

## Whole School News

### **E-Safety Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January**

We are delighted to be welcoming, Peter Bower, an expert in E-Safety to talk to the children, parents and staff on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January. The Parents' Talk is at 4.45 pm until 6.00 pm. We would urge as many of you as possible to attend. We would be happy for the children to stay in school until 6.00 pm.

### **Parent Portal and iParent App**

We hope that over the last term all parents have accessed their Parent Portal for EAGs and Reports. Please do check that the information held by the school on yourselves and your child is correct. We will now be loading letters and information onto the Portal for your reference. We are very much hoping that you will be able to access the Parent Portal through the iParent App. Please remove the old App from your phone as this is no longer compatible.

### **Parental Survey**

Attached to this iLetter is our response to points raised in the on-line Survey. Even if you did not have time to complete this you may find the results interesting.

### **Grandparents' Morning Invitation Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January**

Please find attached our invitation to Grandparents' Morning, which we would be grateful if you could pass on. We are looking forward to greeting many of our pupils' grandparents on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Head Boy and Girl**

We would like to thank Rosa Flay and William Edwards for all their hard work last term. Our Head Boy for the Spring term is Harry Cracknell and our Head Girl is Valerie Wilson. We wish them well for the term ahead.

### **Money Raised for Charity**

We are very pleased to announce that with the money raised from the School Stalls at the Christmas Market, Christmas Card sales and the Carol Services we have sent £2,118.61 to YoungMinds. Thank you so much to everybody for supporting these events.

### **Adults Spring Term Tennis Coaching**

There are leaflets attached to this mailing for various courses taking place this term.

### **Years 2 – 6 Sunday Morning Cricket**

There is a leaflet attached to this mailing.

## Prep News

### **Years 3 – 6 Enrichment Sessions**

We are inviting all children in Years 3 – 6 to join us for a History Enrichment session taking place on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January. This will take place between 4.45 pm and 5.30 pm and is an optional event for those children who are 'intellectually curious' and an opportunity to discover more about a subject that may not be covered within the planned curriculum. This first session is being run by our Senior School Head of History, Richard Moore and he will be looking at the topic of 'Valour' with an investigation in to what this truly means through the context of the different winners of the Victoria Cross. We would welcome any child who feels that they would be interested in this and are happy for them to miss their normal club to attend these sessions, if that is what they would like to do. We would ask that they inform their form teacher during Monday morning registration if they intend to come along.

### **Year 3 Egyptian Day Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

Year 3 will be having an Egyptian day on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January. The children do not dress up for this event and will therefore need to come in school uniform with their book bag.

### **Years 5 - 6 Young Voices Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Mrs Cracknell will be sending home the audience tickets for Young Voices today. Please ensure that you retrieve them from your child's bag.

### **Years 3 – 6 Creative Arts Week Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February**

This is taking place during the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> February and promises to be an exciting event for all of the children in Years 3 to 6. We are always grateful for parental help and no artistic experience or expertise is necessary. We are looking for help on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> if you are able to help then please email [prep@blundells.org](mailto:prep@blundells.org) stating which days/times you will be available.

### **Years 3 – 6 School Coat**

Please note that all children in Years 3-6 should now have the school black coat in school each day. If your child is in Year 6 and has not got a school coat, they may bring in a plain dark waterproof coat.

## **Pre-Prep News**

### **New pupils**

We are delighted to welcome six new children into the Pre-Prep this term. Zara, Jack, Elliott, Gwen and Pippa have joined Nursery 1 and Lizzie has joined 2J. They have all greatly enjoyed their first week in the Pre-Prep and settled very happily into their new classes.

### **School Council**

Earlier in the week the children in Year 2 voted for two new councillors to represent the Pre-Prep on the School Council. We are delighted to announce that Spencer and Lizzie were duly elected and they are eagerly awaiting their first meeting next week.