

Whole School News

Medical Protocols

We are introducing some slight changes to our medical protocols. They are as follows:-

- When requesting for the school to give your child medicine we will be asking you to sign to this effect on the medical sheet which relates to your child.
- If we ring you during the school day and it is agreed that we dispense Calpol or Piriton to your child we will also ask you to pop in and sign the medical sheet when you collect your child at the end of the day.
- If your child has a bump to the head or a severe cut/abrasion we will continue to phone you to explain the situation but this will be followed up by an email which will contain an attached Accident Form. This will explain the injury and what procedures took place. We respectfully ask that you confirm by return email that you have received this form.
- All medicines in the Prep school should be handed in to the Office and in the Pre-Prep to your child's Form Teacher. Medicines include cough lozenges, sore throat lozenges, eye drops, cough mixture, creams etc.

Winter Uniform

Please note that all children should be in Winter Uniform from Monday. Boys may continue to wear short sleeved shirts and shorts throughout the winter if this is their preference.

Individual School Photographs Tuesday, 6th October

Gillman and Soame photographers will be taking individual photographs of children in the Pre-Prep and Prep on Tuesday 6th October. Brothers and sisters will be photographed together and individual photographs will also be taken. Unfortunately we will be unable to include older siblings from the Senior School. All children should wear their **winter** uniform, including their blazer.

Calling all Equestrians

Attached to this iLetter is a poster advertising a Pig Racing event which is organized by Blundell's Equestrian Committee. Please do come and support this if you can.

If you would like your child to be involved in local equestrian events representing the school please contact Mrs Charlesworth on tc@blundells.org.

FOBP News

The Friends of Blundell's Prep recently supported one of our parents in running her Macmillan Coffee morning. Parents from both the Senior and Prep school were involved and the event raised close to £800 which is a fantastic result for such a worthwhile charity.

We are now turning our eyes to the forthcoming Bonfire Party and the Christmas Market. Our Bonfire Party is taking place on Thursday 5th November and tickets will go on sale on 12th October. Members of the Friends of Blundell's Prep will be by the school entrances on Wednesday, 14th and Friday, 16th October, in addition tickets can be purchased from the School Office and Nearly New Shop. The cost is £4 in advance and £5 on the gate. Purchases in advance are really appreciated as it means we can give our caterers some idea of numbers.

The Christmas Market takes place on 14 November from 10am – 1pm and includes a number of new stalls and activities this year as well as our annual visit from Father Christmas!

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, 16th 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**

Christmas Cards

In addition to the Christmas card competition each child will be designing their own personal Christmas card and gift tag in school during the next couple of weeks. A sample card will then be sent home for each family to look at before ordering packs to send to families and friends. Do look out for them just after half term and please order in plenty of time so that we can take delivery of the cards in good time for the Christmas Fair on Saturday the 14th of November.

Prep News

Lost Property

As a School we are trying hard to ensure that any uniform lost in School is returned to its rightful owner as quickly as possible. Please could we ask that any uniform which is not your child's, but which comes home in your child's bag, is returned to the School Office as soon as possible to allow us to reunite it with its owner. If your child has lost any uniform please could you e-mail your child's form teacher who will liaise with your child to find the missing articles.

Entering the School

Please could we respectfully remind parents not to enter the Prep School building without first reporting to the School Office. Can we also ask that parents do not enter the Changing Rooms at any time. These policies are in place to safeguard your children. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Year 5 Outdoor Learning Workshop Friday, 9th October

Please could Year 5 children come to school wearing old home clothes including a waterproof coat, Wellington Boots and waterproof trousers (optional). Please ensure that School Uniform is brought to School for the children to change into.

Year 4 Outdoor Learning Workshop Tuesday, 13th October

Please could Year 4 children come to school wearing old home clothes including a waterproof coat, Wellington Boots and waterproof trousers (optional). Please ensure that School Uniform is brought to School for the children to change into.

Year 3 Geography Trip Wednesday, 14th October

Year 3 will be exploring Tiverton and its environment. As part of this study, we shall be visiting Knightshayes Court and enjoying a school provided packed lunch there. We shall be travelling by minibus and will leave and return during the school day. Please can you ensure that the children have their tracksuits and waterproof coats in School.

EAG's Home Friday, 16th October

The first Effort and Attainment Grades of the academic year will be issued at this time. We hope that these will give you a good indication of your child's achievement and effort to date. These will be followed by parents' evenings which will be starting after half term. If you have any queries at any time concerning your child, please do pop in to the school office to make an appointment with the relevant member of staff.

Pre-Prep News

Individual School Photos

Just a reminder that the School photographer will be arriving at 9.00 am on Tuesday the 6th of October. If your child does not normally attend Nursery that morning and you would like their photograph taken please bring your child into school at 9.00 am and we will arrange for you to be fast-tracked through ahead of the other children to enable you to leave as soon as you are ready.

Nursery Parents' Evening Monday, 5th October

We look forward to welcoming the parents of children in these classes to Parents' Evening. All the usual Monday after school clubs will continue as normal.

1J A Message from Miss Jellard

1J are hoping to do Outdoor Learning on Tuesday 6th October during maths. They will be finding different Autumn leaves, writing numbers on them and ordering the leaves according to their number. The weather is changing next week so please could the children have appropriate clothing for Tuesday (hat, scarves and wellies).

Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 Parents' Evening Monday, 12th October

We look forward to welcoming the parents of children in these classes to Parents' Evening. There will be **no Multi Sports Club** but Yoga Club will run as normal. Children who usually attend these clubs can be booked into Siblings or Owls instead, free of charge until 4.30 pm.

World Maths Day Wednesday, 14th October

Please could children in the Pre-Prep bring to school some home clothes suitable for being outside. Wellington boots and a waterproof coat will be essential.

Uniform

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their school uniform. Unfortunately a number of them have uniform items which are either unnamed or purchased from the Nearly New Shop with the previous owner's name still attached. It would be most helpful to staff if all items could be labelled including vests and socks as this makes changing for PE and Games so much quicker. When labelling the purple rain jackets it would be most helpful if the label is attached to the inside of the jacket collar so that it is easy to identify. Thank you for your support in this matter.