

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **7<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 1 visit to Marwell Zoo

#### **10<sup>th</sup> March**

Mother's day Shhhop

#### **16<sup>th</sup> March**

Reception visit to Rushall Farm

Alice in Wonderland  
Theatre Production (in school) – KS1

#### **17<sup>th</sup> March**

Red Nose Day Assembly  
led by Hazel Class – Hazel  
Class parents only

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Nursery parents – Speech  
and Language workshop

#### **24<sup>th</sup> March**

Hazel Class Parents lunch

#### **28<sup>th</sup> March**

Parent Consultations  
3.30pm-6pm

#### **30<sup>th</sup> March**

Parent Consultations  
5.30pm-8pm

#### **31<sup>st</sup> March**

End of Spring Term 2  
School/Nursery closes  
1.45pm

### **School News**

A week of two halves!

We started the week with the Year 1 visit to Marwell Zoo. The children had an amazing time and certainly got their step count in for the day! Thank you to our parent helpers, your support is always appreciated.

The snow pressed pause on the week on Wednesday and we thank you all for your support in our decision to close the school for the day. We do not make these decisions lightly and did so in collaboration with other local schools. We hope you all got to have some fun in the snow!

Normal service resumed on Thursday and on Friday the PTA ran their Mother's Day Shhhop to raise funds for the school. The children love being able to choose a parent for a loved one and are getting very good at wrapping!

#### **Next week**

Looking ahead to next week, Reception have their visit to Rushall Farm while KS1 have a theatre production visit with a performance of Alice In Wonderland. In preparation for this, Year 1 will be having a small tea party in the hall. They have received some invitations in their book bags today – but these are for the children only in case you thought it was an invitation for you!

Next Friday Hazel Class's parents are invited to a Red Nose Assembly at 9.30am.

#### **Parent Consultations**

Please be aware that the Parent Consultations have now gone live on ParentMail, please ensure you log in to book your appointment.

## **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 –**

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**or catch someone on the playground –**

**Laura Hooke or  
Charmaine Kelly**

## **Little Acorns Class**

This week in Little Acorns, we have explored making different patterns using farm animal footprints in paint. We have thought about different ways to move our body parts to music, challenging the children to develop their balancing, hopping and listening skills. The children have also been busy at work creating some 'top secret' items to be brought home for next week!

The children enjoyed listening to the story 'Dear Zoo' and 'I Love my Guinea Pigs'. The children learnt that books can contain information and facts. We read books informing us how to care for animals and what animals need to be healthy.

Outside, despite the cold weather, we thought about spring and what changes we might start to see in the world around us. The children had lots of fun potting seeds in the tuff tray with mud, seeds and a little watering can. Well done, Little Acorns!

## **Acorns Class**

This week in Acorns we have been reading the story 'Rosie's Walk'. The children are able to explain where the story is set and who is in the story - 'setting' and 'characters'. We talked about positional language used in the story – around, under, over etc and linked this in with our maths to be able to place objects in different positions.

In outdoor learning we have planted lots of different seeds and the children will continue taking care of them every day by watering them. It was very exciting to see some of our sunflower seeds start to grow!

The children always look forward to their yoga session in the hall with Mrs Sharratt. This week they have been working together to hold different positions.

The children are really enjoying learning phonics. We have learnt a sound a week and so far know s, a, t, p, i, n and m. As we learn each sound the children practise writing it too, starting at the top of the letter and making sure to hold their pencil in the 'beaky bird' grip. Lots of the children are trying hard to write their names too.

## Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in phonics we have learnt how to read 2 syllable words such as rooftop, market and farmyard, as well as revising all the digraphs and tricky words learnt so far in phase 3. In literacy we have practised reading and spelling words with these digraphs in and have been writing sentences about farms and farm animals.

In Maths we have been ordering numbers to 10 and seeing how far beyond 20 we can count. We have used the words 'more' and 'fewer' to compare amounts of objects and started to use our fingers to help us work out number bonds to 10, e.g  $4 + 6 = 10$ ,  $5 + 5 = 10$ ,  $2 + 8 = 10$ . In handwriting we have been focusing on how to form numerals correctly.

In Science we have been watching our bean plants carefully to see whose is growing.

Some of us have started to make our farm vehicles in DT, thinking about which materials to use and how to join them together.

## Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

It has been a fun week in Year 1!

We were lucky that the weather was mostly dry for our trip to Marwell Zoo and despite a little chill in the air, the walking kept us warm. We were treated to a close encounter with the tiger, as he paraded around the perimeter fencing. The giraffes munching on their hay were also a firm favourite. We were pleased to explore the newly renovated tropical house and Cherry Class managed to spy the elusive sloth in there! The 'animal classification' workshop at the science and learning centre offered the children a variety of hands-on experiences of animal furs, skulls, feathers and tusks. Thank you to all the parent helpers and well done to all the children for their positive behaviour throughout the trip.

Back at school, we have started to learn the story of Alice and Wonderland to link with the theatre company putting on a performance for the school next week. We have learnt how to make tea, with a teapot and written some instructions to do so. We look forward to having our own Alice in Wonderland themed tea party next week!

In maths, we have focussed on number lines to 50. The children have filled in missing numbers, explained the location of given numbers and used number lines to help them answer 'more' and 'less' questions. We have also started to learn some songs for our end of term Easter Assembly.

## Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

Wow what a week this has been! We had the unexpected closure of school on Wednesday but thank you to all the children who completed their work on seesaw, we loved seeing what you had been up to.

This week we have been reading the story of Alice in Wonderland. We completed a book review and wrote detailed character descriptions. The children are looking forward to making cakes next week and writing a set of instructions.

In maths we have been learning to measure mass. The children have learned that you can use balance scales to find out which object is heavier/lighter than another. They have also started to learn about the units of measurement 'grams' and 'kilograms'. If you do any cooking with the children at home, ask them to read the scales. Are you measuring in g or kgs? Remind the children of the vocabulary lighter, lightest, heavy, heavier etc.

We felt like real scientists this week as we dissected a broad bean seed to see what was inside it. Ask your child to tell you what they found. The children found this very interesting and then labelled the different parts of the seed. We have also continued to monitor our investigation to find out if plants can grow anywhere.

## Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

This week in Bumblebees the children have been playing snakes and ladders and our older children have been very kind, helping the younger children learn the rules of the game and taking turns. The children have enjoyed having the zoo animals out in the trays ,especially after Year 1's trip to the zoo! We have also had the water colours out this week and the children painted some lovely pictures!

**Friend**



**Dinner Star**



**Playtime**



# Whole School Stars

## Star of the Week



**Marnie - Acorns  
Anya - Maple  
Freddie - Beech  
Jahnna - Birch  
Arlo - Cherry  
Sammy - Hazel  
Annie - Rowan**

## Friendship Star



**Rupert - Acorns  
Afsa - Maple  
Albie - Beech  
Isabelle - Birch  
Isaiah - Cherry  
Elliott - Hazel  
Thomas - Rowan**

## Playtime Star



**Penny - Acorns  
Mason - Maple  
Henry - Beech  
Murtaza- Birch  
Daisy - Cherry  
Molly - Hazel  
Deborah - Rowan**

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

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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.

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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**

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