

## Dates for your diary

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Start of Summer Term 2

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Tempest Photography – class photos

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Year R visit to Boscombe Beach

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Year 1 visit to London Eye and River Boat Cruise

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Year 2 visit to Bristol 'The Matthew' and Aquarium

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Sports day – school

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Oliver Twist themed learning week

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Oliver Twist Theatre Performance (in school)

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Summer Fayre 3.30pm-5.00pm

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Open Afternoon (appointments will be sent out)

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Year 2 leaver's event – cinema trip

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Year 2 leaver's assembly

End of Summer Term 2 at  
**1.45pm**

## School News

The final week of term has been wonderful.

Year 2 have been very busy completing their SATs papers. We would like to say well done to you all for your hard work and effort. The next thing year 2 will be concentrating on is their end of year performance which is sure to be a tear jerker!

We have had some great new interactive screens installed in Acorns and Bumblebees and some children have had fun exploring the functions already!

We invited Beech Class parents in for lunch on Friday, and the children were all pleased to share this time with you as usual. It has been lovely welcoming you all in over the half term to come in and have lunch with your children, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we know the children did.

There were some very whacky and creative hair designs on Friday for Crazy Hair Day and we would like to thank you all for your donations to the PTA Father's day shop which will take place next term.

Thinking ahead to next term – we have lots planned including, class photos, educational visits, sports days and a visit from a theatre company. Please see 'Dates for your diary' for more information.

We wish you all a wonderful half term and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June!

## **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**

**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 we have been reading the story 'Little Monkey' and we have performed our rhyme of the term 'Open, Shut them' which we will be receiving a certificate for.

In maths we have been looking at the language of size and in our group times we have looked at different items and sorted them into 'big' and 'small'.

In our group times, we have also been listening to different sounds, "what can we hear?" and "can we describe them?"

In our craft area we have been making kites which the children have loved decorating with tissue paper.

Outside in the garden, the children are busy looking after our sunflower seeds; fingers crossed they will grow and hopefully we will have some to plant after the half term.

This week we also had a trip to the big hall where the children enjoyed taking part in lots of ring games.

Have a lovely half term from all the Little Acorns Nursery Team.

## **Acorns Class**

This week we have been looking at the story of 'What the Ladybird Heard.' In the story the ladybird made a map of the farm. We then made our own map of the farm, as well as a map of our classroom. Following on from this, in maths, we worked on positional language – on, in, under, next to etc.

In outdoor learning we braved the rain and had our fire circle. We roasted marshmallows and made popcorn. We then visited our gardening area in Year 2 and found that our radishes had grown! We picked some and gave them to our chef to use for the salad cart the next day – yummy!

Acorns has had a fantastic new interactive screen installed this week. The children have been treated to an episode of 'Down on the farm' and have had a great time playing maths games on it.

We hope that you all have a lovely half term break!

## Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In phonics we are working on longer words, using our sounds to read and write them. We are practising our tricky words daily, both reading and spelling them.

In literacy we read the story of 'Whatever Next?' and used colourful semantics to create sentences about the pictures. We also tried to write a postcard as if we were Baby Bear on the moon and designed our own rockets and space scene.

In maths we are exploring division through sharing and grouping using practical resources.

In art we used the story of 'The Pencil' to create our own line drawing books. In DT we used junk modelling to make rockets. In science we revised our knowledge of where animals come from.

## Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

We have had a great final week of our dinosaur topic and final week of our half term. We have had so many exciting opportunities and experiences with this topic from the trip to Oxford National History Museum to visiting Willink to make our own clay dinosaurs. The children have loved this topic, exploring the history of fossils with Mary Anning and learning how to spot the difference between a carnivore dinosaur and a herbivore dinosaur.

We have explored poems about dinosaurs and written our own poems about them too. We have continued to keep working hard on our handwriting, as well as learning about prefixes on words.

In Design Technology we continued our work on healthy eating. We looked at exotic fruits and made our own fruit salad; using a recipe we designed the previous week. The children got to try some different cooking skills, like peeling and chopping.

In Science and Outdoor learning this week had a great time exploring dinosaur poo! The children thoroughly enjoyed their science investigation which involved trying to figure out which poo belonged to which dinosaur. In outdoor learning we then created our own dinosaur poos using our new found knowledge!

Have a lovely half term and enjoy your break. When we come back to school our new topic will be exploring London. As part of this, we will be visiting the London Eye and going on a river boat cruise – exciting!

## Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

We have made it to the last half term of the year! Well done Year 2 for yet another fab week and for completing the Summer 1 term. They have all worked their socks off this week and have done some amazing work alongside having fun of course!

If you were not aware, it has been SATS week in Year 2 and the children have completed several papers on Reading, Maths, Spelling and SPAG. Each and every child has done such an amazing job and have really shown some great perseverance! They have all tried their best and that is all we can ever ask of them. We started the week off with the Reading papers (your child might know them as a 'special reading quiz' - this was to take the pressure away as much as we could), and as the week went on, they completed the Maths arithmetic paper and Maths reasoning paper. Both of which were really challenging, but once again Year 2 have smashed it and have been maths superstars! We hope that the children were not too unsettled by it all as we tried to make it as subtle and as exciting as we could. We had plenty of breaks in between and took the morning nice and slow to ensure nobody felt rushed.

Due to all the hard work in the mornings, we made sure that the afternoons were super fun! We have even started singing and auditioning for parts in our end of year play. The children are so excited and we can't wait to continue to work on it next half term. Art afternoon on Tuesday was super exciting because we put together our class photography book and we even sketched/painted some butterflies - focusing on the symmetrical pattern on the wings. Thursday due to the change in timetable was PE with Danny and then maths mini games. Friday was the messiest but we definitely saved the best until last - we blended and tasted our smoothies and then joined Reception for a fire in outdoor learning where we watched the popcorn pop and roasted some marshmallows!

Have a super half term everyone!

### Parent messages and notices:

Year 2 Play - As I am sure some of you have heard, Year 2 are doing a leavers play at the end of the school year. Our performance is due to be on the 23rd July and before we cast the children, we wanted to check if there is anyone who knows that they won't be around on performance day please. If you know that you are away for this date or won't be in due to other circumstances, then please could you let the office know and they will pass the message onto us. Thank you so much!

Photos - Parents, please may we ask you a huge favour and dig out those first day of school photos (or any photos of your child in reception if you do not have this) so that we can use them for a special something at the end of the year. If you could email the photos across to Mrs Sutherland [Reception@mrsblands.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:Reception@mrsblands.w-berks.sch.uk) and she will forward them on to the class teacher. Thank you so much - all will be revealed at the end of the year!



We've had a move around in Bumblebees as we now have an Interactive Whiteboard! We're looking forward to using it when we return after half term. The children were very patient and helpful whilst we got the room organised. In between the rain we have had lots of fun outside and the children did some Hansel and Gretel yoga with Mrs Sharratt. We hope you have a great week off!

Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime



## Whole School Stars

### Star of the Week



### Friendship Star



### Playtime Star



### Reading Stars



## 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...

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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.

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.

