

Whole School News

New appointment

I am delighted to say that we have appointed Miss Alexandra Steel as our new Year One class teacher from September. From a strong field, Alexandra was the standout candidate and I am certain that she will be an excellent addition to our team here at Blundell's Prep. She is certainly very excited to be joining us.

Alexandra has been teaching for 9 years and currently works at Connaught House Prep School in London where she has taught for 6 years. Alexandra is an OB and during her Prep School years she went to St. Aubyn's. She often returns to Devon to sing in the Blundell's Choir and has a very strong sense as to what being part of our school community is all about.

Alexandra will be able to join us on the 26th June in order to spend time with the children who will be with her in September.

Wrap Around Care

From September 2017 we will be offering 'Wraparound Care' from 8.00 am until 5.30 pm for children in the Prep School. This means that we will not be charging for children to stay before school from 8.00 am until 8.30 am and from the end of the school day from 3.40 pm (Pre-Prep) and 4.30 pm (Prep) until 5.30 pm. There is a good variety of Clubs, Owls and Prep on offer which children are able to attend for no additional charge. Some clubs do attract a charge but those clubs are run by specialist teachers or may also use a lot of additional materials. We hope that this new offering will provide greater flexibility for all of our families.

Clubs Forms Back

Please may we request that all club forms are back in the office by Monday, 12th June at the latest.

School Shop

The School shop is moving and to this end it is closed to visitors until 27th June. If you wish to purchase something then please email shop@blundells.org and the item will be sent to the school office who will distribute it to your child. We thank you for your patience while this is happening.

Summer Ball

Please can we remind parents that the last date to purchase tickets for the Summer Ball is Monday, 12th June. Tickets are available from the School Office.

Wednesday, 21st June 6.00 pm - Summer Concert

We are all looking forward to the Summer Concert which is always a super event. Please note that the concert is a compulsory event for the children in the Prep School and Year 2, and the children should be in uniform. We welcome our families in the Pre-Prep who may like to join us. Please bring along a picnic supper which is eaten during the interval. **All children will be sitting with parents throughout the concert and they have been told this.** The Summer Concert should finish by approximately 8.00 pm. Prep, Quiz and Computer Clubs will be running. Parents may collect at 4.30 pm or from the playground at 5.30 pm.

Friday, 23rd June 2.00 pm - Speech Day

Speech Day will begin at 2.00 pm on Friday, 23rd June and we look forward to welcoming our guest speaker, Mr James Shone.

Speech Day is an occasion which looks back on the year that has passed and where we hand out prizes to those children who have won an array of cups and awards. We also officially wish Year 6 pupils every success as they move on to their senior schools.

Pupils will attend normal school throughout the morning. They will then be taken to the marquee by their teachers and will sit together as a group. Please could parents ensure that all children have their blazers and ties with them on the day.

The proceedings in the marquee will take about an hour and a quarter, after which time afternoon tea for parents will be served. Children in the Prep School will report to a member of staff on the playground where they will be given refreshments. For all Prep pupils the school day finishes immediately after Speech Day at approximately 3.45 pm. Children are to be collected from their Form Teacher.

CAR PARKING – Those of you who have attended Speech Day before will be aware that there is a limited amount of parking space. Where possible, we suggest that parents and friends share transport, thus reducing the number of vehicles parking at school. It would be very helpful and very much appreciated if you could park where you are directed and not leave too much space between cars. Thank you.

Whole School Photograph Wednesday, 28th June

The new date for the School Photograph is Wednesday, 28th June. We are hoping for better luck with the weather at this time. Details will follow in the next iLetter.

Prep News

Reserve Sports Day Tuesday, 20th June

Please note that Sports Day will take place on Tuesday, 20th June. Details will follow in the next iLetter.

Pre-Prep News

Year 2 Parents information

Please could we ask parents to complete and return the forms sent in the post at half term to the school office as soon as you are able. If you did not receive this pack could you please let us know.

Move up day Monday 12th June

Monday 12th June is our move up morning when all of the children will spend time with their new teacher for September. If your child attends the Nursery, not normally in school on a Monday and you would like him or her to join us between 9.00 am until 10.30 am that morning, to take part in the move up, please let your child's class teacher know. Miss Steel, our new Year 1 teacher, sadly cannot join us that morning but she will be in school on Monday 26th June. She is very much looking forward to meeting the children who will be in her class in September and of course their parents.

Could the children in Year 2 please come to school wearing their sports kit so that they can go straight out on to the track for our Sports Day rehearsal after lunch.

Pre-Prep Sports Day Tuesday, 13th June at 2.00 pm

We are very much looking forward to welcoming friends and families to our Sports Day on Tuesday, 13th 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 or skorts, tee-shirts, plimsolls or trainers and white sports socks. Nursery children can wear any shorts, tee shirt, plimsolls or trainers and white socks.

If you have a child with a sibling in Years 3 - 5 they are welcome to join you and stay with you during Sports Day. Year 6 will be in a play rehearsal for Dr Dolittle and will therefore be unable to attend. Please let us know by Monday, 12th 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 classes and**

we wish to avoid disruption to lessons. Please note that the older children 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 and we will keep our fingers crossed for fine weather. Do come along and bring friends and family to help cheer the children on! We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to this exciting event.

Celebration Assembly

We hope that you have made a note of the date for our next Coffee Morning and Pre-Prep Celebration Assembly on Friday, 16th June at 8.15 am. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as are able to join us that morning.

Nursery and Kindergarten Picnic Friday, 16th June

We look forward to welcoming our Nursery and Kindergarten parents and children to this event next Friday, 16th June at 2.30 pm. Please collect your child from their classroom at 2.30 pm and assume responsibility for them for the rest of the afternoon. Do bring rugs or blankets to sit on as we hope for beautiful weather that afternoon. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to join us.

Arrangements for the Summer Concert for the Pre-Prep

Wednesday, 21st June at 6.00 pm

We are delighted that some of the Pre-Prep children will be participating in this event again this year. All of the Year 2 children will be singing and the children who attend Brass Club, Cello Club, Recorder Club and Violin Club will also be performing. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of the children and a most enjoyable family evening. The children should attend the concert in school uniform and sit with their parents until they are called up on to stage to perform. The children will be performing during the first half of the programme. Do bring a picnic to enjoy during the interval.

Arrangements for Speech Day for the Pre-Prep

Friday, 23rd June at 2.00 pm

We will be running a normal School day for all the children in the Nursery classes. Children in the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will attend school as usual in the morning. In the afternoon these children will attend Speech Day and will be expected to sit with their form teachers and class. The children will be entertaining all guests with a song, as Speech Day begins.

The proceedings in the marquee will take about an hour and a quarter, after which the children will return to the Pre-Prep with their teachers. In the interests of the children's safety, every child should be collected from the Pre-Prep gate, rather than the marquee, as soon as Speech Day is over.

We do hope that you will stay and enjoy afternoon tea, which will be served after Speech Day but we would ask you to collect your children before tea, and assume responsibility for them from this time.