

BLUNDELL'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL INFORMATION LETTER

School Christmas Performances

In previous years we have had requests from parents with children in the Prep and the Pre-Prep to collect their Prep aged children straight after the Pre-Prep Christmas plays. This is usually around 3pm and is very disruptive to afternoon lessons in the Prep School. There is a great deal for the children to do during the last two periods of the day including rehearsals for their own Christmas Plays, and would therefore ask that no requests to remove children early are made this year. Thank you for your understanding.

School Photos

We have been asked by the photographers, Gilman and Soames, to remind parents to order their photos as soon as they are able, particularly if you are wishing to receive the order in time for Christmas.

Prep Prize Giving Assembly and Coffee Morning Friday, 24th November from 8.30 am

Our Prep Coffee Morning will commence at 8.30 am in the Atrium and this will be followed by the Prize Giving Assembly at 8.45 am in the Prep Hall.

Flu Vaccinations, Wednesday, 29th November

The flu vaccinations are taking place on Wednesday, 29th November for those children in Reception to Year 4 who have completed the required paperwork requesting this.

Christmas Market, Saturday, 25th November 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Please join us for this wonderful event run by the FOBP. There will be many stalls selling wonderful gifts, food and other wares. Father Christmas will be in his Grotto and there will be plenty of games provided by the Prep School staff to amuse the children. The children in Years 3 to 6 will be running many of the stalls and we would be grateful for donations of the following:

- Second Hand Toys, Games, Books and DVDs
- Hamper items for the raffle

We hope that as many of you as possible will join us.

Christmas cards, tags, tea-towels, mugs and bags.

If you ordered any of the above the items they will be available for collection at the Christmas Market.

Monday, 11th December Yoga Club

Please note that these will not be taking place as Mrs Kitson is away.

Tuesday, 12th December, 5.30 pm: Carol Service - All Prep School children to attend

The School Carol Service will be held in Blundell's Chapel. This will be held at 5.30 pm on Tuesday, 12th December and **it is compulsory for all pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to attend.** The Prep School pupils will be going straight from school to the Service after a 'Tea' which will be provided by the school. There will be no Prep or Clubs on this evening. After School Clubs will be available for Pre-Prep children. We would be delighted to see all parents and pupils, including those from the Pre-Prep, and any friends and relatives who would like to join us. **After the Service the pupils from the Prep School should be collected by parents from their form teachers outside the Chapel.**

Carol Service car-parking

Please could all parents park their cars on the Blundell's Preparatory School playgrounds or in the Blundell's Preparatory School car park and walk down to the Chapel. Parking at Blundell's will be extremely difficult due to a variety of functions being held there at this time.

Holiday Course

Attached is a flyer for the Outdoor Learning Holiday Course which is taking place on Thursday, 14th and Friday, 15th December.

Yoga

Mrs Kitson would like to invite the parents of all the children who attend Yoga classes on a Monday to come along and watch the lesson at 3.45pm (Pre-Prep children) and 4.50pm (Prep children) on Monday 27th November.

Prep News

Year 4 U9 Tournament, Saturday, 18th November

Mrs Baily would like to remind all the Year 4 girls that they are taking part in the home Tournament on Saturday, 18th November from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Year 4 River Trips, Thursday 23rd November

The Geography river trip for 4CH and 4CR will be taking place on Thursday, 23rd November. Please could you ensure that you child has wellington boots, a warm waterproof coat, hat, gloves and their sports' kit in school.

Fencing Club, Friday 24th November

There will be no fencing club on Friday 24th November due to the Christmas Market.

Tuesday, 28th November Junior House Matches

The Junior House Matches will be taking place on Tuesday, 28th November commencing at 3.20 pm. The children in Years 3 and 4 will all play during the afternoon. Parents are warmly invited to watch. Children will be able to leave once all the matches are completed and they have returned to School to collect their belongings.

Friday, 8th December Clubs

There will be no Clubs running in the Prep School on Friday, 8th December. However, there will be Prep for any child who is unable to be collected at 4.30 pm on Friday, 8th December.

Friday, 8th December, 4.00 pm: Festival of Carols – Choir Members Only

We are delighted to be holding a Festival of Carols with three local Primary Schools: Tidcombe Primary School, St John's Primary School and Two Moors Primary School. This will take place on Friday, 8th December at 4.00 pm in Blundell's Chapel. **All members of the Choir will be expected to take part** and will be taken directly from school to the chapel.

Parents are warmly invited to attend. The service will last approximately three quarters of an hour and coffee and cake will be served to the parents and children afterwards in the Marquee behind Big School (accessible through the Dining Hall). If you are a parent of a choir pupil and are unable to attend, we respectfully ask that you arrange for your child to be collected after the service from the Marquee. **Could we ask that all parents park at the Prep School. There are some major events happening at our Senior School and it is imperative that everyone coming to the Festival of Carols uses the Prep School Car Park.**

Prep School Christmas Performances

Performances for the Prep School will take place at the following times:

Wednesday, 6th December 10.00 am Years 5 & 6

Wednesday, 6th December 3.00 pm Years 3 & 4

Thursday, 7th December 10.00 am Years 3 & 4

Thursday, 7th December 3.00 pm Years 5 & 6

As the seating is limited could we ask for parents to only attend one of each year group performance. No tickets are required.

Pre-Prep News

Celebration Assembly, Friday, 1st December

We would like to welcome our Pre-Prep parents to our Pre-Prep coffee morning and Celebration Assembly on Friday, 1st December at 8.15 am.

Hoods and Hats

As winter is almost upon us could we ask that any child who does not have a hood on their raincoat brings in a hat to wear now that the cold and wet weather has arrived? With temperatures set to fall over the coming weeks, scarves and gloves would be useful too.

Nativity plays

We look forward to welcoming you to our Nativity plays over the next few weeks. The dates are as follows:-

Friday, 24th November at 2.00 pm - Year 2

Tuesday, 28th November at 2.00 pm - Year 1

Thursday, 30th November at 2.00 pm - Reception

Friday, 8th December at 10.00 am – Nursery 1 and 2.