

Newsletter

12th March 2021

Dates for your diary

17th March 2021

Full Governing Board Meeting

19th March 2021

Comic Relief 2021 – Wear something red for £2.00 donation to comic relief

Consultation Evenings via 'Teams' - **TBC**

31st March 2021

Little Acorns closed due to Training

Acorns morning session closed due to Training

1st April

End of Term & Crazy Hair Day
For £2.00 donation to the PTA

School News

Outdoor Learning Days

Acorns – Wednesdays

Maple – Tuesdays

Beech – Mondays

Birch – Fridays

Cherry – Mondays

Rowan – Tuesdays

Hazel – Thursdays

Please dress children in lots of layers and send them into school with their wellies in a bag and a waterproof coat.

PE Days

Please can you ensure that your child's PE kit is in school from Monday to Friday, as though these are the designated days, the day may change at short notice. If your child wears tights please can you also ensure that a pair of socks is included in the kit.

Maple – Wednesdays and Fridays

Beech – Wednesdays and Fridays

Birch – Wednesdays and Thursdays

Cherry – Wednesdays and Thursdays

Rowan – Mondays and Tuesdays

Hazel – Mondays and Tuesdays

Healthy Lunches

As a school we encourage healthy eating, that includes offering fruit for snack, and ensuring that the school lunches provided by Dolce follow the government's nutritional standards. Over the last week we have however noticed that some of the packed lunches are having increasing amounts of chocolate bars and biscuits in them. If you provide a packed lunch for your child, please can sweet treat items be kept to one cake/chocolate bar.

Remote Learning

Remote learning will still be taking place for ECV pupils and pupils who are isolating due to a family member having Covid or a school bubble isolating due to a case in school. Please advise the school office if your family bubble is isolating at remotelearning@mrsblands.w-berks.sch.uk

PTA News

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

1st April 2021

Crazy Hair Day – Make the most of your longer lockdown hair for a £2 donation

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the playground –

Loic Manneville, Claire Oakes, Ben Ash, Laura Hooke

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

A very warm welcome back to you all.

The children have been fantastic at stepping back into nursery life. It was so lovely to see their smiling faces and to see the nursery full of life again.

We have spent the week playing and having fun, remembering how to treat each other with kindness and respect.

We made the most of the sunshine at the beginning of the week and enjoyed the garden area. We explored in the sand pit, we chased bubbles around the garden and made mud pies in the mud kitchen.

We have begun work on our nature garden this week and the children have helped to create a bug hotel using recycled materials collected from around the school site. If out on a walk this weekend and you happen to find any interesting natural bits such as pine cones, large stones please do feel free to bring them in.

Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

Well done to all the children returning to Acorns this week, they have settled back into Nursery routines so well! A big well done as well to the children who have just started Nursery for the first time as well! This week we have enjoyed playing and talking to each other, and we have done lots of circle time activities. We have also continued with our 'Are Eggs Alive?' topic and have revised what we have been learning about how eggs hatch, the life cycle of an egg, and what eggs are used for.

Next week we will be learning about other farm animals through the Farmer Duck story, and retelling the story with small world animals. We will be revising the s/a/t/p/i/n letter sounds and practising blending these sounds together to read words. We will also be making repeating patterns with natural objects, e.g. leaf/stick/leaf/stick.

We will be doing Outdoor Learning every Wednesday if your child could wear old clothes and bring a waterproof coat and wellies (or they can leave their wellies in school all week if they have a spare pair). Please can you make sure all their uniform, coats and water bottles are named as it makes it much easier to find missing items! Thank you.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

It has been fantastic to welcome all the children back this week and they have settled back into school amazingly well. Thank you for all the hard work you have done with them at home during lockdown. They have great at sharing some of the work they did at home and their feelings about returning to school.

This week we have been reading the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'. The children have acted out the story, drawn story maps and had a go at writing some of the words and sentences from the story.

In maths we have focused on the numbers 6, 7 and 8, really exploring the patterns we can make with each number. We used dominoes to help us with this. If you have them at home they are very helpful for children in recognising patterns of numbers.

We explored what makes a healthy meal and talked about the different food groups and why it is important to have a variety in our diet. We also explored using vegetables to make models of animals.

Some reminders: Children need to wear their outdoor clothes on Monday (Beech) and Tuesday (Maple) and all children need a pair of wellies in school each day. Also for girls wearing tights, please can they have a pair of socks in their PE bag to change into on PE days. PE days are Wednesday and Friday.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

Well what a fantastic first week back! The children came into school brilliantly with lots of smiles and eager to learn. We hope that the parents have all enjoyed the break from home schooling.

This week in English we have continued with writing information leaflets. The children could choose which woodland creature they would like to write about. We found clips, photos and information using the internet and information books to help us find the information needed. We have enjoyed learning about what animals come from different continents.

In Maths we have been continuing with measuring and we have been using rulers to help us measure objects and draw our own lines.

We have continued with our Friday Quiz as the children really enjoyed it during home schooling. We hope that all the Mum's have a fantastic day on Sunday and that you like the cards we have made.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

It has been so lovely to welcome back some very excited Year 2's this week. We have talked a lot about how we feel about being back in school and also had lots of time to play with our friends!

In writing, we have continued to write and develop our fact files, thinking about imaginary flowers and how we can make them realistic and exciting! We have been thinking about the vocabulary we use to describe the flowers and making sure it is detailed so you can picture the flower exactly!

In maths, we have continued to learn about 2D and 3D shapes. We have sorted 2d shapes based on their properties and worked hard to make sure we can count and recall the correct amount of vertices, edges and faces on 3D shapes.

In Outdoor learning we have been on plant hunts to find out what is growing around the school. Ask us if we can tell you any flowers that are growing in our outdoor area!

Our P.E days have now gone back to the usual Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning so please make sure P.E kits are in school on these days.

Rowan's Outdoor learning day is Tuesday and Hazel's is Thursday. Children can come in dressed in their outdoor learning clothes on these days.

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!

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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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