

Whole School News

Charity amounts raised

We are delighted to have raised the following amounts:

Children in Need £355.35

Christmas Market £1,752.53 This was the amount that the children raised from their stalls, Christmas cards and the refreshments, and is going towards Diabetes UK. Thank you to all of the children and staff for their hard work.

Years 2 – 6 Carol Service Monday, 10th December, 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm

The School Carol Service will be held in Blundell's Chapel. This will be held at 5.30 pm on Monday, 10th December and it **is compulsory for all pupils in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to attend.** The 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 for Years 3 - 6. After School Clubs will be available for Pre-Prep children not in Year 2. 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 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 the Senior School will be extremely difficult due to a variety of functions being held there at this time.

Whole School End of Day on the Final Day of Term Wednesday, 12th December

This will be a Christmas themed non-uniform day for the children and will not require any money for charity. Pre-Prep pupils should be collected at **3.30 pm**. Prep School pupils travelling with Pre-Prep children may be collected at **3.30 pm** from the gate by the Prep School playground. The remainder of the Prep School pupils will be ready to leave at **3.40 pm**.

Message from the Development Office

This year marks 150 years of rugby at Blundell's School and to celebrate this occasion, on the 8 December we are hosting an informal touch rugby game for parents, Old Blundellians and friends. The day will commence with coffee upon arrival at 10:30am, meeting at the Pavilion Steps in front of Big Field, followed by the match starting at 11am. We are expecting the match to be finish by 11:45am. Shower and changing facilities are available pre & post match. To register your interest in the touch rugby, please email the Development Office (devoffice@blundells.org). In the event that the weather/grounds is not fit for a match, a notification will be emailed to participants, please ensure you register your interest.

The Silent Auction for the 150 Years of Rugby at Blundell's Dinner is now live and has been attached with this email. We have some wonderful prizes kindly donated by the Blundell's Community including items such as a Darts Farm Christmas Turkey and all the Trimmings, Champagne Afternoon Tea at Lympstone Manor, A Weekend Away in a Holiday Cottage, and lots more! To make a bid on the silent auction, please email me on l.quinn@blundells.org clearly stating which item you are interested in and how much you would like to bid. Bids will not be accepted after midnight on the 8 December. As well as being able to bid now via email, you will be able to bid on the night of the dinner. Winners will receive an email on Tuesday 11 December.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 8 December!

Prep News

Years 3 – 6 Parking at the Swimming Pool

Please can I ask that all parents who drop their children off for swimming at Tiverton Pool on Thursday mornings be mindful of how and where they park. It is a busy time of the day and there are lots of children making use of the car-park to get to Tiverton High School. Please drive with great care.

Years 3 and 4 Junior House Matches Tuesday, 4th December

The postponed Junior House Matches will be taking place on Tuesday, 4th December 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.

Years 3 – 6 Prep School Christmas Play Performances Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th December

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

Wednesday, 5th December 3.00 pm Years 3 & 4

Thursday, 6th December 3.00 pm Years 5 & 6

There are limited spaces at the Dress Rehearsals for any parent who is unable to attend the actual performance. If you do need to attend the Dress Rehearsal please email the office in advance. The Years 3 and 4 Dress Rehearsal is due to take place on Tuesday, 4th December at 10.00 am and the Years 5 and 6 Dress Rehearsal is due to take place on Wednesday, 5th December at 10.00 am.

Years 3 – 6 Clubs Friday, 7th December

There will be no Clubs running in the Prep School on Friday, 7th December. However, there will be Prep for any child who is unable to be collected at 4.30 pm.

Years 4 – 6 Choir Members only Festival of Carols Friday, 7th December, 4.00 pm

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, 7th 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 Big School opposite the chapel. 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 Big School. **Could we ask that all parents park at the Prep School. There are 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.**

Year 3 – 6 EAGs Friday, 7th December

Your child's Effort and Attainment Grades will be available on the Parent Portal by the end of the school day.

Pre-Prep News

Nursery – Year 2 Christmas Post Box Monday, 3rd December

The Pre-Prep Christmas post box will be in the Nursery foyer from Monday 3rd December for the children to use to send cards to their friends in the Department. It would help our Year 2 children who deliver the cards if all cards could have the full name of the recipient on the front of the envelope along with the name of their class.

Nursery Nursery Christmas Party Tuesday, 4th December

We wish to clarify that the Nursery Christmas party is taking place on Tuesday 4th December.

Nursery Nativity Play

The Nursery Nativity performance will soon be upon us and with this in mind, we would like to ask for your help in bringing the children in for some extra dress rehearsals on Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th of December. If your child does not usually attend school on those days, we would be very grateful if you could bring them in at the normal time of 8.30 am. We can then have a full dress rehearsal and they can be picked up again by 10.30 am. Our dress rehearsal for the Pre-Prep staff and children will take place on the morning of Thursday 6th followed by the main performance at 10.00 am on Friday 7th December and you are all most welcome to join us.

The rehearsal on Tuesday 4th will be immediately followed by our Nursery Christmas Entertainment and Festive Picnic Lunch. All the Nursery children are invited to join us for a Christmas themed morning of fun and games. Following on from this we will provide a Festive Picnic to round off the session. Do let Mrs Spencer or Mrs Thornton know if your child is able to join us that morning.

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