

Whole School News

Welcome Back

I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas with friends and family, and managed to avoid the worst of the weather. The children have settled back in to school life and I have enjoyed hearing about their many adventures during the holiday as well as the exciting gifts left by Father Christmas. As always there is much to look forward to this term and this fortnightly iLetter will provide up to date information as well as invitations to a wide array of events. Please do join us as often as you can. My very best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy 2016.

Good Luck to Year 6

We would like to wish all of the children in Year 6 good luck with their Entrance Exams on Saturday. They have all worked extremely hard and can be very proud of all that they have achieved.

Head Boy and Girl

We would like to thank Phoebe Jerreat and Oscar Winsley for all their hard work last term. Our Head Boy for the Spring term is Zebedee Winzer and our Head Girl is Elizabeth Honey. We wish them well for the term ahead.

Events

Could we cordially remind parents that although we send out a termly hard copy diary to give parents an overview of the term, sometimes events have to change. We would recommend that parents go to our on-line calendar which can be found on the website in the Parents drop-down under Events, following the link to Events from the Prep School homepage or by using this hyperlink:-

<http://www.blundells.org/prep/home/events.html>. The on-line calendar is up-dated when any event changes.

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.

Money Raised for Charity

We are very pleased to announce that with the money raised from the School Stalls at the Christmas Market, the Tea Towel sales and the Carol Services, we are able to send sizeable donations to Young Minds and the Oliver Croker Fund. The total amount raised was £2012.27 which will be split equally between the two charities. Thank you so much to everybody for supporting these events. A wonderful effort!

Grandparents' Morning Invitation

Please find attached our invitation to Grandparents' Morning which we would be grateful if you could pass on. We are looking forward to greeting many of our pupils' grandparents on Monday, 25th January.

Comedy Night

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Cooking Workshop

We are holding our popular Curry Cooking Workshop for Dads on Friday, 29th January and an invitation is attached to this email. We are delighted to welcome our Senior School Chef, Craig Sampson, to help Sarah host this event and would welcome all Pre-Prep and Prep dads to what promises to be a fun-filled morning.

Prayer Meeting

The next Parent and Staff Prayer Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 20th January at 7.30 pm at Mayfield House, 2 Tidcombe Lane. All parents and staff are warmly invited to attend.

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Creative Arts Week

This is taking place during the week commencing 8th February and promises to be an exciting event for all of the children in Years 3 to 6. We are always grateful for parental help and no artistic experience or expertise is necessary, so if you would like to help then please complete and return the form below to the School Office.

Year 6 visit to Exeter Race Course, Tuesday, 19th January

On Tuesday, 19th January the children in Year 6 will be visiting Exeter Racecourse as part of their Mathematics Curriculum. They will leave and return during the school day and will wear school uniform including blazer. Please could each child also bring a pair of wellington boots in a bag. The children will travel by minibus and school will provide a packed lunch.

Year 3 Outdoor Learning Morning, Wednesday, 20th January

Please can the children come to School in old and warm home clothes which are suitable for going into the wood with. They will require Wellington Boots and an old waterproof jacket. Could they please ensure that they have their school uniform ready to change into.

Year 4 Outdoor Learning Morning, Thursday, 21st January

Please can the children come to School in old and warm home clothes which are suitable to going into the wood with. They will require Wellington Boots and an old waterproof jacket. Could they please ensure that they have their games kit ready to change into.

Sunday Morning Cricket

As per the leaflet attached, the first cricket training sessions will take place on Sunday 10th January in the Senior School sports hall. Mr Swain welcomes anyone who would like to come along. There is no need to book and attendance every week is not essential.

Creative Art's Week Monday, 9th February – Friday, 12th February

Name of Parent

Name of Child/Children Class

Email Address.....

I would be able to help at the following times:

Monday am Thursday am (11am – lunch)

Tuesday am pm Friday am

Wednesday am

Pre-Prep News

Ballet

We are pleased to announce that Ella, our ballet teacher, is feeling much better and is back with us for the new term. In the event of further cover being needed, we have arranged for our Modern Dance teacher, Vicky Baldwin to teach the children which should stop the disappointment felt when the club has to be cancelled. Vicky has taught with us for a number of years and is trained in all types of dance.

New pupils

We are delighted to welcome six new children into Nursery 1 this term. Sophia, Lewis, Tom, Molly, George and Jessica have enjoyed their first week with us and have settled very happily into the Nursery 1 group.

School Council

We are delighted to announce that Charlie Willatt and Alfie Aldridge have been elected by their peers to represent the Pre-Prep on the School Council this term. They will take over from Ruby Corbin and Cyrus Tucker who undertook their responsibilities as counsellors very well last term.