

# Blundell's Preparatory School Newsletter

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## **School Changing Rooms**

Due to new government safeguarding children regulations, please can we respectfully request that all parents do not enter the pupils' changing rooms at any time. Parents are welcome into the School, but they must report to the School Office and may be accompanied into the main pupil areas. This line must be taken to safeguard our parents as much as the children. If you are collecting a child after 5.00 pm, when the office is closed, please go to the far white doors at the Prep School (The Prep Door) and ring the bell. Please do not enter the School without the staff member.

## **Drop off after 8.30 am**

If you drop your child off at any time after 8.30 am and they are therefore late for registration or if they have been for a medical or other appointment, please ensure that they report to the School Office before entering the building. As a School we must also act under strict guidelines regarding the registration of our children.

## **Car Park**

It is with much regret that I once again have to ask parents to take care in the Car Park both whilst driving and when attending their children. There have been some cause for real anxiety lately and there will be an accident if we are not more careful! We are also finding the cars are being parked in the drop off zones which causes the flow of traffic to cease. If you need to leave your car, then please park in a parking space. Please note that we now have close circuit cameras which record all the activity in the car park.

The Four major rules are:-

- 1 Drive slowly and with extreme care at all times when in the car park.
- 2 Ensure that your children have your full attention at all times in the car park.
- 3 Children must use the crossings.
- 4 Park only in designated spaces.

**We urge everybody to be patient - this is only a problem for very short periods of the day!**

## **Half Term**

Just a reminder that Half Term starts at 4.30 pm on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October. There will be provision for any children who are unable to be collected at this time. We realise that this is the one time when our holidays do not coincide with our Senior School, but as a Day School we feel it is necessary to keep to a full week. We re-open on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

## **Minibuses Next Week leading up to Half Term**

Please note that the minibuses will run next week on Thursday morning and evening and Friday morning **but not Friday afternoon.**

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## **Café Event Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 am**

Following our very successful Café Event last term, we would like to hold our second event. The theme this time will be 'Friendship and our anti-bullying policy.' After coffee and a chat we will be asking parents to consider a number of possible scenarios and open up a debate. We hope as many parents will come as possible. There will be provision for your children to be looked after and we hope parents will gain something from this social and informal gathering. More information will follow after half term.

## **Individual Photographs**

If you would like to place an order please use the envelope provided with the photo and return to the school office by next Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October. Any orders after this date will need to be sent straight to Tempest photography.

## **Contact Forms/Trip to London/Year 5 & 6 Trip to Shakespeare4Kidz**

Thank you to all the parents who have returned the Contact/Medical Forms, the Year 5 trip to London and the Years 5 & 6 trip to see Shakespeare4Kidz. Please could any of these forms that have not yet been returned be sent in on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Geography Trips**

On Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October Year 3 will be visiting locations around Tiverton. They will travel by minibus and will be accompanied by Miss Harrison, Mrs Nicholls and Miss Bennett. On Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November Year 5 will be visiting a local farm as part of their Geography studies. They will travel by minibus and be accompanied by Mr Folland and Mrs Cracknell. Both these visits will take part during the school day.

## **Coffee Morning**

We are holding our second Coffee Morning of this year on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 8.30 am in the Prep Atrium. We would like to invite all parents to join us for an informal get together.

## **Bonfire Party Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Gates open at 6.00 pm with Fireworks at 7.00pm. Tickets are kept at the same price as last year £4.50 which includes a hot dog. Burgers available at an additional charge. There will be an exciting display as in previous years and the traditional bonfire (re-sited)! Come along with the family and enjoy Vin Chaud, Hot Chocolate, Sweetie Bags for a fun social evening. Tickets are available from the School Office. We are again this year calling for volunteers to help marshall on the night for a limited time period, please indicate your ability to help below. Please note that children will only be admitted with an adult and adults are expected to take responsibility for their children throughout the event. Parking is likely to be limited, so please park where directed and allow extra time for a walk from the Main school parking area.

## **Wood for the Bonfire**

We would be grateful if any parents have any wood for our Bonfire. The School is running very low. Please contact the School Office before bringing this in.

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## **Poster Competition for Christmas Bazaar**

This year the Friends of Blundell's Prep are inviting all the children from both the Prep and the Pre-Prep to design a poster to advertise the Christmas Bazaar. Prizes for the winners will be awarded at the Christmas Bazaar.

