

## Whole School News

### Dropping off / picking up points

I realise that traffic issues on the road continue to be a source of frustration and I thank you for your patience. It does mean that our car-park is congested at times and therefore it is all the more important that the drop off/pick up zones are used correctly. If you arrive early or wish to park and exit your car to collect your child, then I would ask that you use a parking space or the field. The school buses need to use the drop off/pick up zones and it is important that we keep these available for them. Thank you for your help.

### Harvest

On behalf of CHAT may we thank you for all the wonderful gifts that you sent in to school in support of the charity. They were overwhelmed by your generosity and your contributions to the food store will help CHAT clients through the coming weeks and months.

### Christmas Card Competition

We are inviting all the children in the school to enter our Christmas Card Competition. The winning entry will be used for the School's official Christmas card. All entrants will receive a prize for taking part. The closing date is Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October.

If your child would like to enter the competition please remember the following:-

- Mr Southgate would like a bright, colourful Christmas card
- Draw your design on an A4 sheet of paper (either portrait or landscape)
- Use crayons, felt tips or paint (not glitter or collage please)
- Write your name and form clearly on the back of your picture
- Please do your picture at home
- **Good Luck to all Entrants**

### Christmas Cards

In addition to the Christmas card competition each child will be designing their own personal Christmas card and gift tag in school during the next couple of weeks. A sample card will then be sent home for each family to look at before ordering packs to send to families and friends. Do look out for them just after half term and please order in plenty of time so that we can take delivery of the cards in good time for the Christmas Fair on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November.

### Winter Uniform

Please note that all children should be in Winter Uniform from Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Boys may continue to wear short sleeved shirts and shorts throughout the winter if this is their preference.

### Individual School Photographs, Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October

Gillman and Soame photographers will be taking individual photographs of children in the Pre-Prep and Prep on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Brothers and sisters will be photographed together and individual photographs will also be taken. Unfortunately we will be unable to include older siblings from the Senior School. All children should wear their **winter** uniform, including their blazer.

### Clubs

The club trial period has ended and we hope that all children are settled into their clubs for the year. If your child would like to cease a club then this will require a term's notice.

### **Head Master away**

Mr Southgate will be at the IAPS Conference on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Friends of Blundell's Prep News**

**Movie Night** will take place on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October

Pre-Prep      4.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Prep            5.30 pm – 7.00 pm

Tickets are priced at £4.00 and include a snack supper. They are available from the school office.

### **Bonfire Night**

Our display this year is on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November and as usual there will be hot food and drinks, a bar, sweets and glow products to buy.

Tickets are priced £4.00 in advance and £5.00 on the gate. They are available from the school office.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

At parents' request we are once again supporting this worthwhile charity through donations of shoebox gifts. Last year the charity delivered 11.2 million shoebox gifts to children in over 100 countries around the world. If your child would like to fill a shoe box please pick up a leaflet from the Pre-Prep, Nursery or Prep Office and return your gift to school by the 5<sup>th</sup> of November.

## **Prep News**

### **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.

### **Welcome to Year 5 Meeting, Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September at 4.45 pm**

We would be delighted to see as many Year 5 parents as possible on Monday afternoon.

### **Choir Years 5 & 6, Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September**

Our Choir (Years 5 and 6 only) has been invited to perform as part of the Devon Air Ambulance Fun Day in Tiverton. This will be taking place on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September and we will be performing for approximately half an hour commencing at 10.00 am. Could we ask that choir members congregate at 9.45 am in Market Walk outside the Devon Air Ambulance Shop (opposite the Post Office). Please could they wear school uniform including blazers.

### **Year 5 Outdoor Learning Workshop Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September**

#### **(Change of date from the postponed Workshop last week)**

Please could Year 5 children come to school wearing old home clothes including a waterproof coat, Wellington Boots and waterproof trousers (optional). Please ensure that School Uniform is brought to School for the children to change into.

### **Year 4 Outdoor Learning Workshop, Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September**

Please could Year 4 children come to school wearing old home clothes including a waterproof coat, Wellington Boots and waterproof trousers (optional). Please ensure that School Uniform is brought to School for the children to change into.

### **Year 3 Geography Trip, Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Year 3 will be exploring Tiverton and its environment. As part of this study, we shall be visiting Knightshayes Court and enjoying a school provided packed lunch there. We shall be travelling by minibus and will leave and return during the school day. Please can you ensure that the children have their tracksuits and waterproof coats in School.

### **Year 6 Outdoor Learning Workshop, Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October**

**Please note this is a change to the date in the published calendar**

The children will be spending the Afternoon at Killerton helping the rangers pick apples, learning about the history of Killerton's orchards, receive demonstrations of Killerton's 200yr old apple press and press their own apples with their miniature press. Please could the children come **to school in School Uniform as it is individual photos morning**. They will change into tracksuit and trainers before leaving and they will also require wellington boots and a waterproof jacket.

### **Year 6 visit to Exeter Race Course, Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October**

On Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 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, warm coat, gloves and hat. The children will travel by minibus and school will provide a packed lunch.

## **Pre-Prep News**

### **Judo**

If you are collecting your Pre-Prep child from Judo can we remind you to pop into the school office prior to going through to the hall. It is important that we know if you are entering the building.

### **Individual School Photographs**

The School photographer will be arriving at 9.00 am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. If your child does not attend Nursery that day and you would like his or her photograph taken please come into school at 8.45 am and we will arrange for you to be fast-tracked through ahead of the other children to enable you to leave as soon as you are ready. It would assist the organisation of the morning if you could let Mrs Spencer or Mrs Thornton know if you intend to join us for the photograph.

### **Celebration Assembly, Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October**

We would like to welcome our Pre-Prep parents to our Pre-Prep coffee morning and Celebration Assembly on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October at 8.15 am. This is the first of two this term.

### **Welcome Meetings for Parents**

Thank you to all our parents who joined us for our Year Group Welcome Meetings. We hope you found them informative and helpful. If you did not manage to attend please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient time for a brief meeting to discuss the information that was shared with parents.