

Dates for your diary

Monday 21st September
Meet the Teacher via Zoom

Wednesday 23rd September
6.00pm - Full Governing
Body Meeting

Friday 25th September
9.30am Reception Class
Photos Taken – Newbury
Weekly News

Thursday 1st October
Autumn Census for Schools

**Monday 12th October and
Tuesday 13th October**
Life Bus in school

Thursday 15th October
9.30am Governing Body
meeting – pupil progress

Friday 16th October
Year 2 Falconer Visit

Tuesday 20th October
Year 2 Trip to Oxford Castle

Wednesday 21st October
Year 1 Explorer Dome Visit

Thursday 22nd October 2020
School Finishes – normal
times

Friday 23rd October 2020
Staff Inset day

Monday 2nd November
8.50am – School Re-opens

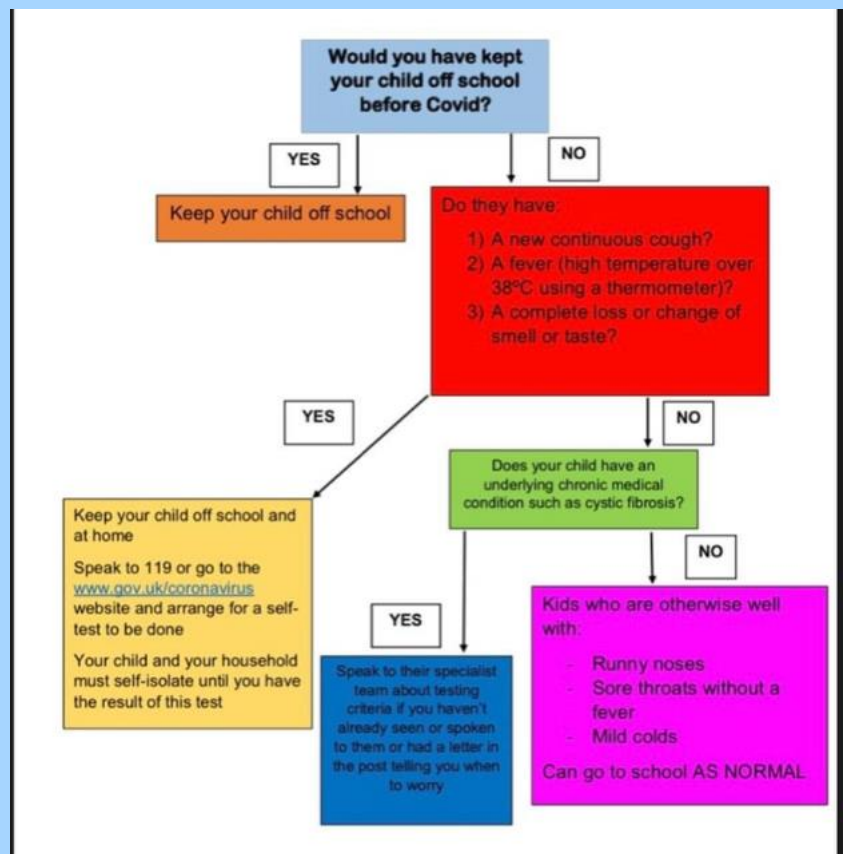
School News

Well done to our Reception children who have stayed all day this week! It has been lovely talking to them on my walks around school.

Thank you to all for keeping children off school if they are showing one of the Covid symptoms and for persevering with testing either by post or by visiting a test site.

We have had several staff out, but have managed to keep all classes open. I think this will be a challenge over the coming weeks, but we will do all we can to keep staff and pupils healthy and at school.

Covid – This flow chart is really helpful in making a decision as to whether testing and isolation is needed.



PTA News

To see what you may have missed out on please visit the PTA on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MrsBlandsPTA>

PTA AGM

7pm Thursday 17th September via Zoom see Facebook/Parentmail for the link

Get in Touch via –

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or catch someone on the playground –

Loic Manneville, Claire Oakes,

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

We've had a very busy week... We have made the most of the beautiful weather and have enjoyed lots of play in the garden. The children have been enjoying play at the water table – watching the cause and effect that pouring water has. They have enjoyed stretching their legs as they run up and down the hill chasing bubbles in the sunshine. The children have also experienced painting in nursery this week: learning how to hold a paintbrush, where we paint and learning the different colour names.

