

Whole School News

Year 1 – Year 6

Notice for Music Lessons and Speech and Drama Lessons

Please can we remind parents that if your child wishes to cease Music or Speech and Drama lessons for the Autumn Term 2019, notice is required by the First day of the Summer Term. If you wish for your child to start a new or additional instrument, an invitation to do so will be in an iLetter during the first half of the summer term. Please note that you cannot swap from one instrument to another, a term's notice must be given

Reception – Year 6

Easter Service

Friday, 29th March 9.30 am

The Easter Service is taking place on Friday, 29th March, 9.30 am at Blundell's Chapel and will be attended by children from Reception to Year 6. All parents are welcome to attend. It will last for about 40 minutes.

Nursery – Year 6

End of Term dates

Friday, 29th March

Term ends on

Pre-Prep 3.30 pm (and siblings in the Prep School)

Prep 3.40 pm

Please note that there is no after school provision, clubs or minibuses running on this evening.

The School Shop

The School shop will be closed on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th March.

It will be open by appointment in the Easter holiday, from Wednesday 3rd to Friday 12th April.

Nursery – Year 6

Start of Term date

Wednesday, 24th April

The first day of the Summer Term 2019 is Wednesday, 24th April.

The School will be open on Monday, 6th May for a normal school day (Bank Holiday).

Activate Sport

Please see the attached flyer for more information on the Activate Cricket Course taking place during the Summer holidays.

Water Bottles

We would like to continue with our efforts for our pupils and school to become as environmentally friendly as possible. To this end we would like each child in the Prep to bring in each day, a named water bottle for use whilst in school, when on matches and when on trips. The children in the Pre-Prep may bring in a named water bottle if they wish. Please note that children will still continue to receive plenty of drinks at break and lunchtimes.

Environment Action Competition

Attached is a poster about a competition which pupils may like to take part in during the Eater Holidays.

Friends of Blundell's Prep Party and Disco

A big thank you to our Friends of Blundell's Prep for arranging these super events. The children thoroughly enjoyed them. If you have not yet paid please do pop into the office with the £5 payment.

Dates for Your Diary

Grandparents' Day	Friday, 3 rd May
Year 6 Play	Wednesday, 12 th and Thursday, 13 th June at 7.00 pm.
Pre-Prep Sports Day	Friday, 14 th June at 2.00 pm
Prep Sports Day	Monday, 17 th June at 12 noon
Summer Concert	Wednesday, 26 th June at 6.00 pm
Speech Day	Friday, 28 th June at 2.00 pm
Friends of Blundell's Prep Ball	Saturday, 29 th June at 7.00 pm
Year 2 Farewell Afternoon	Tuesday, 2 nd July at 2.30 pm

Leaver's Service
Year 6 Balsa Evening

Thursday, 4th July at 3.30 pm
Thursday, 4th July at 5.30 pm

Prep News

Girls Summer Games Kit

The girls in Years 3 to 6 will be starting cricket in the summer term. They will be wearing their black shorts and their white polo tops. They will not require any additional games kit.

Year 5 and 6 Lunchtime Tennis

There is the opportunity for a few children to join our lunchtime tennis club. Each session will be taken by a trained Tennis Coach. Your child would join a group of four and these lessons would take place on either a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. The cost for this would be £72.00 per term. If you would like your child to join then please email b.stone@blundells.org. This will be on a first come first served basis.

Years 3 & 4

After School Tennis

Monday evenings

There will be a new tennis after school club for the Summer Term. This will be open to 12 children in Years 3 and 4, will take place on a Monday evening and will cost £35.00 per term. Each session will be taken by a trained Tennis Coach. If you would like your child to join this club please email b.stone@blundells.org. This will be on a first come first served basis.

Year 6

Exeter Race Course

Monday, 18th March

On Monday, 18th March the children in Year 6 will be visiting Exeter Racecourse as part of their Mathematics Curriculum. They will leave and return during the school day and will wear school uniform including blazer. Please could each child also have their school coat, hat and a pair of gloves, in addition they will require a pair of wellington boots in a bag. The children will travel by minibus and school will provide a packed lunch.

Year 6

STEM Week dissection Thursday 21st March

As part of our STEM week activities, Year 6 students have the opportunity to take part in a dissection lesson on Thursday 21st March. It will be led by a member of the Senior School's Biology department. The children will be working in small groups and will dissect an organ that links to previous work undertaken in their curriculum. Should your child NOT wish to participate, could you please notify the office in writing asap. An alternative activity will be available.

Years 3 - 6

House Cross Country

Monday, 25th March

This will take place on Monday, 25th March. All of the children in the Prep School will take part and parents are welcome to attend. Please note that no child may be taken from the course. **All the children must return to school** and will be released by their Form Teacher from the gate at 4.30 pm.

Years 3 – 6 (Specific Pupils)

Speech and Drama Recital

Monday, 25th March 5.00 pm

We are holding our Speech and Drama Recital in the Prep Hall on Monday, 25th March at 5.00 pm. Those children who will be taking part will receive a letter today.

Year 6

BALSA Exmoor Conservation Thursday, 28th March

The children will spend the morning working with the Forestry Commission on a conservation project in the woodland. We will be leaving school at 9.15am and will travel to the woods in minibuses. Following various activities, we will be heading back to school at 1.30pm after a packed lunch in the woods. For this day the children will need a waterproof coat and waterproof trousers, warm old clothes as they will be out all morning, wellies or walking boots (no trainers) and a pair of gardening gloves as they will be handling wood and vegetation. They need to bring their school uniform for the afternoon back in school.

Years 3 - 6

EAGs

Friday, 29th March

An email will be sent to let parents know when the Effort and Attainment Grades will be available on the Parent Portal on Friday, 29th March.

Pre-Prep News

Nursery Session Slips

Please could we remind Nursery parents to either complete the Nursery Sessions Form and send in or to email Mrs Clifford on llc@blundells.org which sessions they would like for their child for the Summer Term.

Nursery

Aqua Tots

Sadly we are going to stop holding the Aqua Tots Session on a Tuesday lunchtime with immediate effect. There have been very few participants to these sessions.

Year 1 and 2

House Matches

Tuesday, 19th March 2.00 pm

Please come along and support the children in their House Matches next Tuesday at 2.00 pm. Tea for the parents will be served afterwards in the Nursery foyer.

Nursery - Year 2

Pre-Prep Coffee Morning and Celebration Assembly

Friday, 22nd March 8.15 am

We look forward to welcoming all Pre-Prep parents to our Celebration Assembly on Friday 22nd March at 8.45 am. Coffee will be available in the Nursery foyer from 8.15 am.

Years 1 and 2

Sports Club

Friday, 22nd March

Unfortunately we are unable to hold the Year 1 and 2 Sports' Club on Friday, 22nd March. The children in this club are welcome to join the after school club if they wish.

Years 1 and 2

Primary Tag Rugby Tournament

Tuesday, 26th March 2.00pm

This will take place on 26th March at 2.00 pm. Do join us if you can to cheer the children on during the afternoon.