

Dates for your diary

Friday 14th June

Year R visit to Boscombe Beach

Tuesday 18th June

Year 1 visit to London Eye and
River Boat Cruise

Wednesday 26th June

Year 2 visit to Bristol 'The
Matthew' and Aquarium

Wednesday 3rd July

Sports day – school

Monday 8th July

Oliver Twist themed learning
week

Wednesday 10th July

Oliver Twist Theatre
Performance (in school)

Friday 12th July

Summer Fayre 3.30pm-5.00pm

Wednesday 17th July

Open Afternoon (appointments
will be sent out)

Friday 19th July

Year 2 leaver's event – cinema
trip

Tuesday 23rd July

Year 2 leaver's assembly

End of Summer Term 2 at
1.45pm

School News

Welcome back everyone to the final term of the academic year!

Today we had class photos, the sun was shining and the children looked very smart and had big smiles on their faces. We look forward to sharing these with you very soon!

Also today, the governors came in for the day and spent time talking to parents, the children and the staff. They also visited all of the classrooms and could see how well the children behave and how enthused they are about their learning.

We are all looking forward to the educational visits and exciting topics this term as well as our sports days and the various fundraising events that the PTA will be running.

Here is to a brilliant Summer term 2!

PTA News

Father's Day Shhhop

Tickets are now available through Parentmail (payments, then click shop) for our Father's Day Shhhop that will be taking place at school on Wednesday 12th June. Tickets are £3 and a maximum of two tickets can be purchased per child. There is also a form to complete to notify the helpers of who your child is buying for.

Reminders

- PE kits and outdoor learning kits to be bought into school on a Monday and stay here for the week.
- Parking – please can we ask that you park with consideration when dropping off or collecting your children. Please do not park on the yellow zig zags, yellow lines or blocking driveways.
- Please note that the school car park is for staff and disabled visitors only.
- When entering the school via the school office, please can we ask everyone to use the pedestrian walkway only and not the car park gates for the safety of everyone.

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

Katie Thrussell

Maria Kennedy

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

It is lovely to have all the children back in Nursery, we hope you all had a lovely half term break?

This week we have been talking about what we did in the holidays and we are reading the story 'Splosh' and have started learning our new rhyme of the term 'A sailor went to sea' as our new topic of the term is 'Why is water wet?'

In our group times we have been looking at the different types of weather; sun, rain and wind and how a rainbow is made. We have also been recapping our routines and expectations and how we all share and are kind to one another within our nursery.

In maths we have been practising our counting and learning all our colours.

In our craft area we have been decorating rainbows using lots of different materials and colours.

Outside in the garden the children are busy exploring all our water activities and splashing in puddles.

Acorns Class

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful week.

The year has flown by and we are now entering our last term. This term's topic is 'How many colours in a rainbow?' We started by learning all the colours and how many there are. We are also learning the signs for each colour too.

In literacy we read the story 'Mouse paint.' It explained the primary colours to us and how these can be mixed to make new colours. We then explored this further at the creative table and tried mixing colours independently.

In Science we put skittles sweets into water and observed what happened. The children were very excited to see a rainbow forming.

In PE we have started to practise for our sports day. An email has been sent on Parentmail for further information.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In phonics we are reading CVCC words and trying to spot digraphs in words. We have also been practising writing tricky words.

In literacy we read the 'Fish who could wish' and wrote sentences about what we would wish for. We also looked at rhyming words in the story.

In maths we have been revisiting grouping, odd and even numbers and doubling.

In art we used a wave picture by J W M Turner to inspire our own seascapes. In science we talked about parts of the body and what happens inside our bodies. In history we looked at seaside pictures from now and long ago.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

What a fantastic start to our new term and new topic, all about London! The children were ready for learning this week and we have been fully immersed into our London theme. Both classes have got a new role play area featuring a London bus, London sights and even a historical tent to take us back to the great fire of London.

The children have been exploring poetry this week, we have read a poem about The Great Fire of London. We have been learning the poem through our text map so then, next week, we can use the structure and write our own poem. The children have been working really hard on their presentation. Keep it up everyone and remember the golden rules! Tell an adult at home all about our golden rules for writing.

In Maths we have been carrying on learning about number and looking at halving. The children have done some great practical and pictorial work on halving, we have even been reasoning why we think something. Halve some toys or sweets at home but remember, they must be in two equal groups.

In outdoor learning this week we have been looking at fire safety and beginning to use a splint to learn how to safely light a fire. The children showed great perseverance as it was very tricky, but some of us did manage to get the technique and create some sparks. We will keep working on it this term, as well exploring the outdoors. Lots more children did have their outdoor learning kit this week, make sure you have a long sleeve top and long bottoms as well as waterproofs and wellies each week.

Everyone has been practising lots of phonics this week. The children have been impressing us with all the sounds and alternative sounds, and they have been applying their learning to not only read real words, but also 'alien' words. Great work everyone, keep practising your sounds and reading at home too.

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

How lovely to see all those smiley faces back after half term! It sounds like Year 2 had a well-deserved break in half term and have recharged those batteries and are ready to come back fighting for our last term! And what a busy, fun filled half term it is going to be!

In English this week we have started our new writing unit on Leaflets. We started with understanding what a leaflet is and picking out that it is a non-fiction piece of text (the children were quick to remind us that this means it is full of facts and can be read in non-chronological order!) We then learnt a model text leaflet through a story map and actions - this one was all about hedgehogs. Year 2 were great at picking out some of the key features and together we made a class toolkit. We then got started on our shared write which was all about seals - they had some great fun researching their own facts! Ask your child if they can remember a fact about seals that they researched themselves.

In Maths this week we have started our topic on fractions. Let's just say that Year 2 blew us away with their knowledge of finding and recognising one half. They even remembered the numerator and denominator of a fraction - some of us even used silly voices to help us remember - Hazel class (If you fancy a laugh then get them to do an impression). After recapping about one half, we moved onto one quarter and found out how much they link. Next week we will be continuing with fractions, and we can't wait for them to blow us away even more. They really are maths superstars!

We have had some really special lessons this week in the afternoons. Towards the start of the week, we were lucky enough for Mrs Irons, the music teacher from Garlands, to come over to Mrs Blands and teach us a music lesson. We had such great fun reading the start of 'The Bear and the Piano' and it has excited us all for our lessons with her over the next few weeks and for the fun we will have with her next year. Thank you, Mrs Irons! On Friday afternoon, we walked down to Garland to explore their outdoor learning area with Ms Nagle. We had such fun and it was great to see where our outdoor learning lessons will be taking place next year! Thank you, Ms Nagle!

As I am sure many of you are aware by now, we have given out the parts in the play - every single child has a part and a line in the play because we wanted to make sure every child was included and that their talent was showcased. This has meant that already we are squeezing in time for rehearsals and song practice throughout our afternoons. We are all so excited to get practicing for our big performance day.

Thank you to all the parents that responded to the newsletter notice before half term about the children's first day of school pictures. We have loved looking at them and we can't wait for you to see why we're asking for them. Please if you haven't done so already, send your child's first day of school photo to the office and they will forward this onto the Year 2 team. Thank you in advance.



We've been enjoying the lovely weather this week and having lots of play time outside.

On the board we have played 'Just Dance' and shown off lots of great dance moves!

Friend



Breakfast Star



Dinner Star



Playtime



Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime star



Reading star



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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?
 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>

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.

