



# Newsletter

## 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Dates for your diary

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

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

School finishes:

Maple, Birch, Rowan  
- 1.20pm - 1.30pm

Beech, Cherry, Hazel  
- 1.30pm - 1.40pm

Nursery 1.30pm

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**  
8.50am School Re-opens

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021**  
6.00pm Finance Governing  
Body Meeting

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**  
Year 2 SATs Parents Meeting

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021**  
3.30pm School Finishes



### **School News**

It was lovely to see the rainbow of colours arriving into class this morning...



We are also hoping that each class will be able to stream their Christmas song for you to listen to. More details to follow.

### **Parking**

**Please be considerate of our neighbours and do not block driveways when dropping off and collecting children.**

### **Christmas Lunches – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Please do go onto school grid to order a Christmas lunch for your child. The children will be eating with their class staff. It would be nice for all children to take part in the Christmas lunch and not have a packed lunch on this day.

Traditional turkey dinner  
Roasted vegetable and stuffing tart  
Fresh Jacket Potato

### **Current Vacancies**

We are looking to recruit two lunchtime carers from January 2021.

#### **Fixed Term Nursery Lunchtime Carer**

Fixed term for initially one term to supervise the nursery lunch club from 11.45-12.30 each day

#### **Permanent Lunchtime Carer**

To support the children during their lunch hour. One hour during the middle of the day, Term time only.

Please see the Job description and application pack on the website.

## **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](mailto:mrsblandspta@gmail.com)

**or catch someone on the playground –**

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

## **Little Acorns Pre-Nursery**

Christmas has landed in Little Acorns. The children have been enjoying the different themed Christmas activities around the nursery such as a Christmas dinner table in the role play area, Gingerbread scented playdough and a Happyland Christmas village scene to play with.

The Children have been hard at work learning some Christmas songs such as 'Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star' and 'I'm a Dancing Christmas tree'.

It been extremely cold this week and the children have been learning how to independently put on their coats and hats.

On this note can we please ask parents to send their child in with a warm coat and hat as well as a spare change of clothes.

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

This week we have enjoyed learning about the Christmas story and doing lots of Christmas crafts! We have also been practising some Christmas songs and rhymes, and looking after some of the new children having visits, who will be starting in January.

Next week we will continue to learn about the Nativity story as well as enjoying Christmas parties! We have been practising hearing the 1st sound of a word with 'I Spy' type games, and learning about the s/a/t/p/i/n/m/d/g/o/c/k letter sounds - see if your child can sing along to these phonics songs at home <https://vimeo.com/76605648>

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

This week in Reception, we have written our letters to Santa, hopefully you will all get a reply before Christmas. The children all were really motivated to write and everyone recorded their name, most wrote the beginning letters to the words and some even sounded out the whole word. We have noticed how the children seem much more secure with the letter sounds that they have learnt this term, well done! In maths, we have been looking carefully at coins, noticing the numbers on them and finding out which is more. They have enjoyed looking for coins in the sand and sorting them into pots.

In Outdoor learning the children are continuing to practise their skipping skills and working as a team to play parachute games. This week the children had a fire and cooked popcorn on it.

Our Christmas songs are improving with every practise and we have been performing them to one another outside on the stage.

Please remember to check the things coming up next week :

Weds – Christmas hat competition, Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch.

We have swapped our Outdoor PE day from Weds to Thursday for this week only.

Friday – Last day – finish at 1:20 -1:30 Maple

1:30 –1:40 Beech

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

In maths this week, we have continued learning about addition and subtraction using a number line and solving word problems. In English we have continued to learn the story of Beegu. We have drawn story maps to help us rewrite the story. We have also been practising our Christmas songs and learning the Christmas story.

At the beginning of next half term we are going to be developing our mapping skills. If anyone has any interesting maps that they would be willing to donate to the school, we would be grateful. We are looking for lots of different types of maps such as maps of theme parks/zoos, maps of different countries, OS maps etc. Thank you

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week, in writing, Year 2 have described in detail the characters and settings in a story, using exciting adjectives, expanded noun phrases, and have explored other interesting language such as similes and adverbs. Do ask your child what kinds of words these are! The children have also prepared for and independently written their own versions of a story using all the ideas and language that they have been rehearsing over the last two weeks: The Snowman in Rowan class, and The Steadfast Tin Soldier in Hazel class.

In maths, both classes have mainly been working hard on arithmetic, and reasoning and problem solving assessments, applying all that they have learnt so far this term.

The children have also been busy finishing their versions of a guitar in the style of Picasso and making Christmas cards, as well as learning more about the Beatles in History, and e-safety (why there are age restrictions for on-line games and social media).

## Bumblebees News

This week in Bumblebees the children have been very festive. We have made decorations, paper chains and baubles. The children have been working together to play board games and taking turns.

### 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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