

### Dates for your diary

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

End of Term – School Finish  
1.45pm

20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Inset Day – school closed to  
pupils

21<sup>st</sup> April 2020

Start of Term 5

28<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Year 2 to Thattham Discovery  
Centre

5<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Year 1 Fossil Workshop

8<sup>th</sup> May 2020

VE Bank holiday

### School News

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March the school will be closed indefinitely to the majority of pupils. Schools are closing their doors to help prevent the spread of Covid-19, therefore unless your child needs to be at school due to your keyworker role they will need to be at home. Staff who are well will be at school to provide childcare for the children of key workers.

We have been working hard to put together packs for the children to take home today with them as we are keen for the learning to continue! If your child is not currently in school we will endeavour to deliver them to your homes over the coming week. Please also use the school website as the class pages will be regularly updated with ideas, links and activities to work on at home. Use social media and technology to stay in touch and find out new things. The one key thing for the children is structure. Make Mondays to Fridays different to weekends. In some respects it doesn't matter what you do during the day as long as it's consistent. Play games, go for walks, garden, read books, write, cook, keep it simple and keep it structured, and plan loosely what you will do.

Finally, just a reminder to be calm and caring, understanding and kind to each other - it is reassuring to hear of the positive stories coming out now from countries who have been through this and are at last coming out the other side - there is hope and we will recover.

Keep well and stay safe. We hope to see you all again very soon.

Mrs Williams

## **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 –**

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**or catch someone on the playground –**

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## **Little Acorns Pre-Nursery**

This week in Little Acorns the children have been busy observing the effects of spring and growing their very own cress heads. We have also tried to paint our own spring flowers, such as daffodils.

In maths we have been trying to recognise numbers- we had a number hunt all over the nursery to see how many numbers we could find.

The children have been reading the story 'My Mum' by Anthony Browne. We have talked about our mums and all the special jobs they do..... the children have been hard at work making a little surprise for their mums ready for Sunday to celebrate Mothering Sunday!

## **Acorn (Nursery am and pm)**

This week in nursery the children have been enjoying the sunshine! We have made our own den in the garden and the children have been recreating a camp fire with hot chocolate! The children have been helping to water our cress seeds and flower garden inside the nursery, some of the cress hasn't grown which has led to discussions as to why... Did they not have enough water? Did they have too much water? In Maths the children are learning to add two groups together and that the number will get bigger!

In Literacy the children have been looking at the story of 'Rosie's Walk'. They enjoyed retelling this story in the tuff tray.

## **Maple and Beech News (Reception)**

This week we have been reading the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children could talk about the characters, setting and events and have used this to do some creative writing. They have ordered letters of the alphabet on beanstalks and made collages of beanstalks using leaves, pencils, cotton wool and beans.

In Maths we have been looking at different coins, matching them to price labels and counting the giant's coins. We have been comparing the lengths and heights of beanstalks and giant's footsteps using the words tall, taller and tallest, long, longer and longest.

Our sunflowers are growing nicely, the children are enjoying measuring and comparing each other's plants.

In computing we have been using the different pens to draw pictures of castles on the whiteboard and selecting different icons on the computers. There is a purple mash activity that can be accessed at home where the children can design their own giant's castle.

## **Birch and Cherry (Year 1)**

In Maths this week we have been learning about halves and quarters of shapes and quantities. In English we have finished our non-fiction leaflets about badgers. We have researched information on other woodland animals and have begun to write our own woodland animal leaflets. In Design Technology (DT) we have been using peeling, chopping and slicing skills to make soup. In Science we have continued learning about how animals have different features to help them survive in different climates. We looked at hot climates (Rainforests) in Geography and where they are located in the world. In PE we have been learning netball skills, such as, passing, catching, running, stopping and pivoting.

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

In English this week we have continued reading different types of non-fiction texts about plants and have answered comprehension questions, being careful to write the answers in whole sentences. In writing, they have really enjoyed planning and writing about an imaginary flower, such as the 'honey-drop' using realistic facts about plants.

In Maths, both classes have been learning about statistics, including how to make and read tallies and create pictograms and block graphs from tally charts. They have interpreted these to answer questions about them using language such as the most/least common.

In DT the children have had fun constructing several types of 3D paper flowers and a vase to put them in. Some children have even invented their own design, such as using a concertina to make a flower jump out.

Outdoors, Rowan class have been busy tidying up the courtyard area and both classes have planted potatoes.

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

This week in Bumblebees the children have been working hard making a special gift for Mothering Sunday. The children have enjoyed the sunshine and spent as much time out as we can. The children have been using our role play area and making food for the staff and are very good at tidying up!

### Star of the Week



### Friendship Star



## **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...

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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>