

Whole School News

No Nuts in School

We understand that many parents wish to give their child a healthy snack at the end of the School day but could we ask that nuts are not brought into school for this purpose and particularly that they are not put into children's bags. We thank you for your help in this matter.

Photos

We have been asked by the photographers, Gilman and Soames, who came in earlier this term if we could remind parents to order their photos as soon as they are able, particularly if you are wishing to receive the order in time for Christmas.

Clubs

There will be no Clubs running in the Prep School on Friday, 4th December. However there will be Prep for any child who is unable to be collected at 4.30 pm on Friday, 4th December.

There will be no clubs running in the Pre-Prep on Wednesday, 9th December. However, Owls will be running for all those children who are unable to be collected at 3.40 pm.

Yoga

Mrs Kitson would like to invite the parents of those children who attend Yoga classes to come along on Monday the 23rd of November to watch the groups in action.

Raising Money for Charity

Children in Need Day raised £421.44 for this worthwhile charity. The money was raised through the selling of cakes by Year 6 which proved to be extremely popular as well as the children wearing home clothes. Well done for raising such a wonderful amount.

The School's stalls at the Christmas Market, together with the profit from the sale of the Christmas Cards in the Pre-Prep, has raised over £1,300 for charity. We will be adding the collections from both the Festival of Carols and the Carol Service to this amount before sending it off. Thank you to everyone for their support this year.

Fun@Blundell's

Attached is the booking form for the Christmas Activity Course which is taking place during the week commencing 14th December. If you are interested in your child attending please do complete the form and return it as soon as you are able.

FOBP News

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Market. The new Kidz Zone proved a huge success and with a little help from our friends (thank you to Sarah Tarrant and the children in art club) our Santa's Grotto was transformed into a magical and special place. The proceeds from both the Christmas Market and the Fireworks Party have made a big step forward towards our next target of purchasing Zip Wires for the Prep School.

Prep News

Collection after Sports' Matches

Could we remind parents that children may leave after a sports match with their parents only if a parent has attended the match and only straight after match tea. Those children not collected will then return to their sports session until the school day finishes at 4.30pm.

Junior House Matches

The Junior House Matches will be taking place on Tuesday, 1st December commencing at 3:15 pm. The children in Years 3 & 4 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.

Classics Club

The Blundell's Latin and Classics Society would love to get as many young people interested in the subject as possible, and we feel there is no reason why Latin shouldn't be available to pupils before they start formal lessons in Year 7. We would therefore love for as many pupils as possible, from Years 3-6 to come to Latin club on a Monday afternoon. The club will be run every Monday after school by the 6th form Latin and Classics students (along with Mrs Milne) from the Senior School. Students who come will gain a foundation in the Latin language in a fun and relaxed setting; activities will include Latin games, making mosaics, myths, Roman theatre and much more! Latin Club will be a great way for students to broaden their knowledge of Roman life and the Latin language, and would be especially good preparation of those pupils moving on to Blundell's Senior School in Year 7. If you are interested in your child joining this club please contact the Office.

Friday, 4th December, 4.30 pm: Festival of Carols – Choir Members Only

We are delighted to be holding a Festival of Carols with three local Primary Schools: Tidcombe Primary School, St John's Primary School and Two Moors Primary School. This will take place on Friday, 4th December at 4.30 pm in Blundell's Chapel. **All members of the Choir will be expected to take part** and will be taken directly from school to the chapel.

Parents are warmly invited to attend. The service will last approximately three quarters of an hour and coffee and cake will be served to the parents and children afterwards in the Marquee behind Big School (accessible through the Dining Hall). If you are a parent of a choir pupil and are unable to attend, we respectfully ask that you arrange for your child to be collected after the service from the Marquee. **Could we ask that all parents park at the Prep School. There are some major events happening at our Senior School and it is imperative that everyone coming to the Festival of Carols uses the Prep School Car Park.**

Costumes for the Years 5 and 6 Christmas Play

Please could Year 5 remember to bring in a named plastic bag with a hanger. Year 6 are asked to bring in a costume for the play in a named plastic bag on a named hanger. They need brown, green or black clothes. Ideally no hoodies or logos. They will be representing German soldiers at war so ideally we are looking for dull colours - they will not be wearing a uniform as such therefore the clothes are just symbolic.

Prep School Christmas Performances

Performances for the Prep School will take place at the following times:

Wednesday, 2nd December 10.00 am Years 5 & 6

Wednesday, 2nd December 3.00 pm Years 3 & 4

Thursday, 3rd December 10.00 am Years 3 & 4

Thursday, 3rd December 3.00 pm Years 5 & 6

As the seating is limited could we ask for parents to only attend one of each year group performance. No tickets are required.

Wednesday, 9th December, 5.30 pm: Carol Service - All Prep School children to attend

The School Carol Service will be held in Blundell's Chapel. This is adjacent to the road, close to Blundell's clock tower. This will be held at 5.30 pm on Wednesday, 9th December and **it is compulsory for all pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to attend.** The Prep School pupils will be going straight from school to the Service after a 'Tea' which will be provided by the school. There will be no Prep or Clubs on this evening. Owls will continue, for Pre-Prep children only, as per normal. We would be delighted to see all parents and pupils, including those from the Pre-Prep, and any friends and relatives who would like to join us. **After the Service the pupils from the Prep School should be collected by parents from their form teachers outside the Chapel.** All Blundell's Preparatory School pupils should be in school uniform for the Carol Service:

Carol Service car-parking

Please could all parents park their cars on the Blundell's Preparatory School playgrounds or in the Blundell's Preparatory School car park and walk down to the Chapel. Parking at Blundell's will be extremely difficult due to a variety of functions being held there at this time.

Pre-Prep News

Year 2 Sports Fixture

Congratulations to all the Year 2 children who participated in their first away fixture of the year last Tuesday. All of the children played really well and were very proud to represent their school against St Peter's and Mount Kelly. The children were beautifully behaved with impeccable manners and this was commented on by staff and parents from the other schools. We were very proud of them all. Thank you to all of our parents and grandparents who took time to go along to support the children; we greatly appreciated it and hope that you enjoyed the afternoon too.