

### **Dates for your diary**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021**  
Last day of Term

**Throughout June**  
Loose Change Competition  
run by the PTA

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**  
Summer Term 2 Starts  
PTA Spellathon

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**  
3.00- 4.00pm Yr 2 Disco

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June**  
3.00 – 4.00pm Reception Disco

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**  
3.00 – 4.00pm Yr 1 Disco

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June**  
Move up Day – where children  
get to go to their new classes

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
3.15pm Mrs Bland's PTA  
Summer Fayre

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
School finishes for Summer

### **School News**

#### **Road Safety**

Please drive very carefully when arriving and leaving from school, especially when parking. We have had two near misses in the last two weeks, where parents have pulled out of spaces or pulled in by the school gates to give way and pedestrian children have had to be pulled out of the way. We have always requested that parents using Jordan's Lane, come from the School Lane direction, so we have traffic only coming one way. The staggered start and finish have alleviated some of the parking issues, but, we have asked West Berkshire Highways Department to come and assess the area, to see if we can make it safer.

Whilst queuing to come into school to drop off or collect children, please make sure that the children in your care stand with you, and not run about, as this has also been a worry for drivers near the school and for social distancing/bubbles. We will also speak to the children in school.

#### **Loose Change Competition**

Running throughout June is the Mrs Bland's Loose Change Competition. The class that collects the most coins will win a film afternoon with popcorn! Please see the posters in the school noticeboards.

#### **PTA Summer Fair – 9<sup>th</sup> July 3.15pm-5.00pm**

***Thank you for all the bottle donations and rainbow tombola received so far!***

We will be holding our Summer Fayre, all being well, outside in the playground. Due to Covid restrictions, fund raising by the PTA has been significantly reduced over the last 18 months, so do note the date in your diary. We will be collecting bottles for the bottle tombola and items for the rainbow tombola, so please do start putting things aside for us.

## 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>

### Throughout June

Mrs Bland's Loose Change Competition, bring in your loose change & make a change.

Collection pots in each classroom.

The class that collects the most coins will win a film afternoon with popcorn!

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July

3.15pm Mrs Bland's PTA Summer Fayre

### Get in Touch via –

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or catch someone on the playground –

Claire Oakes, Ben Ash,  
Laura Hooke

Another busy week in the nursery. We have enjoyed being creative and making our own junk box minibeast using recycled materials. We have been practising our counting skills by adding one more or taking one away. Focusing on our fine motor skills this week we have been threading cereal hoops onto pipe cleaners and using safety scissors to cut across zig zag lines.

Despite the weather this week we have still been able to enjoy some activities outside. In the garden this week we have enjoyed potting plants. The children have been filling the pots with mud and sowing seeds, taking great care to help the plants grow. In the water tray the children have been enthusiastically washing the babies with bubbles and sponges.

## Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

We have been thinking this week about where we can find ladybirds and found some on leaves outside and even a yellow one on a tablecloth in the classroom! We have enjoyed the 'What the Ladybird Heard' story and have drawn story maps showing where the ladybird and the robbers went. We have made a cafe in our role play area, and the children have made some great posters for it! We have had fun making each other take away hot chocolate drinks and cakes.

Next week we will be learning more about insects by reading, 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' and talking about our feelings. In phonics we will be reading rhyming stories and matching pictures of objects that rhyme (words that 'sound the same'). In maths, we will be thinking about counting carefully and slowly through rhymes and songs - '1 elephant went out to play upon a spiders web one day' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQf6yWEScB8>

Please could you check that your child's water bottle is named as we currently have a lot of similar water bottles and don't want them to get mixed up and for children to drink from the wrong bottle!

Remember we have Outdoor Learning every Wednesday and your child can wear their own clothes - old clothes are better as we sometimes get muddy! Thank you.

## Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In maths this week we have been focusing on our number bonds to 10 again. We have begun to write the number sentences to match the addition, for example  $4 + 6 = 10$

In English we been reading the story of 'Whatever Next'. We have used colourful semantics to help us say and write full sentences about the story, focusing on recognising 'who' 'what doing' and 'what'.

In science we have been looking at jungle animals – using the story 'Rumble in the Jungle', seeing if we could identify the animals from their patterns and then making up our own mixed up animals.

In computing, we have been logging on to Purple Mash using our individual logins and talking about which information we need to keep private when we are online, such as our name, date of birth, address, passwords etc.

Next week we will be watching the PANTS song from the NSPCC again. Here is a link if you wish to preview it: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/> If you have any questions about this please do ask.

Please can you make sure your child's clothes, hats and bottles are still clearly named. We still have four unnamed jumpers waiting to be claimed.

## Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

In year 1 this week we have continued to write the story Stone Girl Bone Girl. We have been writing more detailed sentences by using the conjunctions because and so. In Maths we have been halving shapes and quantities. Ask your children, 'How do they know if it is a half?' In DT we have continued to make our puppets. We have been joining our material by sewing the two pieces together and adding detail by gluing on the dinosaur parts. In Science we had great fun investigating whose poo? We made a prediction about which dinosaur the poo belonged to, what evidence there was in the poo and whether it was a carnivore, Omnivore or Herbivore.

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week in writing, Year 2 have enjoyed reading and solving lots of different kinds of riddles, and identified the main features of riddles. Using facts about minibeasts, they have then planned and written their own riddles. The children have also read a non-fiction text about ladybirds and answered comprehension questions about it.

Both classes have been learning how to read the time on an analogue clock, including o'clock, half past, a quarter past, a quarter to, and times to the nearest 5 minutes. They have also solved a variety of problems involving reading the time, and intervals of time.

In science, Year 2 have been learning about food chains and in RE, they have been learning more about Islam and how praying helps Muslims to give them a feeling of belonging. The children have had great fun hunting for ladybirds in outdoor learning, and have learnt some facts about them, including about their life cycle. They have also begun planning designs for a bug hotel, which they will make next week, thinking carefully about what natural materials they will need.

### Star of the Week



### Friendship Star



### Playtime Star



### Perfect Presentation



## **Covid News**

We cases are reducing, new strains of the disease continue to remain highly infectious, 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>



Mrs Blands is now registered with Amazon's 'smile' charity programme!

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>