

BLUNDELL'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL INFORMATION LETTER

Head Master's Welcome

A very warm welcome back to school after what I hope has been a lovely summer break for all of our families. We were delighted to see so many smiling faces yesterday morning, including a great many new pupils joining year groups across the school. We also welcome four new members of staff: Mrs Laura Clifford joins us in the Pre-Prep taking over as Academic Leader and Head of the EYFS for this term and then becoming Head of Pre-Prep in January. Mr Tim Genders takes charge of the English Department in the Prep and he will also be teaching History and Games. Mrs Debs Taylor joins us in Year 2 as maternity cover for Mrs Charlotte Morris, and Mrs Lisa Latus will be completing her PGCE training, primarily within Year 3 but with time spent across the school. They are all excited to have joined us here at Blundell's Prep and I am sure that you will join us in making them feel very welcome indeed.

As ever, we have a great deal planned for this academic year and the fortnightly iLetter will play a part in helping you to keep up to speed with the many events that fill each week here at Blundell's Prep. Our aim is to ensure that you have all the information you need but you are always welcome to call the office should you need clarification.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Whole School News**Nursery – Year 6 Welcome to Meetings**

We would like to invite all parents to our 'Welcome to Meetings' taking place next week. Those in the Pre-Prep will take place in the classroom and refreshments will be served in the Nursery Foyer from 8.15 am. Those in the Prep School will start with tea and coffee served from 4.15 pm in the Atrium and will be followed by a presentation in the Prep Hall and then time with form teachers in classrooms. Please do join us if you can.

Reception	Monday, 10 th September	8.45 am – 9.15 am
Year 1	Monday, 10 th September	8.45 am – 9.15 am
Years 3 & 4	Monday, 10 th September	4.30 pm – 5.30 pm
Year 2	Tuesday, 11 th September	8.45 am – 9.15 am
Years 5 & 6	Tuesday, 11 th September	4.30 pm – 5.30 pm
Nursery	Tuesday, 25 th September	8.45 am – 9.15 am

If your child does not normally stay after school on that evening they may join either After School Club in the Pre-Prep or Prep in the Prep Department. If you are unable to attend these meetings your child's class teacher will ensure that you are given any handouts or information that you will require for the academic year.

Year 2 – 6 Judo Tuesday 11th September

Please note that Judo will take place in the Nursery hall on this date. All other sessions will be held in the Prep hall as usual.

Nursery – Year 6 Toddler Group Wednesday afternoons

Our Toddler Group begins again on Wednesday 12th September. We welcome families with babies and young children each week from 2.00pm until 3.30pm in our Nursery 1 room. If you know of any friends or neighbours who would be interested in coming along, please pass on the details.

Nursery – Year 6 Prayer Meeting Tuesday, 18th September 7.45 pm

The next gathering of the Blundell's Prep Parent and Staff Prayer group is to be held on Tuesday, 18th September at 7.45 pm at Blundell House. This is a very informal relaxed meeting when we can meet and pray for the school community at the start of term. For more information please contact Amelia Jerreat or Lara Wielenga through the school office.

Prep News

Years 3 - 6

Tennis Sessions

Blundell's resident Tennis Coach, Mr James Hope, is offering group lunchtime tennis lessons. These will take place on a Wednesday for Year 3 and 4 pupils and on a Thursday, for Year 5 and 6 pupils. The children will have lunch and then be taken to the Senior School Tennis Courts or the Sports Hall. They will be brought back to school in time for lessons. The groups will be a maximum of 8 children and will cost £45 per child for the term. Please let Bev know, by email, if you would like your child to attend. It will be on a first come first served basis and the charge will be added to your fees invoice.

Years 3 – 6

Girls' Cricket sessions

Sunday Mornings from the 9th September

Mr Swain (ECB cricket coach) will be holding a girls' cricket session every Sunday from Sunday 9th September in the senior school's sports hall (blue roof behind the astro) starting at 9.00 am until 10.00 am. No booking is required, it is a drop in session for £5 and all equipment supplied. With cricket becoming the major girls' game in the summer term this is an opportunity to learn the different cricket shots in batting, bowling techniques, fielding drills and game play.

Years 3 – 6

Speech Day Cups

Please can we ask all children who received a cup on either Speech Day or during the End of Year assembly to return them as soon as they are able. These are due to be sent to the engravers to have the winners' names added.

Year 3 U8 Girls

Fixture now away

Thursday, 13th September

St Peter's are now unable to travel to us on Thursday, 13th September so we will now travel to St Peter's. It will be a 2.00 pm start.

Years 3 and 4

Outdoor Learning Day

Friday, 14th September

Please could the children come into school wearing old, warm clothes. They will need a raincoat with a hood and a hat and gloves if cold. Please could they **bring** wellington boots in a plastic bag and come in wearing their trainers. They will also require their sports kit in school, this will give them something to change into if they get very muddy or wet. In addition please could Year 3 bring in one vegetable.

Years 3 – 6

Prep Harvest Assembly and Coffee Morning Friday, 21st September from 8.15 am

Coffee is served from 8.15 am in the Atrium and this will be followed by our Prep Harvest Festival at 8.45 am in the Prep Hall. We will once again be supporting the local charity CHAT, alongside many other services CHAT operates an emergency food store to help local families.

If you would like to donate any gifts we have attached a list with this iLetter. Your child would be welcome to bring them in to school during the week commencing the 17th September. We will then deliver the gifts to CHAT on Friday, 21st September.

Year 3

Parent Tea

Friday, 21st September 3.30 pm – 4.15 pm

Year 3 are delighted to invite their parents to tea on Friday, 21st September. Year 3 will be preparing some delicacies for their parents to sample.

Year 3 – 6

Enrichment Session

Monday, 24th September

This is advanced notice for our enrichment session taking place on Monday, 24th September. The subject will be English and more information about the topic will follow in our next iLetter.

Pre-Prep News

Nursery – Year 2

Pre-Prep Harvest Festival

Wednesday, 19th September at 8.45 am

Our Pre-Prep Harvest Festival will take place on Wednesday 19th September at 8.45am in the Pre-Prep hall. Parents are welcome to join our assembly which will be led by our Year 2 children. We will once again be supporting the local charity, CHAT. Alongside many other services CHAT operates an emergency food store to help local families.

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