

Dates for your diary

ALL TERM

Please book a week in advance

Family Friday Breakfast – book on Parentmail

Come dine with.....your child lunches – email the office to book

Friday 24th November

PTA non uniform day in exchange for gift for Christmas Shhhop

Monday 27th December

Christmas jars due in this week – see attached flyer

Friday 1st December

Christmas performance costumes due in

Friday 8th December

PTA Christmas Day – see attached flyer and tickets will be out on Parentmail shortly

Monday 11th December

Performance club show (4.00pm)

Tuesday 12th December

Christmas Performance (adults only)

Wednesday 13th December

PTA Christmas Shhhop 1

Friday 15th December

PTA Christmas Shhhop 2

Monday 18th December

Joint Carol Service with Garland Junior School (Children only)

Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Jumper Day and Class Parties

Wednesday 20th December

End of Autumn Term 2 (school closes as **1:45pm**)

It's Christmaaaaaaas!!!



School News

Thank you to everyone that was able to donate/buy from our preloved stall or buy a cookie to support Children in Need, last Friday. We raised over £350 for this worthy cause.

We also extend huge thank you to our catering team who made the day extra special by keeping up with the 'spotty' theme. The children always love it when the serving hatch is decorated, and it created a real buzz in the dining hall.



We will be publishing the Children in Need assembly that the School Council put together shortly and will Parentmail the details to you all. Well done to our School Council members!

Bedtime Stories

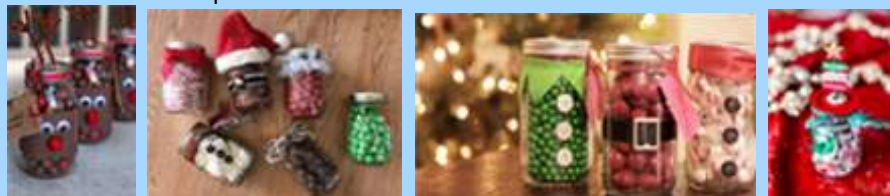
We have a wonderful community at Mrs Bland's and we are excited to share the information below on an amazing podcast created by one of our parents. Do have a listen to some of the episodes from Sofia A's dad (Year 1). These enchanting tales will captivate young minds and ignite their curiosity about history. Perfect for kids and parents alike, our stories transport you to bygone eras, making bedtime an unforgettable adventure (with some linking to the learning taking place in classes).

<https://www.bedtimetimettravels.com/page/2/>

Christmas Jars

The PTA are asking for donations of decorated jars filled with sweets for our jar tombola being held on the PTA Christmas Day. The children loved this stall last year!

Please hand all donations in by Friday 1st we would greatly appreciate it! See below for some inspiration!



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 –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the playground –

Laura Hooke

Katie Thrussell

Maria Kennedy

Natasha Robinson

Mrs Bland's PTA recently held their AGM meeting which reflects on the previous years' spending.

We are always looking for volunteers. Please contact our Facebook page or any of our members if this is something you are interested in.

Little Acorns Class

This week in Little Acorns Class, the children have been learning all about Autumn.

They have really enjoyed going on our Autumn walk to look at all the changes around us and they have loved the woodland roleplay area where they can look after the woodland animals and find them a safe home.

We have been reading the story 'Foggy Foggy Forest' and the children have been busy learning our song 'Autumn Leaves.' We have also started to learn our Christmas songs ready for our Nativity play in December.

The children have had lots of fun colour mixing, painting and printing using lots of Autumn colours it's been very messy!

Outside in the garden the children have been busy making leaf wands and collecting and looking at all the Autumn changes in our own garden.

Many Thanks Little Acorns Team.

Acorns Class

This week in Acorns Class, we have been reading the story of 'Foggy Foggy Forest.' We had to look at the pictures and try and guess who or what it was. We talked about how a shadow is made and modelled shadow making on our white board and drew around our hands.

We had a dark tent in the role play and had lots of torches to make shadow puppets and retell a story. We knew to turn off the torches after we had finished to save the battery.

In the garden we had dinosaurs in the tough tray and we drew round their shadows.

In outdoor learning we went on a number hunt to find different amounts of sticks/stones/leaves.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In phonics this week, we had a recap week. We focused on all the phase 3 sounds we have learned so far, blending them into words and the tricky words we have learned so far. We have put a tricky word word-search on seesaw to have a go at (we haven't learned all of these yet).

In maths, we have been focusing in detail on the numbers 9 and 10 and thinking about the smaller numbers that go together to make them.

We have been learning about being safe on the roads. We looked at which of our coats would help us be seen in the dark and designed coats using different materials, picking the materials that would be the most reflective.

Our rehearsals are going full steam ahead ready for our Christmas performance. Very exciting!

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

In maths this week, we have been learning about capacity and volume. We have been using the vocabulary full, nearly full, nearly empty and empty. We have filled lots of different containers to see which one can hold the most.

In English, we have been continuing to write our non-fiction reports about Neil Armstrong and remembering to use spaces between words, capital letters and full stops. We have been working hard to rehearse our sentences out loud before we write. The children are doing amazingly well!

In Science, we have been looking at a range of different materials and have been using scientific vocabulary such as soft, smooth, rough and transparent to describe them. Can you look around your house and describe the different materials you can see?

We have also been practising hard for our Christmas performance and whenever there is a spare moment, we are dancing and singing!

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

We've had a great TIME ;) in year 2 this week!

In maths we have been recapping and learning about time! We have recapped our learning from Year 1 on, O'clock and Half past and now we have ventured into looking at quarter past and quarter to and how these times are represented by the hands on a clock face. Ask your child what time it is when the minute hand is at the 3 or 9! Year 2 have really impressed us with how much they already know about time and how well some of us can tell the time already.

Meanwhile in English, we have been planning and writing up our own winter setting descriptions. We have been using some amazing adjectives to describe things we might see, smell, hear, taste and touch in winter. The children have had some super ideas and we've been feeling extra hungry in our English lessons looking at pictures of gingerbread cookies to help prompt some discussions.

In history, we have been learning even more about the history of our school and Horatio Bland. We have started to collate all the facts we know about him to create a fact file. We extend our thanks to Mrs Harlow, our own school historian, who has taken so many steps to help us find out all about our school history.

In yoga this week, our focus has been on growth mindset. We have been learning some growth mindset phrases that help our superhero brains get stronger. Some of these phrases are - 'I can't do it YET' and 'I am strong'. These are phrases we can use when our lizard brain might be starting to take over and make us feel panicked.



Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

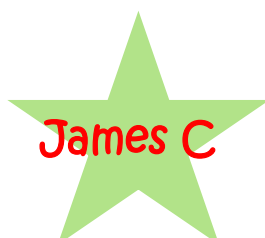


The children have been coming up with ideas for crafts and activities that they would like to do for the run up to Christmas! We have so far decided that we will be making mince pies and decorations for all our Bumblebees to take home.

We have also been given the task of designing a snowman for the Englefield snowman trail. All entries will be considered, and we will then commission one design for the final snowman!

Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime



Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



Top Maths Doodlers



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, 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...

<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 Bland's PTA recently held their AGM meeting which reflects on the previous years' spending. Below shows the different fund raising events and where the money raised was spent. As always it shows how every donation is put towards the education of the children at Mrs Blands and how worthwhile it is to be a member of the PTA. Please contact our Facebook page or any of our members if this is something you are interested in.

