

Dates for your diary

Monday 14th September

Reception Children in Full time

Thursday 17th September

Tempest in – Individual
Children Photographs

Monday 21st September

Meet the Teacher via Zoom

Wednesday 23rd September

6.00pm - Full Governing Body
Meeting

Friday 25th September

9.30am Reception Class
Photos Taken – Newbury
Weekly News

Thursday 1st October

Autumn Census for Schools

Monday 12th October and

Tuesday 13th October

Life Bus in school

Thursday 15th October

9.30am Governing Body
meeting – pupil progress

Thursday 22nd October 2020

School Finishes – normal
times

Friday 23rd October 2020

Staff Inset day

Monday 2nd November

8.50am – School Re-opens

School News

PTA News

The first PTA meeting of the terms is taking place virtually next Thursday 17th September, at 7pm, and this will be our AGM.

We always welcome new members and new ideas for fundraising, and are quite keen on recruiting for the newly open positions of vice chair and secretary.

It's a great chance to help the school. Virtual joining details can be found on Facebook and via Parentmail.

Traffic and Parking

Due to the number of families we have in school, to ease traffic congestion during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

We operate an informal one way system along Jordan's Lane.

Therefore please can you enter from School Rd, leave via Bannister Rd/Abbot's Rd.



We would also like to remind parents that it is illegal to park in front of someone's driveway. There are car parks available at the Recreation Playground or the Village Hall, which are only a short walk away.

PTA News

To see what you may have missed out on please visit the PTA on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MrsBlandsPTA>

PTA AGM

7pm Thursday 17th September via Zoom see Facebook/Parentmail for the link

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the playground –

Loic Manneville, Claire Oakes,

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

What a new and exciting week we have had in Little Acorns. We have all been getting to know each other and our new nursery routine. We have been focusing on our names and saying “hello” to one another. The children have been exploring the inside and outside areas- curious to discover new and exciting activities. A big thank you to the grown-ups for bringing in named water bottles, spare clothes and welly boots- these are all essential items for nursery, we are currently unable to offer spares at this time.

Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

We are really proud of the children and how well they have been settling into Acorns Nursery since they started. Over the last week they have been busy learning each other’s names and settling in to the Nursery routines, as well as exploring and having fun in the Acorns classroom and outside area. Our topic this half term is based around the theme ‘Why do you love me so much?’, and they will be learning about their families and how to be a good friend, as well as learning about their feelings and senses.

Next week we will be thinking about how we belong in our families, and it would be great if the children could bring in a photo of their families to talk about in the class. We will also be exploring the book ‘My Mum and Dad make me laugh’, and talking about things they enjoy doing at home. In Maths we will be practising our counting skills, counting natural objects found outside such as acorns, leaves and conkers. If you have any questions, do ask myself, Mrs Collis, or Mrs Hitt and Miss Phillips.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week we have welcomed all of the children into school every morning and they have stayed for lunch too. We have been so impressed with how they have settled and embraced each new challenge.

We have read the book ‘Starting School’ by Janet and Allan Ahlberg and have been exploring our new learning environments as well as getting to know all our new friends.

Each child has drawn a self portrait and had a go at writing their names.

The children also experienced PE with Danny this week where they had a go at finding a space, playing tag and throwing and catching a ball. We were impressed with their independence when getting changed – everyone was willing to have a go! Well done everyone who remembered PE kits, please be aware as it gets colder the children will need tracksuits for outdoor PE on a Wednesday and shorts and t-shirts for Gym on a Friday. We look forward to our first full week in school on Monday.

We hope you have a restful weekend.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

It has been so lovely to welcome the children back to school, and they have all done brilliantly on their first full week back. They have adjusted to the class routines, and the Year 1 play area, very well.

In Maths this week we have been focusing on reading and writing numbers to 20. and counting up and down from different starting points. In English we have been learning to write lists. Perhaps you could ask your child to write your shopping list for you?

In Science we have been labelling the different parts of the body and in Geography we have been talking about places which are near and places which are far. We have been learning to get the apparatus out in gymnastics and have begun to learn how to play netball with Danny.

Both Year 1 classes have PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Cherry Class have Outdoor Learning on a Monday and Birch class have theirs on Friday. On these days please can children come to school in Outdoor Learning clothes.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

It has been so lovely to be back in school and see the children after so long! The children have done a fantastic job of settling into a new routine and we know they will continue to impress us as the term continues. We have talked a lot about our feelings and what we can do if we need help with our emotions.

We have begun our 'Castles' topic this week so children have been learning about different types of Castles and labelling the different features that help to keep a Castle safe from attacking enemies. We have also been learning how to become a knight. In Maths, we have been recapping our learning from Year 1. We have been working on place value– working through different challenges to see how much we can remember! We have also been using our knowledge to solve different problems.

If there is anything you would like to discuss with either of us please catch us at the start or end of the day.

Alternatively, we can arrange a time to give you a call. If you are interested volunteering to hear reader's this term please let us know!

This term our P.E days are Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

Rowan class have outdoor learning on Tuesday and Hazel class are on Thursday, so children should come into school dressed in their outdoor learning clothes.

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...

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mrsblandsinfantandnurseryschool/>

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>