

## Whole School News

### Development Office Events

Attached to the iLetter is information for two events, which are being carried out by our Development Office; The Blundell's Black Tie Dinner on 11<sup>th</sup> April and the Blundell's London Drinks Invite on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

### Prep School Coats

Our new Prep School coats are now available and can be purchased either by visiting the Nearly New Shop on a Monday or Thursday Morning 8.15 – 9.00 am or by popping into the office. They cost £29.50 and will be compulsory for all children in Years 3 - 6 from September 2017. The current purple coat may still be worn by children in Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 but these will be phased out over the next academic year. The coat may be paid for by cheque (made payable to Blundell's Shop) or cash and we are unable to release the coat until payment is made.

### Sainsbury Vouchers

Please do bring into school any Sainsbury vouchers that you collect.

### 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 2017, notice is required by the First day of the Summer Term. If you wish for your child to start a new or different instrument, a letter will be sent home 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.

## Prep News

### Andy Coomer

After two years with us here at Blundell's Prep, Andy Coomer has been appointed as Head of Primary PE at The Sultan's School, Oman and will take up that post in September. He will be running a department of four staff and will be in charge of the PE and Games Curriculum. I know that I speak for everyone here at Blundell's Prep when I say that Andy will be sorely missed. He has contributed a great deal to the school over the last 2 years and has been a big part of its recent success. We are currently advertising for his successor and are looking for someone who can make a significant contribution in the classroom, on the games field and in the staff room, just as Andy has done.

### Clubs

Please note that the following Clubs will not be taking place on the following dates:-

Ballet and Fencing, Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Gym Club Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March

### Readathon Charity

You may notice your children coming home with sponsorship envelopes for Readathon. Those who wish to take part will be raising money to help children in hospital have access to books. All the children need to do is read books and ask friends and relatives to sponsor them! For every £100 we raise for this amazing charity, the school will receive £20 to spend on books. If you would like to know more information then please look at the website: [www.readathon.org](http://www.readathon.org) or speak to Mr Richards. The deadline for Sponsorship money is **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March** so please return any money raised to Mr Richards by this date. If you would like to sponsor online then please follow this link:

<https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor/?accountId=0012000001Rf8CI&type=sponsorship>

### **Pancake Races**

These are taking place on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30 pm. All parents of children in Years 3 to 6 are welcome to join us.

### **Prep Disco                      Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm**

The Prep Disco is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Tickets are £5 and the price includes a hot dog tea. There will be the usual sweets and glow products on sale; your child may bring a small amount of spending money. Tickets may be purchased in the school office.

### **Outdoor Learning Day                      Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Years 3, 4 and 6 will require warm outdoor learning clothes, warm waterproof coat and wellington boots. Year 5 will require full school tracksuit, wellington boots/walking shoes and a warm waterproof coat. Years 3 and 6 will be based at school, Year 4 will be going to Exeter Forest School and Year 5 will be walking on Exmoor.

### **Roving Book Fair**

On **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**, the Roving Bookshop will be visiting the school. This is a company that we have used before and they supply us with a really wonderful range of top quality literature for the children to choose from. There will be a wide range of books available for children of different interests and reading levels. The children who would like to buy books will be taken by their teacher to visit the book shop during the school day and will be able to select and purchase books of their choice. If you would like your child to buy a book on that day, please send in some money in the envelope supplied. We will be sending home the envelopes the day before the shop visits so that it will serve as a useful reminder for you. The school receives commission from the sale of each book which enables us to purchase some new books for the school so it is a very worthwhile venture. We will be sending home a leaflet with the children today, which will give you some more information about the Roving Bookshop. It also includes a special Prize Draw, which you might like to take part in.

## **Pre-Prep News**

### **FOBP Pre-Prep Party                      Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 4.30 pm – 6.00 pm**

Tickets are now on sale for the Pre-Prep Party, which takes place on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The tickets are priced at £5 and include a snack supper. Tickets are available to purchase from the School Office. If you would like your child to stay in school between 3.40 pm and 4.30 pm when the party begins please let your child's Form Teacher or Mrs Filmer-Bennett know in advance of this event.

### **Roving Book Fair                      Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March**

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, the Roving Bookshop will be visiting the Pre Prep Department. This is a company that we have used before and I can assure you that it will supply us with a really wonderful range of top quality literature for the children to choose from. There will be a wide range of books available for children of different interests and reading levels.

The children from Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2 who would like to buy books will be taken by their teacher to visit the book shop during the school day and will be able to select and purchase books of their choice. If you would like your child to buy a book on that day, please send in some money in the envelope supplied. We will be sending home the envelopes the day before the shop visits so that it will serve as a useful reminder for you. The school receives commission from the sale of each book, which enables us to purchase some new books for each classroom so it is a very worthwhile venture.

If the parents of children in Nursery 1 and 2 would like to buy books for their children, the books will be available for purchase from 8 30 am until 4 45 pm. I know that the Bookshop will be bringing many picture books of universal appeal so I would encourage you to come and have a look. Similarly, if the parents of the older children in the Pre-Prep would like to help their children choose the books they wish to purchase, please feel free to bring them along during these times.

We will be sending home a leaflet with the children today, which will give you some more information about the Roving Bookshop. It also includes a special Prize Draw, which you might like to take part in.

### **Pre-Prep Parents' Evenings**

Just a reminder that these meetings are coming up on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March for parents of children in Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 from 4.00 pm in the **Nursery Hall**. Mrs Kimber and Miss Howlett will not be available until 4.50 pm at the earliest as they will be travelling back with their classes from the sports fixture at St Peter's. Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March for the parents of children in Nursery 1 and 2 in the Nursery classrooms from 4.00 pm. If you are unable to attend on either of these evenings, please speak to your child's Form Teacher who will be happy to find a mutually convenient time on another day.

### **Café Event- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Our next Nursery Café Event is coming up on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March for parents and children in Nursery 1 and Nursery 2. The event begins at 2.15 pm and finishes at 3.30 pm. The activities will include a scavenger hunt in the grounds so please wear warm, waterproof clothing and stout shoes or wellies. We will keep our fingers crossed for fine weather!

### **Mrs Filmer-Bennett – Absence**

Mrs Filmer-Bennett will be away from school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March attending the Pre-Prep Leadership Conference in Cirencester.

### **Cancellation of Games Club**

Please note that there will be no games club on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March.