



## Head Master's Welcome

A very warm welcome back to school after what I hope has been a marvellous summer for all of our families. We were delighted to see so many smiling faces on Thursday morning, including a great many new pupils joining year groups across the school. We also welcome two new teachers: Miss Steel joins us to teach in Year One and Mr Martin takes charge of a Year Five form and will also be teaching English, Maths and Games. They are both excited to have joined our warm and vibrant school community. Miss Howlett has returned this term as Mrs Morris following her marriage to Mr Morris in the Prep School during the summer holiday.

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

### 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 those in the Prep School will start with tea and coffee served from 4.30 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, 11 <sup>th</sup> September	8.45 am – 9.15 am
Year 1	Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September	8.45 am – 9.15 am
Years 3 & 4	Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September	4.45 pm – 5.30 pm
Year 2	Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> September	8.45 am – 9.15 am
Years 5 & 6	Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> September	4.45 pm – 5.30 pm

### Clubs, Music and Speech and Drama Lessons

Music and Speech and Drama Lessons will be commencing on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September. If your child is in the Prep School they should receive a rota today. Clubs will commence from Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September.

### Mamas and Papas

Our Parent singing group will be starting again from Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 4.45 pm in the Prep Drama Studio. They would be delighted to welcome any Mums who would like to join them. You do not need to be an experienced singer, enthusiasm is the key.

### Author Visit

We look forward to welcoming James Mayhew to Blundell's Prep on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. All children in the school will have the opportunity to meet this very talented, children's author and illustrator and be able to listen to some of his stories. More information can be found on his website, [www.jamesmayhew.co.uk](http://www.jamesmayhew.co.uk). If you would like your child to purchase a signed book, please send £7 into school on the day in a named envelope for the attention of your child's Form Teacher.

### One Day Event

Blundell's One Day event is taking place at the Bicton Arena on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like more information or to help then please do contact Mrs Charlesworth by email on [tc@blundells.org](mailto:tc@blundells.org).

### Prayer Meeting

The next gathering of the Blundell's Prep Parent and Staff Prayer group is to be held on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.45 pm at Mayfield House, 2 Tidcombe Lane EX16 4DZ. 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

### **Prep Harvest Assembly and Coffee Morning Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 8.30 am**

Our Prep Coffee Morning will commence at 8.30 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 18<sup>th</sup> September. We will then deliver the gifts to CHAT on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

### **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.

### **Outdoor Learning Day Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September**

Please could all children bring to school a raincoat with a hood, wellington boots or old trainers. In addition could:-

Year 3 wear old clothes

Year 4 wear school tracksuit

Year 5 wear school tracksuit

Year 6 wear old clothes

### **Golf Club Year 5**

We have spaces in golf club and would like to open this up to children in Year 5 as well as those in Year 6. If you would like your child to join Golf Club please contact the office.

### **Exeter Chiefs Trip**

A date for your diary, we have arranged a trip for Year 6 to watch the Exeter Chiefs on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 9.00 am – 5.30 pm. More information about this will be sent in due course.

## Pre-Prep News

### **Pre-Prep Harvest Festival**

Our Pre-Prep Harvest Festival will take place on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45 am 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.

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 18<sup>th</sup> of September. We will then deliver the gifts to CHAT on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

### **After School Club and Early Morning Club**

With the introduction of our free wrap around care this term we have made a few changes to the former Siblings and Owls groups. All of the children staying to this club will be registered and given a drink and a snack. Those children who are staying beyond 4.30pm will be given a light tea of sandwiches, fruit, yoghurt and a drink. Please could parents collect the younger children from the Pre-Prep before collecting any older siblings from the Prep School. After School Club finishes at 5.30pm.

Any family who needs to make use of our Early Morning Club provision can bring their child to the main Pre-Prep playground from 8.00 am. In the event of wet weather the children will meet in the Pre-Prep hall instead.

### **Toddler Group**

Our Toddler Group begins again on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> September. We welcome families with young children of any age each week from 2.00 pm until 3.30 pm 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.