

Dates for your diary

20th January 2023

Birch class parent/child
lunch
12.00pm-1.00pm
(invitations sent via
Parentmail)

27th January 2023

Year R Chinese New Year
Assembly 9.30am
(reception parents invited
via Parentmail)

Governor Visit Day

7th February 2023

Year R Walk around the
Village

10th February 2023

End of Spring Term 1

20th February

Start of Spring Term 2

24th February

Cherry Class Parent/Child
lunch

7th March

Year 1 visit to Marwell Zoo

Mobile Phones



School News

This week it was the parents of our children in Birch Class' turn to come for lunch with their child/ren. The children were so excited and we hope you enjoyed experiencing lunchtime through their eyes.

Children's Illness and Medication

Please remember to inform us of the reason your child is absent from School/Nursery and of any infectious illness so that we can inform our school community.

Following a bout of sickness or diarrhoea, we ask that you keep your child at home for a full 48 hours after the last episode.

If your child is on a course of antibiotics, it should be administered at home unless your child is in School/Nursery for the whole day (including wrap around care) and the medicine is prescribed four times a day, when 1 dose will be given at the appropriate time by a qualified first aider. (Please see the schools Medicines Policy – available on the website)

Any medication to be administered at School/ Nursery; including inhalers must have a named doctor's prescription label on it with required dosage and times and the appropriate medical forms completed. These forms are available on the website or from the school office.

Notwithstanding the above, parents/carers should use their discretion and if their children remain unfit for school beyond the above guidelines their children stay at home. Should your child become ill in School/Nursery, we will try and contact you as soon as possible so that they can be collected.

Seed/Bulb donations

Thank you to those of you that have been able to donate bulbs/seeds for us to plant in our Outdoor Learning sessions. If anyone has some but hasn't had a chance to bring them in then we just wanted to let you know they would be gratefully received.

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

or catch someone on the playground –

**Laura Hooke or
Charmaine Kelly**

Little Acorns Class

This week in Little Acorns, children have been exploring the effects the cold weather has had in our nursery garden. The children are becoming much more independent at putting on their coats and hats, which is lovely to see. Whilst outside, the children were very curious to discover where ice had been made, what it looked like and how it felt. The staff heard some wonderful language and saw independent group sharing too.

Inside we have been practising our pencil grip with special picture books to draw on. The children enjoyed the small world of 'The Three Little Pigs'. Lots of children were able to quote lines from the story, which was fabulous. This week we read a Poem by Shirley Hughes called. 'Cold'. We then talked about how we found the cold. The children showed very good sitting and listening skills during carpet time.

There is still time to email a picture of your child by their home to reception. The children were very excited to name different objects found in a home and how we use them, such as windows, doors, and stairs. Well done, Little Acorns

Acorns Class

This week in Acorns we have been learning how buildings are made. We looked at the different machines that are used and what the builders need to wear to keep them safe. We also looked at pictures of different buildings around the world. The children were very keen to tell us about their houses and trips to London where they had seen 'massive' buildings.

In maths, we were concentrating on careful counting. We looked at the number and then tried to count the same amount of bricks.

This term our author is Mick Inkpen. We have learnt that he has a daughter named Chloe, who also writes with him. We were very lucky to be sent some of their books to read. They also wrote a message for us in the book!

If any of our lovely parents are having a clear out at home, we would welcome sock and tights donations please!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in Reception we have been working on phase 3 sounds – recapping all the sounds we have learnt so far and working on blending them into words. We are also focussing on recognising the difference between d and b as this is something lots of the children confuse. We have added an activity to Seesaw if you would like to practise this at home.

We are also focussing on handwriting, developing children's strength in their shoulders, elbows, wrists and hands to make it easier and more comfortable for them when they write. We have been talking lots about the correct formation of letters. Last week we worked on straight letters – i, l, t, f, u. This week we have looked at curly letters – c, o, e. We have put some more information about this on Seesaw.

In maths, we have problem solved within 5 – using toys such as 5 frogs on the log or people on a bus or characters hiding in a tent. We have added one of the problems on Seesaw for you to explore further at home.

We have learnt the Gingerbread man story off by heart and have changed it to a Spring Roll man. We thought about how to help the Gingerbread man across the river and tested our ideas.

We have learnt how to tie simple knots during outdoor learning and explored the icy conditions outside.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

Year 1 have had another fabulous week at school.

Following on from last week's English narrative writing of Beegu, the children planned and wrote their own space story. Part of their planning was to create their alien character. In DT, they then started the process of designing a vehicle that would suit their alien.

Maths learning consisted of using number lines to estimate numbers as well as comparing and ordering numbers to 20. The children have been learning how to use concrete resources such as 10s frames and counters to support their understanding.

The children have continued Science learning from last week to map the weather daily on the class weather charts and have been very excited to see the temperature remaining at freezing through the day. Following on from our winter walk in the school grounds last week, they were able to identify and sketch deciduous and evergreen trees.

Our PSHE focus has been about understanding democracy. This week we worked as a team to create a class charter and identified what every child needs to do to allow everyone to learn effectively. They had some great ideas such as listening carefully and always following instructions the first time.

Indoor PE Gym sessions continue to be a firm favourite with the children exploring how to use different parts of their bodies while travelling safely over equipment. We have been very impressed with how well they are able to navigate a variety of equipment.

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

In English this week we have continued working with George's Marvellous Medicine. The children have enjoyed writing about the character Grandma and have discussed how they are lucky and do not have a Grandma like that. We have been trying to use exciting adjectives in our writing. Ask your child/ren if they can describe what Grandma was like.

This week in Maths we have continued learning about money and have tried making the same amount but with different coins and notes. We have then moved onto word problems involving money. Please get your children to practice counting different amounts of coins at home.

In Computing, we have been discussing portrait and landscape photos and have practiced taking photos in different layouts to see which is better. We have been learning about Florence Nightingale and why she is an important person from the past. The children really enjoyed creating collages in the style of Kurt Schwitters and using different materials to make theirs.

Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

The children have been enjoying playing 'Go Fish' and Battleships this week. They have also been gluing and sticking at the creative table.

Bumblebees have loved building a train track across the room, working well together to create a huge track!

The children are being very helpful at dinner time, clearing their own plates and loading the dishwasher – Thank you!

Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime



Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



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The PTA

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