

**E-safety**

E-Safety is a fundamental part of our Computing curriculum in both the Prep and Pre-Prep. The younger children are taught to report any 'uh-oh' feelings to an adult that they trust, whilst further up the school, where social media and other online activities are more prominent, we have recently started to promote a 'SMART' approach:

**Safe** - always keep personal information safe.

**Meet** - never meet people that you meet online in real life.

**Accept** - don't accept friend requests or e-mails, particularly attachments, from strangers.

**Reliable** - not all information and people found online are reliable.

**Tell** - tell an adult if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable.

Pupils have been designing their own 'SMART' posters and have been very mature about discussing this important topic. We will be visiting it throughout the year, in Computing lessons, PSHE and beyond.'

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/primary/>

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers/parental-controls>

<http://www.teachwithtablets.co.uk/parents/childproofing-your-tablet/>

These links may prove useful. The first is about e-Safety in general, the second more specific advice for different Internet providers and the third about making tablets 'childproof'.

If we could give any advice it would be to talk to your child about what they're up to online. Be a part of their online life; involve the whole family and show an interest. Find out what sites they visit and what they love about them, if they know you understand they are more likely to come to you if they have any problems.

**Christmas Card Competition**

We are inviting all the children in the school to enter our Christmas Card Competition. The winning entry will be used for the School's official Christmas card. All entrants will receive a prize for entering. The closing date for entries is Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October.

If your child would like to enter the competition please remember the following:-

- Mr Southgate would like a bright, colourful Christmas card
- Draw your design on an A4 sheet of paper (either portrait or landscape)
- Use crayons, felt tips or paint (not glitter or collage please)
- Write your name and form clearly on the back of your picture
- Please do your picture at home
- **Good Luck to all Entrants**

## Friends of Blundell's Prep News

Please do join us for the Macmillan coffee morning at Bradleigh House, Templeton on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Before we know it, it will be bonfire night! Our display this year is on 5<sup>th</sup> November and as usual there will be hot food and drinks, a bar, sweets and glow products to buy. This event is closely followed by our Christmas Market selling fantastic gifts and decorations, we do have a couple of spaces left so do please do get in touch if you or someone you know would be interested in taking a stall.

## Parent Liaison Reps

Blundell's Preparatory School is fortunate to have a number of parents who give their time as Parent Liaison Representatives for each year group and take on important roles as social coordinators and a point of contact for new parents. The reps for each year group are listed below:

Year 6: Gabrielle Ramsay-Smith and Justine Withey

Year 5: Rachel Low and Claire M

Year 4: Rachel Tucker and Caroline Edwards

Year 3: Julie Churcher

Year 2: Abi Beszant

Year 1: Sian Kerr

Kindergarten: Sarah Edwards and Sarah Baxter

Nursery 2: Mel Squires

Nursery 1: Lucy Le Grand

## Prep News

### Open Morning      Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September

If your child is attending the Senior School Open Morning please could we ask that your child **does not wear their school uniform**. Provision will be made for them to change in to their school uniform before the Open Afternoon.

### Open Afternoon      Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 1.00 pm

The Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been invited to take part in a number of workshops during the afternoon. Please could your child arrive at 1.00 pm and bring their sports kit. Children will be ready to be collected at 3.30 pm. If your child is unable to attend then please could we remind you to let the office know as soon as possible.

### Year 6 Life Skills      Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September

Year 6 will be travelling by school minibus to Tiverton Youth Centre to attend a community run Life Skills session during the morning. Although it is 'Dress as a Hero' Non Uniform Day we ask that the children in Year 6 come to school dressed in uniform. They will be given the opportunity to dress as a hero after they return from the Life Skills session.

### 6MO Sketching Trip

This has moved from 22<sup>nd</sup> September to 24<sup>th</sup> September. 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 reorganised.

### Year 6 Outdoor Learning Morning      Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September

The children will be spending the morning at Killerton helping the rangers pick apples, learning about the history of Killerton's orchards, receive demonstrations of Killerton's 200yr old apple press and press their own apples with their miniature press. Please could the children come in tracksuit and trainers and they will also require wellington boots and a waterproof jacket. There is no need to bring in school uniform.

## **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, 21<sup>st</sup> September      4.45 pm – 5.30 pm      Year 3

**Please note that this is at 16.45 not 15.45 as stated in the calendar**

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

## **Pre-Prep News**

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

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Pre-Prep Harvest Festival last Wednesday; it was lovely to welcome so many of you. Our Year 2 children delivered a wonderful assembly with great confidence and we were very proud of them all.

Thank you for all the wonderful gifts which have been so generously donated to support clients of CHAT throughout the coming weeks and months. They were very gratefully received by the charity when they were delivered this morning.