

Dates for your diary

Friday 7th January

Y2 SATS presentation has been uploaded onto Seesaw.

If you have any questions about the presentation please reply to the class teachers via Seesaw.

Monday 31st January

Chinese New Year Week

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Reception Chinese New Year Assembly

Friday 18th February

End of Spring Term 1

Monday 28th February

Spring Term 2 Begins

School News

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and were able to celebrate more than the previous year.

We have welcomed the children back this week and although it is a short week, the children have been very busy in their classrooms and were keen and eager to learn. We are looking forward to watching their development this term.

We welcome Miss Henly who joins us as class teacher in Rowan class and Miss Cullip, who joins us as an early years practitioner in our nursery.

Covid infections are proving very challenging, and we will be doing our utmost to keep classes open.

Please do let us know if close contacts test positive. Children can still come to school if they have no symptoms but should carry out LFD's daily for seven days. (I know that LFD's are in short supply, but do try throughout the day as Gov.uk are sending packs out, as are local pharmacies if you get a Gov.uk QR code).

All visitors to the school will need to LFD before arriving and wear a mask on site.

We are doing our best to keep classrooms well ventilated as well as keeping them warm. Please make sure children come into school with coats, hats and gloves (all named please!) so they can still enjoy time outside.

Children also need their navy tracksuits for outdoor PE included in their PE kits, (These are also great to have as a spare set of clothes to change into), along with trainers. Trainers or plimsolls are required for PE for health and safety reason. If children wear tights to school, please ensure they have a spare pair in their bag as well as socks for PE.

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>

PTA AGM Dates - TBC

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or catch someone on the playground –

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Kelly**

A big hello and a warm welcome back to all our Little Acorns! It's been so lovely to see everyone this week and hear about everyone's holiday.

This week has been a busy start with lots of new friends joining our nursery. We are looking forward to helping all of our new friends learn through the power of play.

Over the holidays some of our friends have become independent in their toileting needs which is brilliant! Can we please remind parents that spare clothes, water bottles and wellie boots are required daily -and named- this is very important for this age group and it helps them to begin to recognise letters in their name.

As of next week we will be stopping daily slips for morning and afternoon sessions. If your child stays with us all day a slip will still be completed. Information about snack for the week will be on a display by the entrance.

Any concerns please feel free to ask staff.

Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a good break, and thank you for our lovely Christmas cards and gifts.

The children have all settled back into Nursery very well this week. This half term we have started a new topic, 'How many colours in the rainbow?', and we have been exploring colours in the rainbow and our favourite colours. We have been learning the song 'I can sing a rainbow', and will be making our own rainbows. Next week we will be exploring the story 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' and learning how to mix colours to create new ones. Keep an eye on Seesaw for more resources and to see what else we are learning!

Maple and Beech class (Reception)

This week the children have all settled back really well into school. We have been exploring the icy weather outside, freezing characters in the ice and trying to free them, writing our names in the frost and spotting shapes in the ice.

In Literacy we have begun learning the story of, 'The Little Red Hen'. The children will be learning it off by heart. We have put a link on Seesaw, if you want to help them practice their story and actions at home. In maths we have been learning some songs that count back from five, this website has lots of songs we have been singing this week:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-counting-songs/zn67kmn>

We will start outdoor learning next week, the same days as before Christmas. Beech class on a Monday and Maple class on a Tuesday. As it is very cold at the moment please can children come warmly dressed on these days, preferably with a hat and gloves.

Thank you for all the cards and gifts before Christmas. They were much appreciated. We are very much enjoying the chocolates and biscuits in the cold this week!

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and we just wanted to say a huge thank you for all the generous presents that we received.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week and hear what they have been up to. Our new topic is 'Fairytale and Forests' which we are very excited about! We will be reading the stories of 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears' and 'The Three Little Pigs.' If you could learn these stories with your children at home, that would be really helpful when they come to retelling them.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

We were very excited to welcome all the children back to school this week! It's been lovely to hear all about what they got up to over Christmas, and the lovely presents they all received!

Our new topic this term is Muck, Mess and Mixtures, so we'll be doing lots of scientific investigations involving mixing and making potions. We've already started to read, 'George's Marvellous Medicine' in English, and the children have been thinking about what parts of the story they enjoyed, and what they might put into their own medicine if they had a mean Grandma like George does!

In maths, we have begun to look at division. Ask your child if they can explain to you what division is. They've already done some great work using cubes or drawings to help them divide successfully.

We've also learned lots about the Jewish religion this week, and looked at how Jewish people celebrate Passover, and the special foods they eat!

Our Sir Linkalot bundle this term is 'Great Grimms'.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy new year! We look forward to working with you and your children in 2022.

Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all!

The Bumblebees staff would like to say a big thank you for all of your lovely gifts, you are all very good to us!

The children are all happy to be back in school and have all settled nicely. We are looking forward to another fun filled term!

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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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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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