

Dates for your diary

Consultation Evenings via 'Teams'

Monday 29th March 2021
3.30-6.00pm

Tuesday 30th March
5.30-8.00pm

31st March 2021

Little Acorns class closed due
to Staff Training
Acorns class morning session
closed due to staff Training

Thursday 1st April

End of Term &
Crazy Hair Day
For £2.00 donation to the PTA

1st April 2021

School finishes at 1.15pm

Maple Class
Birch Class
Rowan Class

School finishes at 1.25pm

Beech Class
Cherry Class
Hazel Class

School News

Happy Red Nose Day! Thank you for supporting the charity. We'll confirm how much we raised in next week's newsletter....



Labelling Items

As a school we endeavour to keep individual belongings with the correct child, however we do find it difficult to do this when items are not labelled with your child's name. Please can you help us to reunite children with their belongings by naming all items that you send into school, including coats and shoes.

Near Miss on Jordan's Lane

We would like you to be aware of a near miss on our local roads. A child cycling to school, was almost hit by a parent pulling out from a parking space on Jordan's Lane one morning. Drop off and Pick up times can be very busy with lots of children and adults walking, scooting and on bikes. Please can you be vigilant if you are driving, as we really don't want to have to call out an ambulance!

Clubs

We are delighted to be able to say that afterschool clubs will be starting again after Easter. Information about what is on offer will be sent out shortly

Fibre Based Internet

City Fibre is a private company rolling out fibre infrastructure to various sites in the country. They have just secured £4m of funding for their next phase and Burghfield is potentially on the list.

To Let City Fibre know that Burghfield is interested in fibre based internet! Please go to www.cityfibre.com/rollout/

This is non-committal and just an expression of interest. The more people who are interested the more likely it is we will get on the list Not only is it cheaper as it removes the need for BT line rental, we can improve our chances of better internet access for learning, both at home and at school.

Remote Learning

Remote learning will still be taking place for ECV pupils and pupils who are isolating due to a family member having Covid or a school bubble isolating due to a case in school. Please advise the school office if your family bubble is isolating at remotelearning@mrsblands.w-berks.sch.uk

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

PTA News

To see what you may have missed out on please visit the PTA on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MrsBlandsPTA>

1st April 2021

Crazy Hair Day – Make the most of your longer lockdown hair for a £2 donation

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the playground –

Loic Manneville, Claire Oakes, Ben Ash, Laura Hooke

We are now back and fully into the swing of nursery life in Little Acorns. The children have been very excited to explore all the activities this week such as climbing over and crawling under on the soft play equipment, using tweezers to grasp pompoms to colour match to different coloured butterflies and we have used different farm animals to help us with our number work and have been practicing our number recognition and counting numbers 1-10. Outside the children enjoyed some messy play with the pigs in mud, practising our pouring skills in the water tray and enjoyed building sandcastles in the sand.... And then jumping on them.

Please remember to bring in named spare clothing as we are still unable to provide spare clothing. Thank you.

Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

The children have settled really well back into Nursery routines so well and have been very independent coming in in the mornings, well done to everyone! This week we have continued to enjoy playing inside and outside and talking about how we feel about being back in school during circle time. In our 'Are eggs alive?' topic we have enjoyed the 'Farmer Duck' story, and learned all about farm animals. Next week we will be learning about different creatures that lay eggs and also exploring the Rosie's Walk story, and retelling the story with small world animals. In phonics we will be learning m/d/g/o and revising the s/a/t/p/i/n letter sounds and practising blending these sounds together to read words. We will also be learning about different shapes and making shapes from lolly sticks.

We will be doing Outdoor Learning every Wednesday if your child could wear old clothes and bring a waterproof coat and wellies. Please can you make sure all their uniform, coats and water bottles are named as it makes it much easier to find missing items! Thank you.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week we have been continued to recite the story of 'The Enormous Turnip', adding actions to help with retelling. We have also looked at different versions of the tale which included different characters. In our writing area we have been writing lists to use in our Role play areas maybe the children could help you with the shopping list this weekend!

In maths we have been developing our understanding of the numbers 6, 7 and 8, through measures. We have been making towers carefully counting how many cubes in each tower and then using the language taller and shorter to compare them. Can you use the words longer, shorter, taller, smaller to compare objects at home? In Topic we have taken photos on Ipads of different areas around the class and outside and talked about where they would go on a map. We have planted beans in bags with tissue paper and water and are excited to see whether they will start to sprout. This week in PE we learnt how to hold and dribble a ball with a hockey stick, some children picked up this skill surprisingly quickly.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

Year 1 have been enjoying the book 'Ol Frog!' by Kes Gray and we have written our own rhyming sentences about animals to make a class book. In maths we have been learning about the weight of objects using the mathematical vocabulary; mass, heavier than, lighter than and same as. This term our Design & Technology topic is about healthy eating and where fruit and vegetables grow. We have tasted different vegetable soups and have talked about how to prepare food safely and hygienically. Next week we will be making our own vegetable soup. In RE we have been learning about the Easter story and the significance of Easter for Christians.

Can we please ask that all the children come to school with a jumper or cardigan even though that the weather is getting warmer as we have to ventilate the rooms by opening the windows and doors. Also, can you ensure that your child has a spare set of clothes each day (or their school track suit in their PE bag) should they have a toilet accident or get dirty as we are not able to provide spare clothes from school.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week, Year 2 have enjoyed writing a fact-file about their own imaginative flower, using ideas from real wild flowers. They have used some lovely descriptive language, such as 'rare' and 'exotic', some alliteration and similes in their work. Before writing their fact-files into a booklet in their neatest handwriting, they have spent time carefully editing their work to correct spellings, punctuation and to improve sentences. All the children are rightly very proud of their flower booklets!

In maths, both classes have been learning to sort 3D shapes in different ways by looking at their properties and type of shape. They have also made and continued repeating patterns using 3D shapes, as well as symmetrical patterns. The children have then applied all that they know about shape, fractions, doubling/halving and addition/subtraction to solve a variety of problems.

In RE, Year 2 have discussed the importance of the Easter story to Christians, and in PSHE/ Citizenship, have continued to learn more about the roles of the Queen and major members of the Royal Family, as well as think about the good and bad points of being a member of the Royal family. In history, they have started to learn about what people travelled in before there were aeroplanes.

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



Perfect Presentation



Jasmin - Hazel

Covid News

We are seeing an increase in positive cases nationally, so to continue to keep the school community safe could all parents, who are not exempt, please wear masks whilst dropping off and collecting your children at school.

If you or your child are showing Coronavirus symptoms and have a Covid test, the whole family bubble must isolate until the test result is received back. Please do not come into school if you or your children are showing any of the symptoms.

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, thetrainline 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...

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mrsblandsinfantandnurseryschool/>

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>



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If you select Mrs Bland's as your selected charity, 0.5% of eligible spend will go straight back to the PTA.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1050019-0>