



Blundell's Preparatory School Newsletter

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Individual School Photographs: Tuesday, 7th October

Tempest Photographers will be taking individual photographs of children in the Pre-Prep and Prep on Tuesday 7th October. Brothers and sisters will be photographed together and individual photographs will also be taken. **Unfortunately we will be unable to include older siblings from the senior school.**

Boys should wear their normal trousers or shorts, long sleeved white shirt, tie and v-necked sweater. Girls should wear their grey skirt, white long sleeved blouse, tie and v-necked sweater. If your child is in the Nursery and it is not their normal day and you would like a photograph taken then we would be grateful if you could bring them in between 9.00 am and 10.30 am. We will slot them in between other children while you wait. The photographs will take place in the Pre-Prep Library.

Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers

Thank you very much to all those who collected both Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers last term. The Tesco vouchers have purchased three computers, one will be for use in the Nursery, one in the Pre-Prep and the third in the Prep School Library. Sainsbury Vouchers have 'purchased' additional play equipment for the Pre-Prep playground. This is obviously really really useful to us. We believe that the vouchers equated to approximately £400,000 worth of Tesco shopping from us all!

Cakes

Could we cordially remind parents that Blundell's Preparatory School has a 'no nut' policy and we would be grateful if parents could check cakes to ensure that they contain no nuts. If you wish to send a cake in on a child's birthday in the Prep school could we ask that they are individual cakes.

Jeans for Genes Day

We will be supporting this worthwhile charity again this year on Friday 3rd October. Children can attend school in "Home Clothes" and are invited to donate £1 to this national charity. Class teachers will collect all donations.

Entry to Senior School

As stated at the Year 6 information evening if your child is in Year 6 and you are wishing your child to enter Blundell's Senior School you will need to Register your child with them. Forms are available from the School Office or on request from the Blundell's Senior School Office.

Clubs

We hope that all the children have now settled into the clubs of their choice. The three week trial period has now finished and we therefore do not expect children to change clubs unless there are exceptional circumstances. A term's notice is now required if a child wishes to give up a club.

Head Lice

Welcome to the new school term! As the children are back together in the classroom and the playground, it is time to start checking your child for head lice on a regular basis.

Within most schools at any one time, there will be a small number of children infected with head lice. Infection levels remain fairly constant, but if you could inspect your child's/children's hair at least once a week throughout the school year, we would be very grateful.

Head lice do not always cause an itchy scalp so many people will be unaware that they are infected. Sufferers only develop an itchy scalp if they become sensitive to the louse saliva, and this can take up to two months.

If you suspect your child has head lice, please report any incidences to the school. Detection and effective treatment of any head lice outbreaks is key to reducing the problem.

Treating head lice is not a problem. For further advice, consult your pharmacist, doctor or myself. If you have access to the Internet, you can obtain more information from www.headliceadvice.net

Uniform check/ Missing Uniform

The children looked very smart on their return to school however there are a few children who still appear to be without certain items of uniform, raincoats in particular. We will be carrying out uniform checks in both in Prep and the Pre-Prep on a Friday. Letters will go how stating which items are missing or unnamed please could parents purchase any missing items and ensure that all items of clothing are named.

Despite our continual encouragement and clear systems within the changing rooms, we still appear to have children in both the Pre-Prep and the Prep School going home with other children's uniform. Could we urge parents to check that their children have their own items and return any that do not belong to them as soon as possible. If kit is clearly named it makes a huge difference.

Geography Trips Year 4

On Wednesday, 8th October Year 4 will be walking to a local river. This again will take place in school time.

Proclamation of the Fayre

Blundell's Prep will once again be represented by the children in Year 3 at the Proclamation of the Fayre. This will take place at Coggan's Well in Fore Street Tiverton on Thursday, 2nd October at 10.30 am. The children will be accompanied by their class teachers to hear the Proclamation read by the Beadle which is followed by the distribution of the pennies. This year to celebrate the 750th anniversary of the granting of a Market Charter to Tiverton the usual 2p coins will be replaced by 10p pieces.

Prep School Ballet pupils

All Prep School ballet pupils will be walked back up to the Prep school by Mrs Wightmore at 5.30 pm following their lesson in the Pre-Prep hall. This will hopefully assist those parents who have other children to collect from the Prep school at 5.40 pm.

