

### Dates for your diary

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Tempest School**  
**Photographs (All children in uniform)**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Reception - pictures for Newbury Weekly News**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
**Meet the Teacher –**  
**Appointments via Parentmail**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**  
**Yr 1 Toy Workshop**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Yr 2 visit to Oxford Castle**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Sir Linkalot school visit**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Yr 2 Millets Falconry in school**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**  
**Inset Day – school closed to pupils**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Half Term**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
**Yr 1 Explorer dome in school – am**  
**Yr 2 Junkman visiting - pm**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Remembrance Assembly- led by Rowan**

### School News

We would like to thank you all for your adaptability and support last year with regards to the various changes that were made within the school in relation to the ever-changing guidelines relating to Covid. Our Latest risk assessment is available to view on the school website. Having completed our first full week back it has been great to return to our normal times and this has been a very smooth transition.

As we are now all back together it goes without saying that we may see an increase in those pesky visitors.... Head lice! Please can we ask that you all check your child's head this weekend and treat as , ready for a return to school on Monday. Head lice move amongst children's heads very quickly and if hair is checked regularly, it reduces the risk of eggs being laid and creating the cycle over again! It is good to get into the habit of checking hair over the weekend.

Our Reception children have stayed for lunch this week and I would like to say "well done!" You all did really well, and it has been lovely talking to you on my walks around school.

This year we are pleased to be able to invite parents back into school for 'Meet the Teacher' Meetings. Due to the current Covid restrictions we will ask that only one adult per family and no children attend these meetings. We will send a Parentmail invitation shortly offering 15 appointments for 4.00pm-4.30pm slots and 15 appointments for 6.00pm-6.30pm slots, per class, on a first come first serve basis.

This will be an opportunity for you to hear a short presentation from the class teacher and meet them in person as well as see your child's classroom and ask any questions that you may have.

Our PE clubs have also opened back up again for this term.

I have attached details of the clubs we offer and an application form to the newsletter for your information. Unfortunately, if we have less than 10 children for each club then it is not viable for us to run the clubs, so please do sign up if you're interested!

## **PTA News**

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

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

## **PTA AGM Dates-TBC**

## **Get in Touch via –**

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or catch someone on the playground –

**Ben Ash, Laura Hooke,  
Sian Killen, Charmaine  
Kelly**

## **Little Acorns Pre-Nursery**

What a first week we have had in Little Acorns. The children have been very keen to come into nursery ready to explore and meet their new friends.

The children have become confident very quickly getting to know their new nursery areas especially the garden. Lots of fun was had pouring and splashing in the water tray. Others enjoyed building sandcastles in the sandpit.

We start everyday with the 'Hell' song which helps us to learn the names of everyone in the room.

We practise our sitting and listening skills with a story at the end of every session.

This week our story was, 'Sam starts school'.

As we have the warm weather back, please can we ask that children come to nursery with a named hat and water bottle as well as named sun cream, which can be re applied by staff, if required. Thank you.

## **Acorn (Nursery am and pm)**

We are really proud of the children and how well they have been settling into Acorns Nursery since they started. Over the last week they have been busy learning each other's names and settling into the Nursery routines, as well as exploring and having fun in the Acorns classroom and outside area. Our topic this half term is based around the theme 'Why do you love me so much?', and they will be learning about their families and how to be a good friend, as well as learning about their feelings and senses.

Next week we will be thinking about how we belong in our families, and it would be great if the children could bring in a photo of their families to talk about in the class. We will also be exploring the book 'My Mum and Dad make me laugh' and talking about things they enjoy doing at home. In Maths, we will be practising our counting skills, counting natural objects found outside such as acorns, leaves and conkers. If you have any questions, do ask myself, Mrs Collis, or Mrs Tanner and Miss Phillips.

We have Outdoor learning every Wednesday, so the children can wear their own clothes on Wednesdays (long sleeve tops and long trousers and clothes that you don't mind getting dirty!)

## **Maple and Beech class (Reception)**

The children have settled really well into Reception and coped fantastically with all the new routines they have met. We have successfully negotiated rules and routines in class, at snack time, in the hall and outside at lunchtime and in P.E.

We have played games to learn each other's names and take turns when speaking and listening. We have sung songs we were familiar with from Nursery and begun to learn some new ones.

In Maple role-play there is a shop this week and next week. If you are out and about this weekend and go into a shop with your child, please could you take a photo of them to add to our display. In Beech role-play we have a kitchen, if your child helps you in the kitchen, please could you take a photo of them that we can add to our display.

Just a reminder the children need wellies in school all the time to enjoy our water area. We also ask for sun hats in hot weather and PE kit to stay in school all week. Outdoor learning for Beech class will be a Monday and for Maple class on a Tuesday so please can they come to school in non-uniform that day. We will start this next week. Please can you make sure their clothing is suitable for muddy, outdoor play – waterproof trousers and coat will be necessary once the weather gets colder and wetter.

## Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

Well done to all the children as they have settled into the school and Year 1 routine extremely well this week. They have enjoyed going into assemblies for the first time and learning some new songs.

In English we have been learning the story of The Tiger who came to Tea and spending time in the role play areas retelling the story. This week in Maths we have been counting, writing, and representing numbers which the children have enjoyed the practical equipment. You can help the children at home by helping them form the numbers correctly. The children have enjoyed gymnastics and games this week but please remember to name all the children's clothing and ensure that the PE is in school on a Wednesday and Thursday, or you can bring it in at the beginning of the week. We have used the iPads this week and discussed keeping safe online.

Please ensure that your child's reading book is brought in every day.

Have a good weekend.

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

What a fantastic start the children have made in Year 2! The children have done a fantastic job of settling into our new routines and we know they will continue to impress us as the term continues! Thank you for all your support with the children's return to school.

We have talked a lot about our feelings this week and what we can do if we need help with our emotions. We have created our own class charters and focused on the importance of being kind.

We have begun our 'Castles' topic – Towers, Tunnels and Turrets, so children have been comparing different types of Castles and explaining the different features that help to keep a Castle safe from attacking enemies. We have also been looking at how to become a knight! Ask the children if they can tell you the different things boys had to do to become a knight.

In Maths, we have been recapping our learning from Year 1. We have been working on place value– working through different challenges to see how much we can remember! We have also been using our knowledge to solve different problems.

This term our P.E days are Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

Rowan class have outdoor learning on Tuesday afternoons and Hazel class are on Thursday afternoons so children can come into school dressed in their outdoor learning clothes!

If there is anything you would like to discuss with either of us, please catch us at the end of the day or send a message to the office and we can arrange a time to give you a call.

## Star of the Week



## Friendship Star



## Playtime Star



## **Help us to Raise Funds for the School**

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## **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**

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