

Whole School News

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.

End of Day on the Final Day of Term: Thursday 10th December

Pre-Prep pupils should be collected at **3.30 pm**. Prep School pupils travelling with Pre-Prep children may be collected at **3.30 pm** from the gate by the Prep School playground. The remainder of the Prep School pupils will be ready to leave at **3.45 pm**.

Tennis Coaching on Saturday Mornings

There will be tennis coaching available for children in the Prep and Pre-Prep on a Saturday morning starting in January. This will be run by Aaron Flamson who has recently joined the School's sports department. Aaron is an LTA level 4 coach who is very experienced and has worked at a number of schools.

Prep School aged children will be in groups of six on the outdoor courts. There will be 3 sessions each lasting one hour. As the children will be grouped by ability it would be helpful if parents could be flexible with the timings. The cost for a 10 week session will be £75.00

The times of the sessions are 9.00 am, 10.00 am and 12.30 pm

Pre-Prep children will have an indoor session running from 11.15 am – 12.15 pm and the cost will be £50.00 for a 10 week session.

If you are interested in your child being part of this please email Aaron at a.flamson@blundells.org stating if your child is in the Prep or Pre-Prep and your preferred session time. This will be on a first come first served basis.

Aaron also offers lessons during the week to adults and can be reached using the same email.

Prep boarding

After much discussion, it has been decided that we will no longer offer boarding for children in Years 5 and 6. The rise in demand for boarding in Years 7 and 8, coupled with the lack of demand for weekly and full boarding from existing or prospective Prep parents, has helped us to crystalize our thoughts on Prep boarding and come to this decision. There will continue to be opportunities for Year 6 children to experience trial boarding in the summer term in preparation for boarding when they join Year 7.

Blundell's Prep Facebook

We are delighted to announce our 100th 'like' on our Facebook account. Please do take time to visit this page as there are regular updates of events which have taken place.

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.

Computer Science Education Week

Next week it is 'Computer Science Education Week' across the country. The website code.org has some superb coding challenges for pupils of all ages that we are sure would keep your children entertained over the Christmas break. Star Wars, Frozen and Minecraft all make appearances in safe, educational environments. Doing an 'Hour of Code' is something that many of the children in the Pre-Prep and Prep have tried, why don't you give it a go as well.

Prep News

Tonight 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 in the Senior School 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.

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.

Hockey Stick Sizing

The following chart displays the length of stick suitable for a child of certain heights. Or the stick should come up to the top of the inside leg not the waist. We hope that this helps.

Player Height	Stick Length
Below 4 feet	30"
4' - 4'7"	32"
4'7" - 5'	34"
5' - 5'7"	36.5"
5'7" - 6'	37.5"
Above 6 feet	38.5"

Player Height	Stick Length
1.22m	76cm
1.22m - 1.40m	81cm
1.40m - 1.52m	86cm
1.52m - 1.70m	92cm
1.70m - 1.83m	95cm
Above 1.83m	98cm

Pre-Prep News

Visiting Author Tuesday, 8th December

On Tuesday, 8th December Amy Sparkes will be visiting Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 to read her latest books. Prior to this she will be in the Nursery Foyer from 8.40 am – 9.15 am and will have two of her books on sale; Goodnight Star and Alien Crazy Christmas. These will cost £6.00 each and Amy would be happy to sign and write a message if you wish. 5% of proceeds will go to baby charities.

Tuesday, 8th December

The children in the Pre-Prep will be enjoying some sport during the afternoon on Tuesday, 8th December. It would be lovely to make this festive and hope that the children will be able to bring in a Christmas Hat or a piece of tinsel for their hair.

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Nativity Plays

Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who joined us for our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity plays over the last few days. It was lovely to welcome you all and we look forward to welcoming a good number of families on Tuesday 8th December at 10.00 am for our Nursery Nativity.

Nursery Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents of Nursery aged children who attended the second Nursery Parents Evening of the term earlier this week. We hope you agree that all the children have made great progress in so many aspects of school life and they have all had a very positive term.

Still to come

Year 1 trip to Killerton House on Monday 7th December.

Christmas Lunch and Pre-Prep party on Thursday 10th December.