It will need to be:-

A4 in size using crayons, paints or felt tips only (please no cotton wool, glitter etc)

Include the date and time Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 am – 12.30 pm

On the back of the poster should be the child's name (including surname) and class

It could include:

Santa's Grotto, Raffle, Lucky dip, books and toys, refreshments, lots of stalls and anything Christmassy.

Please could these arrive in the School Office by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Tea Time Concert**

Thank you to all the pupils who took part in last night's Tea Time Concert and to all the parents who supported the event. The musicians all tried very hard and played wonderfully well.

## **Morrison's Gardening Vouchers**

Morrison's supermarket have been issuing vouchers which would allow the school to 'purchase' gardening seeds, tools etc. We would be pleased to receive any vouchers into the school office.

## **Fish and Leaves**

Last term Mrs Godwin-Coombs worked with the children in the Nursery and Year 2 to produce some wonderful ceramic leaves and fish. Do take the time to pop over to the Nursery entrance to see the tree with all its leaves and the Pre-Prep entrance to see the fish swimming around. Many thanks to Mrs Godwin-Coombs for all her hard work.

## **Pre-Prep News**

Congratulations to the following children: -

### **Story Writing competition**

Shoo Rayner the author judged the writing competition and chose the following winners: - Archie Hull, Florence Chapman, Lucie Spencer, Alexander Lawler, Maisie Cross, Rocco Hartley and Charlie Berry. The children all created some wonderful stories which are on display in the Pre-Prep Hall for parents to read.

### **Book Quiz**

The winners of this year's Book Quiz were the red team. Well done to the team members Jon Robinson, Hannah Al- Hussaini, Anna Maunder, Tom Swain, Sophia Fields and Noah Sanders-Dutton.

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## Swimming Awards

Kit Barnes has gained his 5 m certificate and William Honey and Maisie Cross have gained their level 3 National swim award.

## Certificates of achievement

Freddie Frankpitt for working hard and improved organisational skills. George Humphries for an excellent start to term and working hard.

## Parents' Evening

My thanks go to all the parents who attended the Nursery Parents' Evening this week. It was lovely to welcome so many of you and we hope you found it informative. Just a reminder that Parents' Evening for the parents of children in Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 takes place in the Pre-Prep Hall next Monday from 4.30 pm. We look forward to welcoming you.

## Sport's News

Please note that the Junior House matches are taking place on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 3.15 pm and Senior House matches are taking place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 3.15 pm. Parents are welcome to come and watch.

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

U11A Hockey	v	Plymouth College	L
U11B Hockey	v	Plymouth College	D
U11A Rugby	v	Plymouth College	W
U11B Rugby	v	Plymouth College	L
U11B Rugby	v	Plymouth College	W

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October

U9A Rugby Festival at King's Hall	The boys won all their matches
U9B Rugby Festival at King's Hall	W 3 L2

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

U11A Hockey Tournament at Queen's	The girls all played well
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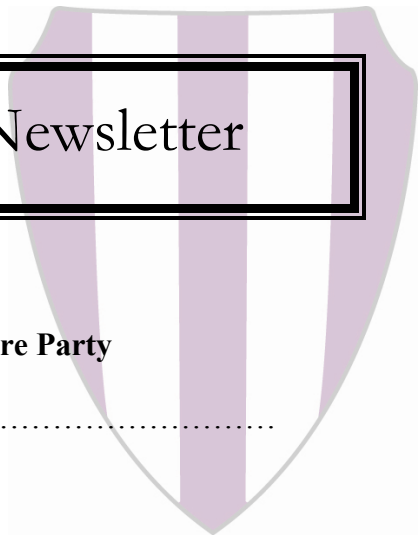
### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

U11A Hockey	v	Millfield	D
U10A Hockey	v	Millfield	L

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

U9A Rugby	v	Kelly	W
U9B Rugby	v	Kelly	W
U9A Hockey	v	Kelly	W
U9B Hockey	v	Kelly	L

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## Friends of Blundell's Preparatory School Bonfire Party

Child's Name.....Form.....

Please supply ..... Tickets at £4.50 each

I enclose cash/cheque made payable to Friends of Blundell's Prep School amounting to

£.....

### **BONFIRE NIGHT – MARSHALLING**

I am able to help marshal on Bonfire Night Early Evening 6.00 – 6.45 6.45 – 7.30\* Please delete as appropriate.

Name:.....

Phone Number:.....