Friends of Blundell's Preparatory School

The FOBP are aiming to keep you up to date with its activity, the role your committee plays and details of future social events. We would also like to inform you of who the members of the committee are, so that you can approach them about any matter concerning FOBP as necessary.

Current Committee Members:

Karen Clark (Chairperson)	Children in	Year 6 & Senior School
Kate Davenport (Secretary)		Year 5 & Senior School
Louise Wilder (Treasurer)		Year 6, 4 & Senior School
Jayne Mettam		Years 6, 5 & 3
Alyson Murray		Years 6 & 3
Debbie White		Years 5, 3 and Kindergarten
Julian Berry		Years 5 and Year 1
Amber Oliver		Years 6 & 3
Jane Hadley-Piggin		Years 4 & 6
Annabel Smart		Years 4 & 6
Henrietta Dutton		Year N2
Emma Trebble		Year 1
Jane Gillbard		Year 6
Charlotte Swain		Years 2 & Kindergarten
Ruth Hunt		Years 6 & 2

FOBP Quiz Night Friday 10th October 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm start in the Prep Hall

Get the grey matter working, either make up a team of 8, or buy tickets individually and join up with others for an evening of relaxing and not too taxing quiz questions.

A lasagne supper will be provided, please bring your own alcoholic drink, soft drinks.

Tickets are priced at £7.50 and are available from the School Office or School Uniform Shop. Alternatively please fill in the

form at the end of this Newsletter and send into the School Office. The tickets will be returned to you via your child.

Pre-Prep News

Swimming awards

Congratulations to the following children on their achievements: -

Nathan White – Duckling Award grade 4

Holly Nugent – Rainbow swimming award for 50 metres.

Jack Swain – completing 10 weeks with the Catfish

Bethany Keedwell – Duckling awards levels 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Tom Swain – Grade 2 Duckling Award

Jon and Ben Robinson – 10 metres distance award from Aqua Zone

William Usherwood – Rainbow swimming award for 5 metres

Poetry Competition

Congratulations to Bethany Keedwell and Eve Nugent on receiving certificates of merit for their poetry.

South Pool Pony Club

Congratulations to Harry Charlesworth on receiving his three badges at Pony Club Camp for Points of the horse, Grooming and Handling and Saddlery. Harry also received an award for being the best child handler in a local dog show.

Certificate of Achievement

Congratulations to Ellie Salisbury on receiving the first certificate of the year in Pre-Prep for hard work, good concentration and working quietly and sensibly.

Golden Book

Congratulations to Toby Hull for being really helpful in the classroom and for helping others. Jasper Pring's name was entered into the Golden Book for being extremely helpful in carrying out the recycling duties around the school.

Pre-Prep children's arrival times

Can we respectfully remind parents that children should not arrive in their classrooms before 8.30 am each morning. Class teachers are preparing for the day ahead and cannot receive children before that time. With safety in mind children must not be left unattended in the classrooms under any circumstances. If you need to drop your child off early for any reason please speak to Mrs Filmer-Bennett who will be pleased to help whenever possible. We have a Games Club, which runs in the Pre-Prep hall, from 8.00 am until 8.30 am for those parents who need to drop their children off early.

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Name:

I require tickets at £7.50 each.

I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to Friend's of Blundell's Prep.

Signed Date

Sport's News

Wednesday, 17th September

Rugby U11B	v	Exeter Cathedral	lost
Rugby U11A	v	Taunton Prep	won
Rugby U 11B	v	Taunton Prep	won
Hockey U11A	v	Exeter Cathedral	won
Hockey U11B	v	Exeter Cathedral	won

Thursday, 18th September

Rugby U9 A&B won both matches against St Michael's
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Friday, 19th September

Rugby U11A	v	Sandroyd	won
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Saturday, 20th September

U11 boys played in a tournament at Port Regis and although losing their first match went on to win the plate final against Clifton.

Wednesday, 24th September

RugbyU11A	v	Stover	won
RugbyU11B	v	Stover	won
HockeyU11A	v	Taunton Prep	lost
HockeyU11B	v	Taunton Prep	lost
HockeyU10A	v	Taunton Prep	drew
HockeyU10B	v	Taunton Prep	drew

Thursday, 25th September

St Peter's Festival

Rugby U9A played 4 and lost 1

Hockey U9A played 4 and lost 1

Congratulation to all the children who participated, they tried hard and played well.