

## Whole School News

### Half Term

Half Term starts at **4.30pm on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October**. Provision is available for children unable to be collected until **6.00 pm**. If your child has a sibling at the Senior School they may leave at **1.00 pm** before lunch. **Could we ask that you notify the School by email in advance if you are intending to pick your child up at this time and that you collect from the Prep School before collecting from the Senior School.** No minibuses will be running.

### Operation Christmas Child

We are again supporting this worthwhile charity through donations of shoebox gifts. If your child would like to fill a shoebox please pick up a leaflet from the table in the Nursery foyer or from the Prep Office and return your gift to school by Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November.

### Christmas Card Competition

We are inviting all of the children in the school to enter our Christmas Card Competition. The winning entry will be used for the School's official Christmas card. All entrants will receive a prize for taking part. The closing date is Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October.

If your child would like to enter the competition please remember the following:-

- Individual entries only
- Draw your design on an A4 sheet of paper (either portrait or landscape)
- Use felt tips or paint (not glitter or collage please)
- Write your name and form clearly on the back of your picture
- Please do your picture at home
- **Good Luck to all Entrants**

### Christmas Cards

In addition to the Christmas card competition each child has designed their own Christmas card in school. Sample cards will be sent home shortly for each family to look at and you may then order packs to send to families and friends. Do look out for them in your child's book bag and please order early so that we can take delivery of the cards in good time for the Christmas Market on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### Friends of Blundell's Prep News

#### **Nursery – Year 6      Movie Night      Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Pre-Prep      4.30 pm – 5.45 pm

Prep      5.45 pm – 7.45 pm

Tickets are £5.00, include a snack tea and are available from the school office.

### **Bonfire Night, Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Bonfire Night is taking place on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> November. Tickets are on sale in the School Office for £5.00 per ticket. Please do join in with this evening as the firework display is stunning. Gates open at 5.30 pm, with the firework display at 6.30 pm. Lots of delicious food and drink will be available. Please no-unaccompanied children. Please **DO NOT** park near the cordoned off area and that the school accepts no responsibility for damage to vehicles parked in the Prep School, additional parking at the Astro is available.

### **Blundell's Prayer Group Meeting      Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 12.40 pm**

The next meeting of the Blundell's Prayer Group will take place in the Lady Chapel on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> November at 12.40 pm.

### **Tiverton Conservation Area**

Tiverton Civic Society have nominated the Tiverton Conservation Area as England's Favourite Conservation Area, strongly believing it to be one of the finest in the country, with a fascinating history and a great variety of outstanding buildings.

Out of 249 nominations, Tiverton has been shortlisted in the final 18, the winner to be decided at the Civic Voice Conference on October 19th/20th. The town is up against some formidable opposition and needs as many people as possible to vote before October 15th. Full details are below, and all voters need to do is to click on the photograph of the Greenway Chapel (St Peter's Church) and then to click again on the heart. Thank you for your support!

<https://www.bigconservationconversation.com/vote-for-ca>

## Prep News

**Years 3 – 6 Sport**

### Off Games

Please could we remind you that if your child cannot attend sport that either an email or a written message is required to come into the Office.

After a match can we remind parents that they may collect their child after match tea if they or a representative such as a grandparent has been to watch. The children whose parents/grandparents have not been to the match will be taken back into lessons and will be ready for collection at 4.30 pm.

### Year 6 Transfer to Senior School in September 2019

If you are wishing to put your child forward for either the Academic or Music Scholarship for Senior School entry 2019 please could you let Bev in the Office know by Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October at the latest. Those entering the Academic or the Music Scholarship will be required to complete an application form. Please could parents also return the transfer form as soon as they are able and by half term at the latest.

Year 6 will be visiting School House on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October as part of their transfer process. This will take place within the school day.

### Years 4 – 6 Open Morning Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October

We are looking forward to receiving many prospective families to our Open Morning and are delighted that the children in Years 4 to 6 will be in school to welcome them.

### Years 3 – 6 Classics Club Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October

Please note that this will not be taking place as Mrs Milne has a senior school function to attend. Children may join Prep instead.

### Year 3 Geography Trip Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October

Year 3 will be exploring Tiverton and its environment. They will be travelling by minibus, will be provided with a packed lunch, and will leave and return during the school day. Children will need to wear full school uniform including their black school coat.

### Year 6 Girls Change of Venue Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October

The U11 A & B Hockey teams will be playing away at Wellington next Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October.

### Outdoor Learning

Year 4 Science	Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 6 All Day	Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 5 All Day	Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 3 History	Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October

Please could the children come to school wearing **old** home clothes including a warm waterproof coat, wellington boots in a plastic bag (please do not wear these into school), hat, gloves etc. The activity that the children are taking part in is very muddy! Please ensure that Sports kit and school uniform is brought to School for the children to change into.

### Years 3 – 6 Tea Time Concert Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October

Please note that your child will only be taking part in a Tea Time Concert if they are given a letter to bring home.

### Year 3 – 6 EAGs Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October

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

**Years 5 & 6 House Matches Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> October**

These will take place on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15 pm and all parents are very welcome to watch.

**Years 3 – 6 Parents' Evenings**

Letters containing information about booking times for the Parents' Evenings below will be sent home by separate emails today. If you are unable to attend a Parents' Evening please contact the Office who will arrange another time for you meet with your child's teachers.

**Year 4 Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> October**

**3SH Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**3AY Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**Year 5 Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November** (to be sent Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> October)

**Year 6 Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> November** (to be sent in Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November)

**Year 4 Roman Day Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October**

A letter about this will follow next Friday.

## Pre-Prep News

### Mobile Phones

May we respectfully remind all parents that the use of mobile phones for whatever reason is not permitted anywhere in the Pre-Prep building. If you wish to make or receive a call, or deal with texts, please do so outside of the building. Thank you for helping us to safeguard your children.

**Reception, Years 1 & 2 Parents' Evening Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Just a reminder that Parents' Evening for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 will take place in the Pre-Prep Hall from 4.00 pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

**Years 1 & 2 Multi Sports Club Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

There will be no Multi Sports Club on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October due to Parents' Evening. Children who usually attend this club can be booked into After School Club until 4.30 pm instead. Yoga Club will run as normal.

**Nursery 1 Welcome Meeting Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November**

This is taking place in the Nursery One classroom at 8.45 am. All Nursery One parents are welcome and refreshments will be available in the Nursery Foyer. If you are unable to attend the meeting please speak to Mrs Spencer who will ensure that you are given any handouts or information that you will require for the academic year.