

Whole School News

Clubs for Next Academic Year

An email containing the Clubs options was sent home earlier this week. Please take time to look at the options with your child or children and send back to the school office by the deadline of Monday, 23rd May. If you have trouble printing, then please do pop into the office for a hard copy.

School Photo **Tuesday 7th June 9.00 am**

On Tuesday 7th June we will be having the whole school photograph. We would therefore be grateful if you would arrange for your child/children to be looking extra smart on that day!

Boys should wear their normal trousers or shorts, long sleeved white shirt, tie, and blazer. No jumpers are to be worn. **Girls should wear their grey skirt, white long-sleeved blouse, tie and their blazer, not their summer dress or white aertex shirt on this particular day.** Please note that blazers will be done up, and no badges will be worn. Children in Nursery 1 and Nursery 2 should wear sweatshirts, with grey socks or tights. Your assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

Staff news

I am delighted to say that we will be welcoming some new teachers to Blundell's Prep in September. Mrs Emma Thornton will be joining us to teach our Nursery Two Class. Emma is moving back to Dulverton having spent seven years working at Repton School in Dubai. She brings a wealth of experience and is very excited to be joining us. Mrs Suzy Allen will be moving to teach one of our Kindergarten classes and she is looking forward to the new challenge. Mrs Ali Spencer will be taking over our Nursery One class and is well known to current Nursery children and parents having worked within the Nursery for the last 6 years. She takes over the care of our youngest children and will be welcoming lots of new Nursery children in September. Miss Frances Edwards will be returning from her maternity leave to teach two afternoons of junior games, including the Tuesday training session and the Thursday matches. Mrs Jo Carter will be taking maternity leave which begins this half term. The remainder of this academic year will be covered by Mrs Rosie Bewley who has previously worked at a number of Independent Schools including St. Peter's in Lymington. In September we will be joined by Miss Hannah Mahan who is currently working at The Duchy School in Bradninch. Hannah will be teaching Science to children in Years 4, 5 and 6 as well as Girls' Games across the Prep School. We look forward to welcoming all of our new staff in September.

Prep News

Residential Week **Monday, 23rd May – Friday, 27th May**

During the week commencing Monday 23rd May, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will each be taking part in their residential trips. A Blog for each trip will appear on our website so please do take a look. No after school clubs will be running but there will be supervised provision in the Prep Room for any child who cannot be collected at 4.30 pm.

As well as heading off for their residential trips, the children will also be taking part in a variety of local visits and activities. Listed below are the clothing requirements for each day.

Year 3	Monday	Rosemoor	School Tracksuit, Shorts and white PE Shirt, Trainers, Raincoat
	Tuesday	Tiverton Canal	School Tracksuit, Shorts and white PE Shirt, Trainers, Raincoat
	Wednesday	Tesco	School Uniform including Blazer
	Thurs/Friday	Residential	See Kit List
Year 4	Monday	Killerton	School Tracksuit, Shorts and white PE Shirt, Trainers, Raincoat

Tuesday Local Churches School Uniform including Blazer
Wed/Thur/Fri Residential See Kit List

Year 5 Monday Play in a Day Dark Clothes Brown, Navy, Black etc

We would like to welcome all Year 5 parents to a performance at 4.00 pm in the Prep Hall

Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri Residential See Kit List

Year 6 Monday Exmoor They will need to wear walking boots or wellington boots, school tracksuit with the skin underneath (if your child suffers from the cold also the black top), hat, gloves and a waterproof coat. They will also require a small back pack to carry lunch (provided by the school), hat and gloves, water and a plastic bag to sit on. We recommend that sun cream is applied before coming to school and/or a small bottle of sun cream is carried in the back pack.

