjoyed a chance to make and eat pancakes this week, we worked very hard to weigh out the flour, pour the milk and whisk the egg! We have started to notice the change spring brings and have begun to make our own blossom prints. We have looked at information books telling us the names of different farm animals and the names of their young- we all practised the different sounds farm animals can make too e.g. pig, cow, sheep. Please can I remind all to name your child's water bottles and welly boots- this is very helpful to the staff when items are lost or being argued over! Thank you.

Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

This term in Acorns our topic is 'Are Eggs Alive?' The children have been looking at a non-fiction book that gives us information about eggs and chicks. The children were very good at finding the page numbers!

During this topic we will be learning about how different things grow... from eggs into chicks and the life cycle of animals to plant seeds and looking after them and watching them grow. This week we have planted some cress seeds. The children have been patiently waiting for them to start growing.

Next week we are celebrating Book Week. The author we are learning about is Eric Carle. Please remember that Friday is dress as a character from an Eric Carle story. If you have any questions please ask one of the nursery team.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week we have started our new topic 'Things That Grow'. We have been learning all about garden centres in Beech class and we even had a special visitor to come in to talk to us about them to help us in our role-play area. Maple class have been looking at a greengrocers shop and discussing what they sell. They are planning to visit a greengrocer soon.

In maths we have been focusing on number. We have done lots of counting, finding numbers to match an amount and some addition. Next week we will continue to build upon this and also look at subtraction.

We have a very exciting and fun week ahead; we have our farm trip on Tuesday and it is Book Week where we will be visiting the library on Thursday, dressing up on Friday and having grown ups in to read with us on Wednesday. There is no Forest School for Maple next week due to the farm trip but Beech's Forest School will be going ahead on Thursday morning as usual.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

Year 1 have settled back into work well this week.

Our new topic is all about animals and the children have been very enthusiastic, finding out about different animals and sharing their knowledge. They are really looking forward to the animal roadshow next Tuesday.

In English and history we have been learning about Sir David Attenborough and all the work he has done for the environment and educating us about animals.

In Maths we have been revising our addition and subtraction skills using numberlines and using this strategy to help us solve problems.

In Science we are looking at the different types of animals and sorting them into groups.

In DT this term we are exploring healthy eating. We started this week by looking at different types of fruit and vegetables and learning about how they grow, either above the ground or below it.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

Year 2 have begun their new topic 'The Scented Garden'. We were very lucky to have Mrs Lewis come in to talk about how plants release their scents and she even left us some scented plants of our own to plant and look after!

This week in English, Year 2 have begun to create their own fact files on common garden flowers. They have worked in pairs to find and record information. Perhaps they could tell you all about their selected flower?

In Maths, the children have been recapping measure, reminding themselves of volume and capacity. We have also practised giving change- setting up our own shops and giving shoppers the correct changes. We finished the week by solving problems involving change and working carefully to make sure we knew exactly how to find the answer.

Many thanks for your offers of help with reading and Forest School - we really appreciate any extra parent support! If you are interested in coming in to help with planting or general gardening, please let us know!

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

This week in Bumblebees the children have been having lots of fun with pancakes!! We had pancakes for pudding, pancake races in the hall and we had a try at flipping pancakes!! Some pancakes even made it to the ceiling!!!

The children helped to make their own playdough and have settled back into our routine. The older children have spent time concentrating on making their own information booklets about their topics in school. They have folded the paper to make the book, drawn the lines and then added in all the information and pictures!! There created some amazing books.

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: Bradden & Fraser

Birch: Natalie & Romany

Hazel: Emily & Travis

Beech: Evie & Ricky-Lee

Cherry: Isabella & Carter

Rowan: Isaac & Maya

Star of the Week

Friendship Star



**Peter - Acorns
Isla - Beech
Blnd - Maple
Joshua - Birch
Joshua - Cherry
Mostyn - Hazel
Cory - Rowan**



**Noah - Acorns
Chloe - Beech
Noah - Maple
Myla - Birch
Layla - Cherry
Aminah - Hazel
Jamie - Rowan**

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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>