

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6th February

YR-Y2 Valentine's Disco –
3.25-4.30

Friday 9th February

YR Chinese New Year Assembly
9.05am
(Reception Parents/carers
welcome)

Cherry Class Cake sale PTA –
KS1 playground 3.30pm

End of Spring Term 1 (3.25pm)

Monday 12th February - Friday
16th February
Half Term

Monday 19th February
Spring Term 2

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day

Friday 15th March
Red Nose Day assembly
(led by Hazel Class)

Friday 23rd February
Y1 Phonics and Reading
Workshop for Parents/Carers
9.00-9.20am – school hall

School News

Our final week of term has been as busy as ever!

The PTA held the Valentines School Disco on Tuesday evening and the children had a great time dancing and playing games. Some great shapes were thrown, and memories made! After half term we will let you know the amount of money that this event raised, as well as showing you a breakdown of how much the PTA fundraising reduces costs for our educational visits and enrichment visits.

To end the week our Reception classes held their Chinese New Year Assembly. It was lovely to see so many of our parents in attendance and we are sure that you will agree that the children did a fantastic job!

The PTA were back fundraising again on Friday after school and held the Cherry Class Cake Sale. Again, we will update you on the amount raised after half term. Thank you to everyone that bought cakes in, purchased cakes and to our PTA for running the stall.

We hope that you all have a well earned rest over the half term and that we can all come back with some warmer/drier weather behind us.

Birthday treats

A quick reminder that if you do decide to bring in some treats for the class for your child/ren's birthday, please ensure they arrive in their original packaging. This then allows staff to check the ingredients against any allergies or dietary requirements of the children in the class.

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 –

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or catch someone on the playground –

Laura Hooke

Katie Thrussell

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Natasha Robinson

Mrs Bland's PTA recently held their AGM meeting which reflects on the previous years' spending.

We are always looking for volunteers. Please contact our Facebook page or any of our members if this is something you are interested in.

Little Acorns Class

This week in Little Acorns we have focussed on Chinese New Year! We have tried some new foods – noodles, rice, prawn crackers and spring rolls. All welcome additions to our usual snack time!

We have made some Chinese lanterns and practised a scarf dance to Chinese music. We have also looked at all of the animals in the Chinese calendar and held a race to see who would win!

We have continued practising our numbers 1-10 and have been singing our 'Days of the week' song.

Acorns Class

This week in Acorns the children have been very excited to learn all about Chinese New Year. We have been trying to write Chinese numbers and learning some Chinese words. We have looked at how they celebrate Chinese New Year and what special traditions they have. We have learnt a Chinese scarf dance and enjoyed watching their dragon dancing. On Friday we watched Reception's brilliant assembly all about Chinese New Year and were excited to see that they did their own dragon dance!

We had a fire circle in our outdoor learning sessions. The children were very sensible and all tried to roast their own marshmallow, making sure to follow the rules of the fire circle.

In PE we had fun trying to jump with two feet into hoops and balancing bean bags on our heads.

We are very proud of all the children this term and how hard they have worked.

Enjoy your half term break!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In phonics this week we have learnt the sounds 'ar' 'or' 'ur' and 'ow' and learnt the tricky words 'you' and 'was'.

We have been learning about Chinese New Year. We had an art afternoon, exploring painting, paper folding, lantern making and making fans. We played instruments and performed a dragon dance for the Nursery children. We have practised hard all week to learn our lines and songs for our assembly, we hope you enjoyed it!

Watch out for a letter about our Rushall Farm trip next term. Please let us know if you can come with us on the 19th March, we need 8 volunteers between both classes.

Over the holidays, could we ask you to please check labels on jumpers and PE kit. Some name labels are worn out and hard to read and we also have a few children who are missing items that may have been picked up accidentally by someone else (these are named). Thank you for your help!

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

In Science this week, we had an exciting lesson looking at real flowers and labelling the parts. We looked at a range of flowers and seeds and the children enjoyed discussing their names and picking their favourite flowers before drawing and labelling a sunflower. Over the half term you could have a look at some trees or plants in your garden or local parks, see if you can draw a picture and label them. We would love to see them in school too.

This week we have continued to look at the Three Little Pigs story but we have begun to make it our story. The children did some fantastic sentences about the Three Little Bunnies and their houses of Lego. Can you re-tell the story at home about the Three Little Bunnies?

In Maths this week we have continued looking at place value by comparing numbers, using number lines and finding missing numbers on a number line, as well as ordering numbers.

Have a lovely half term holiday. We have enjoyed our Fairy Tale topic and we look forward to our topic next half term about animals.

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

In English this week Year 2 have produced some fabulous writing and their teachers were so impressed with those who were able to use a range of sentence lengths! We completed an independent write that was on diary entries - we even got to be George and make our own class MARVELLOUS MEDICINE!

In Maths, we have been looking at money and recognising the value of pence and pounds. We all learnt that just because there may be more coins doesn't always mean there is more money! We have used part-whole models to find a total and practised drawing these in our books. I wonder if you can ask any of your children at home if they can count some change that you might have around the house.

Wow Science was messy this week! We continued our topic of sticky stuff and carried out an investigation to see what substance was the stickiest! This included looking at honey, syrup, jam, flour paste and sugar water. We are yet to find out our results as we will be looking at these after half term. But we sure had fun getting sticky with all the different materials!

We hope you all have a lovely half term and we look forward to hearing what you get up to when you are all back.



We have been busy making Chinese crafts and all enjoyed the disco, lots of great dance moves. Have a great half term!

Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime



Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



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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!
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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-blinds-infant-and-nursery-school>

Mrs Bland's PTA recently held their AGM meeting which reflects on the previous years' spending. Below shows the different fund raising events and where the money raised was spent. As always it shows how every donation is put towards the education of the children at Mrs Blands and how worthwhile it is to be a member of the PTA. Please contact our Facebook page or any of our members if this is something you are interested in.

