

## Dates for your diary

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Year 2 SATS Information  
9.10am Via Zoom  
(details to follow)

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Performance. This  
will be recorded for parents to  
view.

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Theatre visit, 'Beauty and the  
Beast' at The Hexagon (whole  
school excluding Nursery)

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumpers,  
Christmas Lunch and Class  
Parties

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

End of term Whole School  
closes at 1.45pm

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Start of Term 3

## School News

This week has been one of change! Thank you all for your understanding with regards to our last-minute decision to change the parent consultations from face-to-face meetings to telephone calls. We do not make these decisions lightly and would normally like to give you more notice. However, we decided that for the safety of the school community, it would be best to do them by phone instead.

The children have had assembly over zoom this week and have enjoyed stories read by Mrs Nisbet and Mrs Williams. It really is amazing how adaptable the children are.

Our poppy collection tin was returned this week and the gentleman collecting it commented on how heavy it was! Thank you all for your kind donations.



As mentioned last week, following the success of our Children's tombola stall Christmas 2019 and the Rainbow Tombola at the beginning of the year, we would like to ask that all children decorate a jar (jam/coffee/mason) in a Christmas theme and fill it with sweets to add to this year's Christmas Children's Tombola. We would like to receive all jars by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The children will then be able to buy a raffle ticket later in the term to win a jar as part of our virtual Christmas Fayre. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Finally, we are looking for a cleaner to join our friendly housekeeping team Monday - Friday, term time only. One and half hours each day, start time is open to discussion but work needs to be completed between 4.00pm - 8.00pm. Please do contact the school office for more information.

## **PTA News**

To see what you may have missed out on please visit the PTA on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/MrsBlandsPTA>

## **PTA AGM Dates - TBC**

### **Get in Touch via –**

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**or catch someone on the playground –**

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Sian Killen, Charmaine  
Kelly**

## **Little Acorns Pre-Nursery**

This week in Little Acorns has been busy! The children have been enjoying making sounds with different types of musical instruments whilst we sing along to different nursery rhymes.

In maths this week, we have been revisiting our knowledge of shape-thinking about different the shapes and their names and how we can identify them- the children enjoyed looking around the nursery to see if they could spot any shapes hiding!

Our story for the week was 'Foggy Foggy Forest' and the children began learning a new song called 'Autumn Leaves' maybe see if you child can remember it and sing it for you over the weekend.

We celebrated Children in Need by decorating biscuits and making them spotty! We had some fabulous Pudsey colouring in sheets for the children to practice their mark making skill on too!

Well done Little Acorns on another successful week.

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

This week we have enjoyed learning more about animals that come out at night, with the story 'Day Monkey, Night Monkey', and we have talked about things we do in the day and the night and sorted pictures of day and night animals. We have had fun in our nocturnal animals role play corner!

We have been learning lots in our small groups for phonics and maths.

In PE, we have enjoyed making up movements for nocturnal and diurnal animals.

Next week we will continue to learn about nocturnal animals and animals we find in the woods and forests, with the 'Gruffalo' story and 'Owl Babies'. 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 letter sounds - see if your child can sing along to these phonics songs at home <https://vimeo.com/76605648>

## Maple and Beech class (Reception)

In Reception this week we had a great time in outdoor learning making nests for baby owls. We are learning about animals that come out at night, so we also made dens for foxes and bats.

In RE, we began to learn about Advent and what it represents for Christians. We looked at the Advent candles that you would find in a Christian Church during this time and read the Nativity story.

In maths this week we have been learning about the composition of the numbers 4 and 5 and exploring lots of different ways to make them.

We have also been learning about road safety this week, reinforcing the rules to stop, look and listen.

Our Sir Linkalot word this week is: are

## Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

The children have been very excited this week. In English, we have been writing the story of 'Beegu'. Ask your children if they can retell the story of Beegu to you. We have also been looking at full stops and capital letters ensuring that their writing has them in. We introduced the word homophone to the children this week, words which sound the same but have different spelling and meanings like night and knight, son and sun, pair and pear. Can your children remember any of these?

In maths we have been learning about the greatest and smallest numbers in a group. The children also need to practise one more and one less than a given number up to 20. The highlight of the children's week has been making their moon buggies. Thank you to everyone who bought in boxes. In PE, we have been playing tag rugby and in Dance we have been making dances using streamers.

Please continue to read with your children at home as it really helps to support their reading in school.

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

It's been another busy week in Year 2! This week in English we've been looking at the biographies of different famous people and identifying their key features. To link with this term's topic, the children have written their own biography about Mozart. See if your child can remember some of the key facts they've learned about him this week.

In maths, we've continued to learn about money, and have practised adding pounds and pence together. Some of the children have also spent some time learning how to calculate change. To showcase what they've learned, maybe they could set up a shop for you at home and demonstrate how to calculate different amounts of money using their new knowledge!

In ICT this week we've been learning to create different sounds using Chrome Music Lab. This week's focus has been on how to express emotion and trigger imagination using music. We've also begun to experiment with making quiet and loud sounds in science, with the children learning how to ensure a fair test and predict their answers.

We've also continued to work our way through the Christmas Carroll bundle with Sir Linkalot, and the children are really working hard in their end of week spelling quiz. Well done to them all!

Wishing you all a great weekend, from the Year 2 Team.

## Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

This week in Bumblebees the children have working hard completing their hama bead designs. We have been going outside and practising skipping, on our own and with the big skipping rope. We even tried to learn how to play ping pong, which wasn't very easy at all!

Next week we will be introducing our Bumblebee Star of the Week, Bumblebee Friend of Week and Bumblebee Dinner Time Star. We talked with the children this week about what makes a good friend and how to be our super star. We discussed how to be a Dinner time star... 'We try our food!' 'We don't yuck someone else's yum!!!' All the children agreed that manners are very important too!



## Star of the Week



## Friendship Star



## Playtime Star



## **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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## **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**

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