

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th November
3.30pm – 4.30pm Year 1
Halloween Disco -
POSTPONED

Wednesday 11th November
Full Governing Body meeting

Thursday 12th November
Year 2 Junkman visit

Friday 13th November
Year 1 Explorer Dome visiting

Tuesday 17th November
3.30pm – 6.00pm Parent
Consultation Meeting –
Zoom/Telephone

Thursday 19th November
5.30pm to 8.30pm Parent
Consultation Meeting –
Zoom/Telephone

Friday 20th November
Diwali Assembly

Tuesday 24th November
Flu Vaccinations

Friday 4th December
Advent Assembly

Wednesday 16th December
Class Christmas Lunch and
parties

Friday 18th December
1.45pm School Finishes

Monday 4th January 2021
8.50am School Re-opens

Tuesday 12th January 2021
Chinese New Year Assembly

Thursday 14th January 2021
6.00pm Finance Governing
Body

Friday 15th January 2021
Year 2 SATs Parents Meeting

Friday 12th February 2021
3.30pm School Finishes

School News

Congratulations to Mrs Williams (and Mr Williams) who welcomed Isabelle Esme to their family on 25th October. Mother and baby are doing well.

Lockdown 2

Thank you to all our families for adhering to the latest guidance and rulings on staying safe and healthy during the current pandemic.

The guidance for schools was finally published yesterday, so we apologise for the late notice in cancelling clubs and the Halloween Disco.

During lockdown, in addition to the statutory school day, we are currently only allowed to offer our 'Registered' wrap around care for children before and after school.

Only one person from a household can meet another single person from another household (young children do not count). Parents and pupils should therefore not be meeting, congregating or travelling in groups. These rules apply equally to school age children and parents – children should not come into school in a group and parents should not be talking in groups outside school.

Should you need to speak to the school office or a member of staff, please telephone the school office and we can arrange a telephone meeting. During lockdown, staff and parents should not be conversing at the doors. Staff will not be on duty at the school gates.

Please continue to wear facemasks, keep 2 metres distance and adhere to your class drop off and collection times.

Please collect children promptly, as staff do have additional cleaning at the end of the day to ensure the classrooms and school are clean, sanitised and ready for the next working day, according to the Covid cleaning guidance.

Road Closure Wednesday 11th November 2020

Clayhill Road in the Parish of Burghfield will be closed from the hours of 09:30 to 15:30 for one day only on 11th November 2020 from its junctions with Sulhamstead Road and Ash Lane

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Please find attached a pamphlet from RBFRRS about Celebrating Bonfire Night and Diwali Celebrations

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>

Halloween Disco

**Year 1 – Tuesday 10th
Nov 3.30pm–4.30pm
Postponed**

**Year 2 - Friday 6th Nov
3.30pm-4.30pm
Postponed**

**£5 per pupil includes
drink, snack and gift**

**Please bring your best
fancy dress costume to
change into.**

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

**or catch someone on the
playground –**

**Loic Manneville, Claire
Oakes, Ben Ash, Laura
Hooke**

A very warm welcome back to our Little Acorns! We hope you all had a restful half term and are ready to dive into our new topic-Why Do Leaves Go Crispy? Thanks to the beautiful weather we have enjoyed a nature walk around our outdoor learning area and enjoyed finding and collecting leaves. We had great fun looking at the different colours and sizes of leaves around us. In the spirit of bonfire night the children have been making marks in the tuff tray with paint and glitter and making and eating edible sparklers at snack time.

Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

We are really proud of the way the Acorns children have come back to Nursery after the half term holiday, well done to all of them!

This term our topic will be 'Why Do Leaves Go Crispy?' and we will be learning about leaves and trees changing in Autumn, as well as learning about nocturnal animals. The children have enjoyed the stories about fireworks and how to keep safe with fireworks this week. In outdoor learning we made homes from leaves, twigs and acorns for some toy animals. We have been learning about the s/a/t/p/i letter sounds - see if your child can sing along to these phonics songs at home <https://vimeo.com/76605648> We have been practising counting carefully at times like register and snack time, counting how many children have got bananas/apples/oranges etc. We have also been learning a little about Remembrance Day and what the poppies are for.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week we have started our new topic 'Let's Celebrate'

In Literacy/ RE we have learnt about Diwali by looking at non fiction books, reading the story of Rama and Sita and watching some clips on the internet.

We have explored Mendhi and Rangoli patterns through the provision in the classroom.

We also learned where India was and worked together to make temples and the Taj Mahal using different construction bricks.

In Maths we have learnt some new language to describe solid 3D shapes, cube, cuboid, cone, sphere, triangular prism. Can you see if you can find examples of these in your home?

We have also been exploring light and shadows and discussing how torches work. This term in indoor PE we are watching, learning and making up different dances linked to music from different celebrations.

If girls are wearing tights now that it is colder, please ensure they have a spare pair of socks to keep in their PE bag for when we do PE.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

Welcome back we have enjoyed hearing about what the children did during half term. This week the children have enjoyed the start of our new topic – 'To Infinity and Beyond'. The children have enjoyed telling us what they already know about Space. On Thursday morning the children came into school and found that an alien had crash landed overnight.

In Maths we have been learning about place value and understanding that a two digit number has tens and ones. We have been comparing numbers and saying what is the same and what is different.

This week you should have found a spelling book inside your children's book bags.

We will be doing a spelling test with them every Monday. The children will have a list of spellings in their books for them to practise at home. Please do not practise in the books. Every 3 weeks we will test them on the previous weeks spelling to ensure that they still remember how to spell them.

Please also remember that children need PE shorts in their PE kits for when we do Gymnastics as it is indoors and jogging bottoms cannot be worn when using the apparatus.

In Outdoor learning we have been learning about different materials and discussing their properties. We also discussed Guy Fawkes and bonfire night around a fire.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week, Year 2 have enjoyed learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot, as part of both writing and history. They have answered comprehension questions, writing their answers in full sentences, and have written about the events in chronological order. Some children have also been challenged to write about the plot as a newspaper report.

In maths, the children have been doing work on money, including identifying coins and notes, and adding different combinations of coins by counting in 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s. They have also solved a variety of problems involving money. As our new topic 'Beat, Band, Boogie' is music-themed, the children have had fun exploring the percussion instruments. They have also enjoyed listening to different genres of music, as well as learning to recognise some tuned instruments and the sounds that they make.

Outdoor learning this term has a musical theme too, and Year 2 have enthusiastically tapped rhythms using pairs of sticks found outside, and have started to make shakers and xylophones using natural materials.

Bumblebees News

This week in Bumblebees reception children have enjoyed colouring in monster pictures. They have been working together to complete jigsaws and enjoyed pretending to be in a shop.

Bumblebees Year 1 children have enjoyed playing with Sylvanian Families and board games.

Bumblebees Year 2 children have enjoyed playing with the cars and lego; working together building their creations.

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



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.

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...

<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>



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If you select Mrs Bland's as your selected charity, 0.5% of eligible spend will go straight back to the PTA.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1050019-0>