We have also been learning to count 1-5 together. We have been counting stones, leaves and twigs. Maybe over the weekend you ask you child to count things with you? We would love to know how high they can count for you. As we enjoy this beautiful weather can I please remind parents that children should bring in a named water bottle, sun hats and spare clothes for every session your child attends. Thank you.

Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

Well done to the Nursery children for continuing to settle into Acorns Nursery so well. Over this week they have been enjoying circle games to get to know each other, as well as settling in to the Nursery routines.

With our topic based around the theme 'Why Do You Love Me So Much?', the children have been learning this week about their families and homes. It has been lovely to see some of the photos of the children's families this week and they have spoken to the class about them, please do bring them in next week if you haven't had a chance to yet.

The children loved their first outdoor learning session, learning about oak trees and acorns, and how to sit and move around safely in the log circle.

Next week we will be thinking about how we belong in school as well as in our families, and we will also be exploring the book 'Spot Goes to School', as well as other stories about starting school.

In Maths, we will be practising copying and making repeating patterns using natural objects (e.g. acorn/pine cone/acorn/pine cone etc.), and other everyday objects such as buttons and bottle tops – maybe they can have a go at making some at home too? If you have any questions, do ask myself: Mrs Collis or Mrs Hitt and Miss Phillips.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week, Reception have enjoyed their outdoor learning. They sat around our circle and were very good at learning the rules.

In maths, we have been matching numbers from 1-10 this week by parking the car in the correct numbered space.

The children enjoyed PE with Danny and showed really good partner work. They were learning how to hold their hands and arms out to catch a ball and how to aim and throw.

In literacy, we have been reading the story of, 'Halibut Jackson'. The children could explain how he was feeling by looking at his expressions.

Well done to all the children who have had their first full week with lunch!

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

Wow what lovely weather we have had this week! We have been doing lots of learning outside this week including our maths lessons.

In English this week, we have been reading the story, 'Where's My Teddy?' and then discussed what we have lost and how it made us feel. We have learnt the story and then written our own sentences.

In maths, we have been using the natural materials outside to count objects and then write the number and the number name with them using chalk on the patio.

We have set two 2Do's on purple mash for the children to complete at school and at home. It is a game to get them used to finding letters on the keyboard and improve their keyboard skills.

In our outdoor learning we collected leaves and identified them and then made leaf monsters with them. We enjoyed getting our hands mucky this week in art by mixing the primary colours together. Ask us what colours you get when you mix the primary colours. In Geography we have studied the aerial view of Burghfield and found out where the school was and named other significant places that we could see.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week, Year 2 have learnt about the difference between the present and past tenses, and how to add the suffix-ed to words that don't require a change, such as pushed, pulled, worked, jumped, etc. Linked with history, they have also read a text about life in a castle, and started learning how to write answers to comprehension questions related to the text. The children have particularly enjoyed working with a partner to write a simple information text about a type of job that people had in castle times. Do ask your child what they have learnt so far about castle life! In maths, the children have been learning about place value in two-digit numbers, by using a variety of practical resources to help them understand how to partition two-digit numbers into tens and ones. They have recorded their work on partitioning, and also applied their knowledge of place value to solve problems.

In science, Year 2 have continued learning about how objects need to be made of suitable materials, by testing the strength of their castle walls. In art, they have also enjoyed designing and making their own coat of arms.

In outdoor learning, both classes have had great fun continuing to learn to attach two sticks together by using diagonal lashing, pipe cleaners and masking tape. We have also observed our class trees on the school grounds, and will start recording how they change throughout the year.

In DT in the next few weeks, Year 2 will be designing and constructing models of castles, for which we would be grateful for help supplying the following resources: newspapers, recyclable materials (empty cereal boxes, egg boxes, kitchen and toilet roll tubes, etc.). Many thanks.

Star of the Week

Friendship Star

Next Friday, I will present certificates to children in each class remotely....

**Avneet – Acorns
Sofia - Beech
Annie - Maple
Layla - Birch
Lilly - Cherry
Isabella - Hazel
Emily - Rowan**

**Myla – Acorns
Orla - Beech
Logan - Maple
Chloe - Birch
Bradden – Cherry
Alfie - Hazel
Henry - Rowan**

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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>