

## BLUNDELL'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL INFORMATION LETTER

**Head Master's Welcome Back**

It was lovely to welcome lots of smiling children (and parents) back to school this week. I do hope that you enjoyed the break and managed to find some sunshine along the way. We have welcomed 36 new children to Blundell's Prep this year and they can look forward to an exciting term of events, some of which are highlighted in the paragraphs that follow.

We are always looking for ways to involve parents in the school community and there are many opportunities for you to join us, whether it be Parent's Evenings, social events or awards assemblies. You will always receive a warm welcome.

You will be interested to hear that we have a Facebook page and we will also be 'Tweeting' on a regular basis, giving you an insight into what your children get up to during the school day.

As you know, towards the end of last term we were visited by the Independent Schools Inspectorate who conducted a full Integrated Inspection over four days. We are still awaiting their final report but I am hopeful that this will be with us in the next few weeks.

My best wishes to you all for the new school year.

## Whole School News

**One Day Event**

Information about this event is attached to this iLETTER. Our equestrian department is very anxious to solicit the help of parents as Fences judges. If you are able to do this we would be delighted if you could contact Mrs Charlesworth by emails on [tc@blundells.org](mailto:tc@blundells.org).

**Gorton Lecture**

For those of you who have not yet booked for the Ben Collins evening, may I encourage you to do so now? For those who have already booked their tickets, please collect them from the School Main Office. It will be a really good evening, so do try to come. Further information is attached.

**Coffee Morning on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 8.30 pm**

Please do join us for a cup of coffee. Parents are very welcome to join the Prep School Harvest Festival which will conclude at 9.00 am.

**FOBP News**

Thank you to all those who supported our Summer Ball. It was an incredibly enjoyable evening and proved to be a huge success. The summer break has made that event seem like a long time ago and we are now looking forward to this term's events. Firstly the FOBP are supporting Claire Curtis with her McMillan Coffee morning on 25<sup>th</sup> September. The venue is to be held in Claire's house: Bradleigh House, Templeton, EX16 8BJ, it's a fantastic opportunity to meet other parents and we really hope as many of you as possible will come along to support this fantastic charity. The start time is 10.00 am. Watch this space for news of our Bonfire Night and Christmas Market.

**Parents Fair**

Dear Parents

I hope that you have had a good Summer and that you have enjoyed the time spent with your children. With the start of the new academic year upon us we are looking forward to a busy but exciting new School year.

We will be hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parent's Fair next Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September in Big School. We are proud to welcome two internationally recognised speakers who will be speaking on the following topics which we hope will be of interest to all of our parents.

09:30 Coffee and bacon rolls

10:00 Speaker 1 is Dave Parvin on Drugs and specifically on 'Legal Highs'

11:30 Speaker 2 is Mac Macartney on 'a sustainable life'. Teaching young people to live sustainably and how we as parents can help them.

We would be delighted if parents or grandparents from the Prep School would like to join us. If you would like to attend please e-mail [parentsfair@blundells.org](mailto:parentsfair@blundells.org) or ring the Development Office at 01884 243262.

With best wishes

Bart Wielenga

Second Master

### **Parent and Staff Prayer Meeting**

Blundell's Prep has an active group that meet at that start of each term to pray for the school. This is a very informal group and we welcome any parents or staff that wish to join us. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Mayfield House, 2 Tidcombe Lane EX16 4DZ starting at 7.30pm. Please phone Amelia Jerreat (07967 716010) or Lara Wielenga (07970 011764) for any further information.

### **Cooking Workshop**

Please note that the date for this term's cooking workshop has changed to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.



## **Cooking Workshop for Parents**

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 9.00 am – 12.30 pm

Please join us for our next Cooking Workshop - Mums and Dads welcome.

Sarah and Craig will be giving you some helpful tips and menu ideas.  
Please join us for a relaxed, hands-on morning of cooking, chatting and tasting.

**RSVP to [prep@blundells.org](mailto:prep@blundells.org)**

**Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis with a nominal charge of £10.00**

## **Prep News**

### **Opro Mouth Guards Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Opro will be joining us for the fitting of Mouth Guards on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September. Please see the attached letter for further details.

### **Fixture Amendment**

On Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September the U10 boys will play St Joseph's at home starting at 2.00 pm.

On Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September our U8A & B teams will be playing in a Festival at Wellington.

### **Year 3 Trip to Broomhill Sculpture Park and Saunton Sands Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 9.00 am – 4.30 pm**

The children will be visiting Broomhill Sculpture Park as part of their Art Curriculum and then travelling to Saunton Sands to make their own sculptures in the sand. A packed lunch with your child's choice of sandwich will be provided by the school. Please could children wear their home clothes and a waterproof coat is essential. No book bag is needed. Please provide £2.00 in a named envelope so that your child can buy an ice-cream. If your child requires travel sickness tablets or other medication, please see Mrs Hulse or Mrs Shelbourne.

### **Prep Harvest Festival Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 8.40 am**

Our Prep Harvest Festival will take place on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September at 8.40 am in the Prep hall. Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to join our assembly which will be led by our Year 2 children. We will once again be supporting the local charity CHAT. Alongside many other services CHAT operates an emergency food store to help local families; they consistently help about 75 households every month. It would be wonderful if each child could bring in a food item from the attached list.

If you would like to donate any gifts to our chosen charity your child would be welcome to bring them in to school during the week commencing the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. We will then deliver the gifts to CHAT on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September.

### **Open Afternoon**

We will be holding our Open Afternoon on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September and we would ask that all children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who are not in a fixture attend. A letter for all parents with children in Years 4, 5 and 6 is attached.

### **Prep School Parent Information Evenings**

We hope that you will be able to join us for these informative evenings.

They take place as follows:-

Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> September	4.45 pm – 5.30 pm	Year 6
Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> September	4.45 pm – 5.30 pm	Year 3
Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> September	4.45 pm – 5.30 pm	Year 4
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October	4.45 pm – 5.30 pm	Year 5

### **Year 6 Sketching Trips**

These are taking place during the School Day on the dates listed below. Please could the children bring in a camping chair, waterproof jackets and Wellington Boots in case of inclement weather. In the case of torrential rain the trip will be re-organised.

6AL Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September

6MO Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September

### **Cups back please**

Could we ask that all cups and shields received both on Speech Day and at the End of Term Assembly are returned to the School Office as soon as possible. We would like to send them for engraving and we thank you for your help with this.

## **Pre-Prep News**

### **New Pupils in the Pre-Prep**

We are delighted to welcome eighteen new pupils into the Pre-Prep. We hope that each one of them will settle quickly into their new class and make new friends easily. It is lovely to have them all with us.

### **Welcome Meetings**

We do hope that you will be able to join us at our Welcome Meetings on the following dates:-

Kindergarten Parents at 8.45am on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September.

Year 2 Parents at 8.45am on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September.

Nursery 2 Parents 8.45am on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September.

If you are not able to join us at this time please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to meet you at a mutually convenient time to share information from the meeting.

### **Pre-Prep Harvest Festival**

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