

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
9.30am Governing Body  
meeting – pupil progress

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 2 Falconer visit

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 2 Trip to Oxford Castle

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
Year 1 Explorer Dome visit

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
School Finishes normal times

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Staff Inset Day

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
8.50am – School Reopens

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 2 Junkman visiting

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
Full Governing Body meeting

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
3.30pm – 6.00pm Parent  
Consultation Meeting

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
5.30pm to 8.30pm Parent  
Consultation Meeting

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
Diwali Assembly

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
Flu Vaccinations

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
Advent Assembly

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Class Christmas Lunch and  
parties

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
1.45pm School Finishes

### School News

We've had another busy week at school. The children are being brilliant at moving around to different rooms for their learning. This means we can have smaller groups for teaching.

This week, I went out at lunchtime to play with the Year 1 and Reception children, who showed me some of the playtime games they have been learning. The Reception children were enjoying performing on their stage area and rolling conkers and acorns down the guttering shoots. Year 1 were playing circle games and using the wooden planks to create platforms to walk along. I also visited Year 1 whilst they were writing about 'old' toys and was very impressed with their handwriting and descriptive writing. When I visited Year 2, they were busy learning about number families in maths and were able to explain the different addition and subtraction sums they were making using 3 numbers. Reception also met Clara the Kookaburra, who helped me give out their celebration certificates.

Mrs Nisbet

### Covid News

We are seeing an increase in positive cases nationally, so to continue to keep the school community safe could all parents, who are not exempt, please wear masks whilst dropping off and collecting your children at school.

**If you or your child are showing Coronavirus symptoms and have a Covid test, the whole family bubble must isolate until the test result is received back. Please do not come into school if you or your children are showing any of the symptoms.**

Please see attached information leaflet for more detailed advice.

## **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 the week in Little Acorns we have been reading 'Pip and Posy- the Super Scooter'. The children have been learning how to share with their friends. We have been busy learning how to make marks using different items such as paint, chalk and felt tips, the children are learning how to hold a pen independently and some seem very keen! We have been counting and recognising numbers and have been using lots of different number books to help us.

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

Well done to the Acorns children for trying hard to put their coats on by themselves in Nursery this week! Here is a link to show the method they have been using to do it <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-FaxBoCvNgM>

The children have been enjoying the story 'Titch' this week and learning this week about how tall everyone in their families is. Next week we will be learning about different shapes around us - maybe the children could go on a shape hunt around their house to look for things that are circles/squares/triangles/rectangles? Some parents have asked about useful websites - this one is useful for phonics games (Phase 1) - <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/1> and this one for shape games <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/shape-monsters>

With the weather becoming more Autumnal, please remember to bring a named coat everyday as we go outside in all weathers, and to wear outdoor clothes on a Wednesday when we have Outdoor Learning. If you have any questions, do ask Mrs Collis, Mrs Hitt and Miss Phillips.

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

This week the children have been thinking carefully about what makes them unique. The children have been exploring different ways to represent themselves, including through cutting and sticking. The children have been working hard to use scissors safely to cut different materials accurately. In outdoor learning, the children used picture stones to tell stories and went for a stone hunt. In outdoor PE, the children continued learning to throw and catch. This week, they were learning to use a chest pass and played stuck in the mud. In gymnastics, the children explored jumping and landing safely while travelling on and off equipment. Mental Health Awareness day is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October so this week, we have been discussing the different ways children can look after their wellbeing, for example through breathing and mindfulness activities.

Next week, we would like to explore the different things that are special to the children. Please could you and your child decide together an item they could bring in to school next week for show and tell. Please bring the item in on Monday in a named bag to be returned home on Friday. Thank you

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

This week we have been learning about Victorian Toys. We have described what they are made out of and how they are used. We have learnt how to put them into chronological order from when they were made.

In maths we have been representing number using tens frames and some children have also broken down 2 digit number into tens and ones. The children have also been ordering random numbers to 100.

We have been making colours darker in Art by adding small amounts of black at a time. This is preparing to create a painting before the end of half term. In geography we have been naming the seas around the United Kingdom. We have been learning about the importance of exercise on our body and mind.

As the weather is changing please can you ensure that the children have waterproof trousers and wellies for Outdoor learning and also that your child has indoor and outdoor PE kits (including socks for those children who often wear tights). PLEASE CAN YOU ENSURE THAT ALL CLOTHES ARE NAMED.

If the children can collect any pine cones when they are out and about as we would love to make some bird feeders in outdoor learning. Also look out for the weekly 2do on purple mash.

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week, Year 2 have worked hard on planning and writing some lovely, imaginative descriptions of dragons, using exciting adjectives (describing words), noun phrases (e.g. thunderous roar, bright glowing eyes, etc.), similes (e.g. as quick as a flash), and alliterative noun phrases (e.g. cruel, curved claws, emerald eyes, etc.). Do ask your child what vocabulary they used in their description! In maths, both classes have been doing work on addition and subtraction, including using their knowledge of subtraction facts to 20 to work out fact families. They have also learnt about the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction.

In outdoor learning, Year 2 have had more fun learning how to join three sticks together to make a tripod or tetrapod structure, using wire, masking tape or by using tripod lashing. We are also continuing to monitor our class trees, as well as the weather. In DT, Rowan class have been completing their castles while Hazel class have now made a start on their group models. They have all tried hard to apply different joining skills, such as flaring one end of a cylinder in order to attach it to a base.

This week, your child should have brought home their blue home spelling book with words to be tested next Tuesday. Their weekly spelling tests will then continue to take place every Tuesday. Please help your child to learn these spellings as this is important in helping to improve their written work. Many thanks for your support.

## Bumblebees News

This week in Bumblebees the children in Reception have enjoyed the Sylvanian Family small world. The children are very careful with our new resource and role play their school life with the characters.

Year 2 have been enjoying drawing different pictures using a step by step guide. They have drawn animals and faces.

In Year 1 the children have been trying to make things using paper- Origami! It was very tricky and the children had lots of patience trying to complete the items.

The children have been very settling into their routines and we are very proud of all our Bumblebees!

## Star of the Week



## Friendship Star



## Playtime Star



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**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>