

## **Dates for your diary**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
Tempest School Photo

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
Reception Parent/Child  
Lunch

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
Meet the Teacher

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
PTA YR new parents coffee  
morning 9.00am-10.00am  
(School Hall)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 1 Educational Visit to  
Milestones Museum

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 2 Educational Visit to  
Oxford Castle

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
Harvest Festival  
(school children only)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 2 Falconry Visit  
(in school)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Year R to Year 2 Flu nasal  
vaccination

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
End of Term 1 – collect at  
3:25pm as normal

## **School News**

Well, our first full week went with a bang!

This week our Reception children have been in for a full morning and for lunch. Well done Beech and Maple, you have been brilliant at learning all of our routines. On Friday, we welcomed all the Reception parents in to share a lunch with their child. The children love to share this part of their day with you and we know some happy memories will have been made.

On Friday, we all said CHEESE! as Tempest were in for our school photographs. As soon as we receive the proofs through, we will send them straight out to you all.

### **Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees**

We are very excited to announce that our new booking system for wrap around care is up and running.

The system has been designed so that you can book your child/children onto the sessions that you require either on a 'contract' basis if you need the same regular sessions booked each week, e.g. Monday AM, Wednesday PM and Thursday PM. If you need a more flexible arrangements, e.g. shift pattern, then you can book individual sessions through the 'ad-hoc' booking. Confirmation emails will be sent out once your child has been confirmed a place.

The academic year has been set up so once you have added your sessions, you will only have to inform us of any changes to your child's details.

You will be invoiced in advance for each month around the 20th/21st of the preceding month, on those with regular contracted sessions. All Ad-hoc bookings will need to be paid for in advance.

To cancel a session please email [finance@mrsblands.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:finance@mrsblands.w-berks.sch.uk) as the current notice period of 4 weeks still applies. To add an additional session you just need to add an ad-hoc booking, the system will tell you if there is space available. If space is not available then please call us on 0118 9832332 to see if we can help.

Please use the link below to register and book your child onto the sessions as you require.

[Mrs Bland's Infant & Nursery School \(kidsclubhq.co.uk\)](https://kidsclubhq.co.uk)

If you have any questions please contact [finance@mrsblands.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:finance@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>

### **Get in Touch via –**

[mrsblandspta@gmail.com](mailto:mrsblandspta@gmail.com)

**or catch someone on the playground –**

**Laura Hooke or  
Charmaine Kelly**

## **Little Acorns Class**

This week in Little Acorns we have been reading the story “Starting School” and been learning our new routines and expectations and how we all belong in our nursery together by sharing and being kind to one another.

At the craft table the children have enjoyed gluing and sticking to make their own individual pictures.

We have introduced our rhyming basket on the carpet and have been singing and learning lots of nursery rhymes: the wiggle song, hello song and goodbye song with a focus on ‘Open shut them’ which is our nursery rhyme of the term.

Outside, the children have enjoyed exploring the garden, playing in the sand pit and the water tray and building tall towers in the construction area. They have especially enjoyed playing house in our new wooden playhouse.

## **Acorns Class**

Welcome to all our new children and parents. Firstly, we would like to say how fantastically your children have settled in to Acorns. They are settled and already following the routine of the nursery.

This term our topic is ‘Why do you love me so much?’ We will be focusing on our families and ourselves and how we are all different and special.

This week we have been reading stories about ‘Spot the Dog’ and his first week at nursery.

We have been learning how to sit on the carpet and put our hand up when we want to say something. The children have been learning our routine and listening out for the bell to “Stop, look and listen.” We have been singing lots of nursery rhymes and using our rhyme basket to choose songs.

Every Wednesday we have Outdoor learning. The children can come into school in their own clothes, long sleeves and trousers. We will be going out whatever the weather so please add layers when the weather changes or waterproofs if it is wet.

## Maple and Beech News (Reception)

Well done to all our Reception children this week. They have experienced a lot of new routines and coped really well. They have attended assemblies and had their first outdoor P.E with Danny.

Our topic is 'Marvellous me'. This week we have looked at our faces in mirrors and chosen coloured paint to match. We have made paper plate faces.

In maths we have been sorting objects into sets and talking about what is the same and different. We used the story 'The button box' to help us think about same and different.

In literacy we have read the story of 'Hallibut Jackson'. We tried to use full sentences to talk about what we could see in the pictures.

We are going to look at photos of ourselves as babies in history. Please can you send in a photo of your child as a baby, either via seesaw or a picture in their bag.

Reminder they will need P.E kit with both shorts and tracksuits as the weather changes. Our Outdoor learning day is Friday. Children come to school in their uniform, we wear waterproofs and wellies on top of this, rather than changing.

## Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

Year 1 have done well this week and have been working hard to sit, listen and learn for longer lengths of time.

In maths this week we have been using tens frames to make numbers to 10 and 20 using cubes. We are beginning to talk about place value by using these frames, e.g. 10 and 4 make 14. Please help your child by practising reading and writing numbers to 20.

In English we have been reading a book called 'The Old Toy Room' and writing labels and captions to go with the different toys. This links to our history topic of 'Toys' where we have been learning about toys from the past. We had an interesting discussion about the word 'old' as lots of us use this word to describe something which is broken rather than something from the past.

We had our first yoga session this week which went really well. We learned how to breathe more deeply by 'Balloon Breathing.' In Science we have been learning the names of our body parts, especially some of the trickier ones such as elbow, shoulder and wrist.

## Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

After our first full week in year 2, the children have really started to settle in nicely and we are all getting used to our new and exciting routines.

In maths, we have been using our learning from last week around the value of 2-digit numbers and have been looking at different pictorial representations for these numbers. We applied our knowledge of dienes and were able to recognise 2-digit numbers in representations such as cupcakes and straws - unfortunately we did not get to eat any real cupcakes! They then started to move on and learn about comparing numbers. This involved using our special mathematical language such as 'greater than' and 'less than'. They were then able to write number sentences comparing two numbers using mathematical signs  $<$   $>$   $=$ . Finally at the end of the week we looked at ordering numbers from smallest to largest.

In English, we have been finding out more around our topic of castles and we have looked at the stages of becoming a knight. We found out that a knight started his training at just 5 years old! The children have looked at a page, which is the first stage of becoming a knight and we found out that they are VERY disrespected in the castle! They have the worst jobs ever - ask your child what sort of jobs a page does! We then looked at the next stage of a knight which is called a squire. A squire has much better jobs as they were able to start practicing using weapons, such as firing an arrow from a longbow. Lastly, we looked at the ceremony of becoming a knight and then we discussed how we would feel if we were becoming a knight. Some of us even wrote a diary entry pretending we have been through the training!

In the afternoons this week we have had some really exciting lessons such as science, computing, outdoor learning, music and yoga. In science, we went on a material scavenger hunt and we located lots of different materials around school and spoke about their different properties. In computing, the children amazed us with their knowledge around information technology and all the different technology they already know about. We then finished off a jam-packed week with our first yoga session - we all loved how relaxing it was!



**Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees**



This week in Bumblebees we have been sharing lots of stories together. The Monster Truck tracks have proved very popular and most children have had a go at creating their own track.

Meal times have been lovely, with all the children sitting down with the staff to eat their evening meal. Some children have been trying new foods as part of the experience. We will be welcoming some more new starters next week as Year R will start their full days so we are looking forward to meeting some new faces.

**Friend**

**Dinner Star**

**Playtime**



**You have all been superstars this first full week back!**

# Whole School Stars

## 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?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 and it's free! Go to...

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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>