

## Whole School News

### OB's

The Old Blundellian Club are updating their database and would like confirmation of all those parents at the Prep School who are OB's. We would like to know which parent is the OB and if appropriate the maiden name. We would also like to be able to add grandparents who were OB's and again would like maiden names if appropriate. Please could you email [prep@blundells.org](mailto:prep@blundells.org) not the OB Club.

### Half Term Dates

Please note that the half term dates for the Summer Term 2016 in the school calendar are not correct. It should read:-

Commences Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May at 4.30 pm and return to School on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June

### Grandparents' Morning      Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January

We are very much looking forward to welcoming lots of grandparents on Monday. If there are grandparents who are planning to attend and have not yet informed us, could we urge you to let us know as soon as you are able to by emailing [prep@blundells.org](mailto:prep@blundells.org)

### Cooking Workshop

There are a few spaces left on our Cooking Workshop for Dads which is taking place on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> January. Please email [prep@blundells.org](mailto:prep@blundells.org) if you would like to join this event.

### Change of Prep Committee Chairman

We are delighted to announce that James Macpherson will be taking on the Chairmanship of the Prep School Governing Committee. We would like to thank Peter Johnson for his dedication over the last five years as he has been a remarkable support to the school.

### Music Scholarships

The Music Scholarships for the Senior School take place next week. Good luck to the Year 6 children who are taking part.

### Open Morning

Our next Open Morning is happening on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30 am. If you have any friends or relations who are interested in sending their children to the school we would be delighted to welcome them.

### FOBP News

This term is all about the children as far as the FOBP is concerned. We are hosting the Prep Disco on 26<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets are £5, this covers entry to the disco and a hot dog tea and drinks. We recommend that the children bring a small amount of pocket money with them as there are sweets and glow products on sale. The Pre Prep Party is on 11<sup>th</sup> March, tickets are also £5. The highlight of the show is undoubtedly the ever popular Professor Bumble and there will be party games and a light tea provided. No additional money is needed.

We are a little light on the ground in the committee at the moment and really need some more members. Please do contact [helenkwilliams@live.co.uk](mailto:helenkwilliams@live.co.uk) or look out for me at school to discuss if you are interested in joining. Any help you are able to give would be so much appreciated and there is no commitment to staying

for a minimum amount of time which seems to be a common myth! We are a friendly and welcoming group who run some fantastic events so please do get involved!

### **Concert**

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

### **Sainsbury Vouchers**

We are starting our annual collection of Sainsbury Vouchers and would welcome any you receive into the school office. These will be available until 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

## **Prep News**

### **Year 5 Outdoor Learning Morning, Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> 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 3 Egyptian Day**

Egyptian Day will take place in school on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> January. Children do not need to bring anything in for this.

### **Senior House Matches**

These are taking place on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February at 3.15 pm for Years 5 and 6. All parents are welcome to join us.

### **Residential Trips      Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**

Just to remind parents that the permission slips and monies are due by Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February.

### **Year 6 Outdoor Learning Morning, Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

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 school uniform ready to change into.

### **Raincoats**

We would like every child in Year 3 - 6 to have a rainproof coat which we would like kept in school. The children's concentration and productivity certainly benefits from time outside and we are unable to allow children to go out to break when the weather is 'drizzly' or fine rain without a coat.

### **Changes to fixtures**

Please can we emphasize to you that there are changes to fixtures and these are shown on the online calendar which can be found on the event part of the website. These can also be viewed on the team sheets which are issued each week.

## **Pre-Prep News**

### **Early Morning Club**

Just a reminder that the teachers are in their classroom from 8.30 am ready to welcome the children at the start of the school day. If you need to drop your children at school any earlier than 8.30am Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Read will be delighted to look after them from 8.00 am until 8.30 am in our Early Morning Club. This meets on the Pre-Prep playground each morning or the Pre-Prep hall in the event of inclement weather. There is no charge for this facility and the children can enjoy this time playing with their friends before the school day begins.

**Sickness**

We have had a few children succumb to sickness and diarrhoea since term began earlier this month. Can we please request that if your child experiences either of these illnesses that they remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode. This will hopefully avoid these bugs spreading to other children in the Department. Thank you for your understanding.