

## Whole School News

### Summer has arrived!

A warm welcome back to all of our families and my best wishes for what promises to be an exciting term ahead. With the long overdue arrival of some much needed sunshine, the children have delighted in heading outside to enjoy time in the school grounds and to catch up with their friends after the Easter break. There is a buzz about the place and a sense of anticipation at what lies ahead. Do please take a close look at your Summer calendar and access our iParent app to keep up to speed with all that is going on. As always, this fortnightly iLetter will provide the need to know information, alongside the news pages on our website, drawn straight from our daily Facebook feed. My Head Master's Blog will continue to provide opinions on current educational issues alongside insights into the daily lives of our children here at BPS. The Summer Term affords our families the chance to join us for a whole variety of wonderful events and I warmly invite you to play an active part in the life of the school. I look forward to seeing you soon.

### Link to Blundell's at the Zoo

The Spring Concert – Blundell's at the Zoo – was a huge success and if you would like to revisit the wonderful evening please find the concert video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqa6gcCPYII>

### Normal School Day **Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> May**

The School will be open on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> May for a normal school day (Bank Holiday). This is also our Summer Term Open Morning and if you know of any families who would like to join us we would be delighted to welcome them.

### Nearly New Shop Opening Times

The Nearly New Shop opening hours during term-time are now:

Monday 8.15am - 9.00am

Friday 8.15am - 9.00am

If you have an urgent requirement that cannot wait until an opening time, please contact Mrs Sarah Southgate on 07971 641663.

### Summer Uniform

May I remind parents that summer uniform should now be worn by the children. It is compulsory for children to have the black school cap to wear when they are outdoors in the sun. These may be purchased from the school shop. Mrs Stevens, at the school shop is always happy for you to ring up and place your purchase over the phone. The item will then be sent to our school office for distribution to your child. Can we also remind you to apply sun screen on your child during hot spells. We are happy for children to have sun screen in school to allow them to top up their protection during the day.

Please could you ensure that your daughter is wearing ankle socks and not trainer socks. If we cannot see the sock clearly above the shoe then these will not be considered to be ankle socks.

### Head Boy and Girl

We would like to thank Valerie Wilson and Harry Cracknell for all their hard work last term. Our Head Boy for the Summer term is Charlie Rogers and our Head Girl is Amara Lilley. We wish them well for the term ahead.

## Prep News

### Summer Sports Uniform

#### Girls

During the Summer Term the girls play rounders and or cricket during games lessons and wear their white polo shirts, black skirt and white ankle socks. Swimming also takes place after half term and a plain swimsuit is required and also goggles if desired.

## Boys

During the Summer Term the boys play cricket during games lessons and wear their white polo shirts, black shorts and white ankle socks during lessons. The following items are optional for Year 3 cricket matches but are compulsory for cricket matches played by teams in Years 4, 5 and 6. White long cricket trousers and a school branded short sleeved cricket shirt. Swimming also takes place after half term and plain trunks are required and also goggles if desired.

### **Years 3 – 6                      Enrichment – Classics                      Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April and Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> April**

We are delighted that Mrs. Milne, Head of Classics at the Senior School, will be running two workshops at the Prep School on 'The World of the Greeks and Romans'. These sessions will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April, at 4:45 – 5:30 pm, and are open to any pupils from Years 3 to 6 who have an enquiring mind and would like to find out more! Pupils should notify their Form Teachers on the Monday morning if they would like to attend. Children are welcome to miss their normal Monday Club to attend these sessions.

### **Year 3                                  Visit to Buddhist Centre                      Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April**

On Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April Year 3 will be visiting the Buddhist Centre in Exeter. They will leave after lunch and return by 4.30 pm. They will be travelling in minibuses and will wear their school uniform.

### **Years 3 – 6                      Coffee Morning                      Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> April at 8.15 am**

Please do join us at our next coffee morning on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> April. We warmly invite everyone to join our morning assembly

### **Year 5 and 6 Girls                      Cricket sessions                      Thursdays at 5.30 pm**

Following on from the previous two summer terms, the very popular girls' softball cricket sessions are returning. Paul Diamond, who is an experienced county and district coach, will again be running the sessions from **5.30-6.30 pm on Thursdays**. The sessions will cover all aspects of cricket with the focus being on preparing for school matches, of which there are several during the summer term. The girls will be collected by Paul from the Prep School and taken to the Senior School. Could parents please collect the girls from the Senior School pavilion at 6.30 pm. Girls will need to wear suitable school PE kit. Paul will provide any equipment that is required. The cost for each session will be £5 and this will be added to the school bill at the end of term. Please contact the school office if your daughter is interested in attending. Paul can be contacted directly on 07980 738802 or [pauldiamond124@btinternet.com](mailto:pauldiamond124@btinternet.com) with any questions.

## Welsh Three Peaks Challenge

Over the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May, I will be climbing the highest peaks in Wales over the course of 36 hours. We will tackle Pen y Fan and Cadair Idris on the Saturday, followed by Snowdon on the Sunday. I will be accompanied by my 72 year old dad and two of his friends!

We are raising money for the Prostate Cancer Research Centre which is a very worthy cause indeed.

Please follow the link to support us and our charity: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/StrictlyStriders1>

Thanks for your support. Gareth Richards.

## Pre-Prep News

### **Year 1                                  Trip to Blundell's Chapel                      Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> April**

On Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, Year 1 will be visiting Blundell's Chapel to learn from Rev. Hunt the history of this special place. The children will visit on foot and already have lots of questions which they would like to ask about its history.

### **Nursery - Year 2                      Ballet Performance                      Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

We would like to invite all of those parents whose children attend Ballet with Mrs Faiers-Lindley to come along to watch their child's lesson on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May. You will get the chance to see the progress that your child has made since the beginning of the year.

2.20 pm – Nursery 2

2.50 pm – Reception

3.30 pm – Year 1 and 2

Refreshments will be available from 2.00 pm in the Nursery Foyer