

## Whole School News

### Half Term

Half Term starts at **4.30pm on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October**. Provision will be made for children unable to be collected at this time and they can be collected at **5.30 pm**. If your child has a sibling at the Senior School they may leave at **1.00pm** before lunch. **Could we ask that you notify the School by email in advance if you are intending to pick your child up at this time and that you collect from the Prep School before collecting from the Senior School.** As usual on a Wednesday, no Minibuses will be running.

### Bonfire Night Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November

Bonfire Night is taking place on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets are on sale in the School Office, the Nearly New Shop and members of FOBP will also be selling tickets in the Pre-Prep and Nursery foyers and by the Prep School gate. Please do join in with this evening as the firework display is stunning.

### Remembrance Service Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November

We will be remembering those who served in wars during our Remembrance Service which is taking place on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November in assembly. This is a children only occasion.

### Children in Need Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November

The School will be supporting BBC Children in Need on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November and we shall be raising money for this amazing event through the selling of Children in Need wristbands as well as through the children wearing their own clothes into school on that day. Wristbands will be going on sale in the week leading up to the event and there will be a variety of wristbands to suit all ages. This year's theme for the event is for everyone to be a 'Champion of Change' and the BBC are encouraging everyone to raise money by dressing up as their childhood hero. Having recently raised money in a very similar way we are more than happy for the children to come to school in their home clothes instead. Of course, if they would like to dress as their hero again or to embellish their home clothes in any way then we would welcome that too. Could I ask the children to bring in £2 for the day, £1 for the wristband and £1 for their outfit.

### Christmas Market Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Please join us for this wonderful event run by FOBP. There will be a multitude of stalls selling a superb array of gifts, food and many other wares. Father Christmas will be in his Grotto and there will be plenty to amuse the children while parents can look for the perfect Christmas gift. The children will be helping to run some of the stalls and we would be grateful for donations of the following:

- Second Hand Toys, Games, Books and DVDs (no videos please).
- Hamper items for the raffle.

We hope that as many of you as possible will join us.

### Medical Accident Forms

Thank you to all parents who have emailed confirming receipt of the Accident Form. We would like to reassure parents that these are minor accidents. In the event of a more serious accident we would endeavor to phone you at the time and talk you through the accident.

## **FOBP**

Our Friends of Blundell's Prep would like to thank all parents for their support over the last year. As part of their fundraising activities they support local charities and are delighted to announce that they have sent a donation of £500 to Exeter Leukemia Fund. The school would like to thank the Friend's Committee for all their hard work and their support of this worthwhile charity.

## **Prep News**

### **Effort and Attainment Grades**

These will be arriving home tonight via the children. If anyone has a query on grades, then please do pop into the school office and the ladies will help put you in contact with the appropriate member of staff.

### **Welcome to Year 5 Meeting Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October**

We are now well on in the term and would like to let parents know that the emphasis of this meeting will be the curriculum, homework, home and parent relationship and internet safety. All Year 5 staff are hoping to be present and ready to talk to you about curriculum matters before you meet more formally after half term.

### **5CO Bake Sale Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October**

As part of their charity fund raising for 'Toilet Twinning' 5CO will be having a Bake Sale on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October. Children in the Prep School are invited to bring in 50p to purchase a cake. Please note that this will be on a first come first served basis as there may be limited supplies.

### **Year 3 Outdoor Learning Workshop Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Please could all Year 3 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.

### **Parents' Evenings and After School Clubs**

Parents' Evenings will be taking place in the Prep School over the coming weeks. Clubs and Prep will run as normal. **Please note that the Year 6 Parents' Evening will take place on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November to allow feedback from the Mock Exams.**

### **Senior House Matches**

The Senior House Matches will be taking on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November commencing at 3:15 pm. The children in Years 5 & 6 will all play during the afternoon. Parents are warmly invited to watch. Children will be able to leave once all the matches are completed and they have returned to School to collect their belongings.

### **Year 4 Trip to Exeter Synagogue Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

The children in Year 4 will be visiting the Synagogue in Exeter during the day on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Please could children come to School looking smart in uniform with their blazer.

### **Year 4 River Trips Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November and Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November**

The children in Year 4 will be visiting a local river on the following days:-

4CH and 4CR on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 4RI on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November

Please come into School in uniform. They will require their tracksuits, wellington boots and a warm waterproof coat.

### **Jersey Tour**

Just to remind parents that the balance of £420.00 for the Jersey Tour is due by Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November

## **Pre-Prep News**

Parents Evening. Thank you to all parents who attended our Parents Evenings during the last two weeks. We enjoyed spending time reporting on the progress that your children have made since the start of term and we hope you found them informative and helpful.