

## Dates for your diary

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

All children back to school

#ChildrensMentalHealthWeek

Some ideas for managing stress.



## School News

We've had a very busy week preparing for all pupils to return to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March, except ECV pupils.

I'm sure you are all thrilled that the children will be returning to school on March 8th!

As we prepare the school for having the children back, we will not be offering small group and 1:1 online sessions the week commencing 1st March. Teachers will still offer the 9am and 11.30am 'Teams' sessions along with planning, uploading and responding to work on Seesaw.

We have missed you all and look forward to welcoming you back in school.

It is going to be hard for some children to return to school having spent so long at home. If you have any worries about coming back to school, please let us know and we will try and address these concerns in our assemblies over the next week.

## 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>

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**or catch someone on the playground –**

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A very warm welcome back to all our Little Acorns.

This term our new topic is 'Are Eggs Alive?' We will be learning about different farm animals, what their young are called and what noises they make. We will be finding out how to care and look after animals and how we keep ourselves safe whilst doing this. We will be investigating the changes that Spring brings too- what happens to the weather- what can we see now when we look at the trees? So, a really interesting topic for us all to enjoy.

It's really lovely to see your responses to the Seesaw activities- please do keep them coming.

Any questions or concerns over the return to nursery please don't hesitate to ask, we are very much looking forward to seeing the children after this long time away.

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

This week we have started our 'Are eggs alive?' topic and have been learning about eggs, what eggs are used for, and all the different creatures that lay eggs. We have looked at the book 'Chickens aren't the only ones' and learned lots! We have set up a 'farm shop' in our role play area and have been making chickens! In maths, we have been counting with eggs and exploring different ways to arrange eggs in egg boxes, and comparing the 'same' amounts.

Next week we will be learning more about who lays eggs, and exploring about Jez Alborough books as part of World Book Day.

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

This week in Maths we have been continuing to learn about the different properties of items and using this knowledge to sort items in different ways such as on a Carroll diagram and sorting socks on a washing line. In Literacy the children have been reading and discussing the story 'The tiny seed' by Eric Carle. The children have helped to read the story and discussed the different events that have happened. They have drawn and labelled pictures to re-tell the story. We have also thought about how flowers grow and the different parts of a flower and used this to help us draw and label a picture of a flower. In PE we really got our hearts pumping by practising all sorts of running drills! In topic we have been exploring our new topic 'Things that grow'. We have been learning all about how plants grow from seeds and the different things they need to help them grow. The children have been growing sunflowers and we are looking forward to finding out what helped the children's sunflowers grow.

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

Our topic this term is animals around the world. This week in English we have been learning about Sir David Attenborough and writing a biography about his life. In Maths we have been practicing our number bonds to 10 and 20, answering subtraction questions and measuring and comparing lengths and heights. In PSHE and D&T we have been thinking about healthy and unhealthy foods and where food comes from. We looked at different food packets, fruits and vegetables. In music we have listened to the Carnival of the animals, thinking about what instruments we could hear and how the animals might be moving.

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

In writing this week, children have been learning all about different flowers as we have begun our new topic – The Scented Garden. They have answered questions about flowers, practiced reading and writing facts about flowers and have even created their own fact files about different flowers. In school we have been on a flower hunt and we have seen some of the lovely flowers children have found at home too!

Children have finished multiplication this week and moved on to Statistics. We have been looking at tally charts and pictograms, reading keys and scales carefully to represent data correctly. We have also been thinking about how we represent data in computing!

In Geography, we have recapped our understanding of aerial views and children have been drawing plans of their bedrooms and objects around the house!

We are looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday next week where children will be able to dress up as their favourite character if they wish and share their favourite stories!

### School Star



### Seesaw 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?

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If you have a tablet or smart phone you can download the 'easyfundraising' app which is easy to access.

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**The PTA**

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