

Whole School News

Active Sport Early Bird Discount

Just to remind parents that the Earlybird Offer of 10% for the summer cricket course expires on Monday, 29th February. Bookings can be made online at www.activatecamps.co.uk or by calling their office on 01785 711572. Our code is:- BLUNEB16

FOB Parents' Disco

Friday, 4th March

There are still a few tickets remaining if you wish to join us for the **Parents' Party Night** hosted by the Friends of Blundell's Parents' Social Committee. The evening will take place on **Friday 4th March 2016**, in the Prep School Hall, from 7.30pm - 11.00pm and will comprise of a Thai curry supper and a disco. A cash bar will also be available throughout the evening. The event is a chance to socialise and catch up with current parents. Tickets are available to purchase for £12 each. If you would like to attend, please contact Carole Francis in the Main School Office on c.francis@blundells.org. We very much hope you can join us for this event; it should be a great evening.

Sport Relief

Friday, 18th March

Sport Relief this year is on Friday 18th March and the school will be supporting this wonderful event fully as always. We will mark the occasion with a non-uniform day in which the children are allowed to wear any clothing or outfit with a sporting theme in return for a £1 donation which will go directly to Sport Relief. On this day we shall also be running the annual Larkman Cup and collection boxes will be available at this event for further donations from visitors. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Saturday Morning Tennis

We are again offering tennis lessons on a Saturday morning in the Summer Term. These will take place on the Astro between 10.00 am and 11.00 am for children in Years 1 – 6. The cost will be £50 for ten weeks - this includes the half term weekends. The children will be split into ability groups and the lessons will be taken by three tennis coaches, all teachers at the Prep School. Tennis rackets are provided but children can bring their own. Cheques should be made payable to Blundell's Prep School.

All bookings and questions please contact Mr Swain ss@blundells.org

FOBP News

The Prep Children will be partying the night away this evening at their disco! It is a fantastic event that is hugely enjoyed by all.

The Friends of Blundell's Prep are always looking for new members, please do get in touch if you feel you could contribute to what we do. With the exception of the Summer Ball and Happy's Circus, all members and their children get free entry into the events that we run. Please contact Lisa Moran, our new Chair for more information.

Prep News

Notice for Music Lessons and Speech and Drama Lessons

Please can we remind parents that if your child wishes to cease Music or Speech and Drama lessons for the Autumn Term 2016, notice is required by the First day of the Summer Term. If you wish for your child to start a new or different instrument, a letter will be sent home during the first half of the summer term. Please note that you cannot swap from one instrument to another, a term's notice must be given.

Spring Concert

Wednesday, 2nd March

All of the Choir are involved and we hope that all parents received the letter below which was sent home before half term.

There is a rehearsal for the children taking place before the Concert. We would be grateful if the children could be dropped off at 6.15 pm. Parents will be able to enter the Concert from 7.00 pm.

Please find below details for this year's Spring Concert which is taking place on Wednesday, 2nd March at 7.30 pm. This event features all the large ensembles, including Orchestra, Big Band, Choir, School House groups and the Prep School Choir and Musicians. The first half takes place in Big School and will be largely instrumental music and the Prep School Choir. The second half is in the Chapel and will include a performance of Duruflé's Requiem. Each half will last around 45 minutes. The children in Years 4 and 5 will be able to leave at the interval during which refreshments will be served. The children in Year 6 will be required for the second half and the evening should end around 9.30 pm. Tickets are £5 each and free for under 18s and it will be an excellent evening of quite exceptional music making of all styles. Tickets available via c.francis@blundells.org and available to be picked up from the Main Office at the Senior School between 1:00 pm and 5:30 pm Monday to Friday or on the door.

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Thursday, 3rd March

Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in a workshop run by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at the Exeter Great Hall along with many other schools. The children will leave and return within the school day.

Year 4 Outdoor Learning

Monday, 7th March

On Monday, 7th March, Year 4 will take part in an Outdoor Learning Workshop. Please could they wear warm, old, home clothes with wellington boots and a raincoat.

Roving Bookshop

Wednesday, 9th March

The Roving Bookshop will be returning on Wednesday 9th March to supply us with a really wonderful range of top quality literature for the children to choose from. There will be a wide range of books available for children of different interests and reading levels.

Children who would like to buy books will be taken by their teacher to visit the book shop during the school day and will be able to select and purchase books of their choice. If you would like your child to buy a book on that day, please send in some money in the envelope supplied. We will be sending home the envelopes closer to the time so that it will serve as a useful reminder for you. The school receives commission from the sale of each book which enables us to purchase new books for the library so it is a very worthwhile venture.

We will also be sending home a leaflet with the children which will give you some more information about the Roving Bookshop. It also includes a special Prize Draw which you might like to take part in.

We hope that your children will enjoy looking at the books available at the shop and we hope that you will continue to help us in encouraging them to develop an appetite for reading!

No Gym Club

Wednesday 9th March and Thursday, 10th March

There will be no gym club on either Wednesday, 9th or Thursday, 10th March due to the Tea Time Concerts. **Please note that there is a rogue Tea Time Concert date in the calendar on 23rd March. This is not taking place.**

Year 3 Outdoor Learning

Friday, 11th March

On Friday, 11th March Year 3 will take part in an Outdoor Learning Workshop. Please could they wear warm, old, home clothes with wellington boots and a raincoat.

Pre-Prep News

FOBP Pre-Prep Party

Friday, 11th March

Tickets are now on sale for the Pre-Prep Party which takes place on Friday, 11th March. The tickets are priced at £5 and are available from the School Office from Monday. Please note that this event will now commence at the slightly earlier time of 4.30 pm ending at 6.00 pm.

Roving Bookshop

Wednesday, 2nd March

Please note that this has moved from Tuesday, 1st March to Wednesday, 2nd March. A letter detailing this will follow for Pre-Prep Parents

Pre-Prep Parents Evenings

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up for our Parents Evenings next week. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you but if for any reason you are unable to attend on either of the evenings please speak to your child's Class Teacher who will try to find another mutually convenient time to meet.