Tuesday Play Rehearsal School Tracksuit, Shorts and white PE Shirt, Trainers, Raincoat
Wed/Thur/Fri Residential See Kit List

Prep Sports Day Monday, 6th June 12.00 pm

All parents are warmly invited to join us for our Prep Sports Day which will take place on the first day back after half term. Once again we would ask for your help in creating a special atmosphere for the afternoon. We are inviting parents to bring a picnic lunch to share with their child or children at 12.00 pm. Please do bring any gazebos, tents, or other suitable shelters, along with picnic rugs, chairs, and even candelabra! These can be situated around the track, creating a stadium like atmosphere for the afternoon's events.

We realise that not all parents will be able to attend and in this case your child may like to join another family for the picnic lunch. Alternatively, the School will provide a picnic lunch which will be enjoyed outside with the teachers.

Children in Years 3 – 6 can be collected from their Form Teacher on the Prep playground at 12.00 pm.

If you have a child with a sibling in the Pre-Prep then they are welcome to join you for the picnic and to stay with you during Sports Day and can be collected from the Pre-Prep at 12.00 pm. Please note they will be your responsibility from 12.00 pm and are not expected to return to class. The Sports Events will then start at 1.00 pm and should conclude by 4.30 pm. It promises to be a super event so please keep your fingers crossed for good weather.

Please do let us know by Friday 27th May by email prep@blundells.org if:-

- You are not able to make the event and your child requires a picnic lunch provided by school.
- You are not able to make the event but your child is joining another family and the name of this family.
- You are collecting your child at 12.00 pm from the Pre-Prep to attend the picnic and Sports Day with you.

We thank you very much for your help.

Creative Arts Exhibition

Attached to this iLetter is an invitation to our Creative Arts Exhibition. This will take place on Thursday, 9th and Friday, 10th June from 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm. Alternatively, you could join us for the Coffee Morning on Friday 10th June and enjoy the fantastic art work at the same time.

Swimming

Swimming - after half term all PE lessons will be swimming at our senior school pool. If possible could the children wear black swimming shorts or costume. It is advisable to wear goggles and anybody can wear a swimming hat if they want to.

Year 6 photos on the Image gallery

Please note that photos of Year 6 children will remain on the Image Gallery until the end of the Summer Holidays. At this point they will be removed.

Pre-Prep News

Pre-Prep Sports Day Friday, 10th June at 2.00 pm

We are very much looking forward to welcoming friends and families to our Sports Day on Friday the 10th of June at 2.00 pm. All the children in the Pre-Prep, from Nursery 1 to Year 2, will be involved in the races. The children should wear their PE shorts, tee shirts and plimsolls or trainers. Nursery children can wear any shorts, tee shirt and plimsolls or trainers.

If you have a child with a sibling in the Prep School then they are welcome to join you and to stay with you during Sports Day. Please do let us know by Monday 6th June by emailing prep@blundells.org if you are collecting your child from the Prep School at 1.45 pm. **If we are not informed then we will not be able to release your child as they will be back in lessons and we wish to avoid disruption to lessons.** Children who have a match commitment will be unable to attend. Please note they will be your responsibility from 1.45 pm and are not expected to return to class.

The races will take place on the field to the side of the Prep School. We will keep our fingers crossed for fine weather but, should it rain, the event will take place in the Sports Hall at the Senior School. There will be no Games Club that evening so your children can leave with you once Sports Day has finished.

Do come along and bring friends and family to help cheer the children on! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Nursery and Kindergarten play. Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Nursery and Kindergarten plays this week; we hope you enjoyed them. The children performed with their usual degree of confidence and enthusiasm, enjoying every moment of their time on stage.

Year 1 play. Just a reminder that the Year 1 children will be performing in their play on Tuesday the 24th May at 2.00 pm. We look forward to welcoming families and friends to our final production of the term.

Recorder Group. Mrs Small is unable to take Recorder Club next Tuesday the 24th May. Any child who usually attends this club can stay to Siblings or Owls that evening instead.

Collection of children. Can we respectfully remind all parents that we need your permission, in writing or via a telephone call to Mrs Filmer-Bennett if your child is to be collected by any other parent, family member or friend at the end of the School day. Although we know all of our parents extremely well we still need your permission to release your child into the care of another adult at any time. Thank you for your understanding.