



Blundell's Preparatory School Newsletter

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Friday, 4th December 2009

Saturday, 5th December, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm: Christmas Bazaar

Please come and support this worthwhile event. This year we will be raising money for Balloons, a local charity which supports children who have lost a parent. The Bazaar this year has over 25 stalls, which will mean there is plenty of choice to find that perfect gift for Christmas. Father Christmas will be in attendance and there will also be an activity craft room for children. **We would still be grateful for donations of second hand toys, books and DVD's, hamper prizes for the raffle and cakes for the cake stall. Many thanks.**

Friday, 11th December, 4.30 pm: Festival of Carols – Choir Members Only

We are holding a Festival of Carols with three local Primary Schools, Tidcombe Primary School, Uplowman Primary School and Two Moors Primary School. This will take place on Friday, 11th December at 4.30 pm in Blundell's Chapel. **All members of the Choir will be expected to take part** and will be taken directly from school to the chapel by minibus.

All parents are warmly invited to attend if they wish. The service will last approximately three quarters of an hour and coffee and cake will be served to the parents and children afterwards in the Marquee behind Big School (accessible through the Dining Hall). If you are a parent of a choir pupil and are unable to attend, we respectfully ask that you arrange for your child to be collected after the service from the Marquee.

It would be helpful if you could park in the Blundell's Preparatory School Car Park to allow enough parking spaces for the parents from the visiting schools.

Monday, 14th December, 5.30 pm: Carol Service

All Prep School Children to attend

The School Carol Service will be held in Blundell's Chapel. This is adjacent to the road, close to Blundell's clock tower. This will be held at 5.30 pm on Monday 8th December **and it is compulsory for all pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to attend.**

The Prep School pupils will be going straight from school to the Service after a 'Tea' which will be provided by the school. There will be no Prep or Clubs on this evening. Owls will continue, for Pre-Prep children only, as per normal.

We would be delighted to see all parents, including those from the Pre-Prep, and any friends and relations who would like to join us.

After the Service the pupils from the Prep School should be collected by parents from their form teachers outside the Chapel.

All Blundell's Preparatory School pupils should be in school uniform for the Carol Service:
BOYS – Grey shorts/trousers, long-sleeved white shirt, tie, v-necked jersey and blazer.
Please can you ensure that shoes are polished.

GIRLS – Grey skirt, long-sleeved white blouse, tie, grey socks/tights, v-necked jersey and blazer. Please can you ensure that shoes are polished.

CAROL SERVICE CAR PARKING

Please could all parents park their cars on the Blundell's Preparatory School playgrounds or in the Blundell's Preparatory School car park and walk down to the Chapel. Parking at Blundell's will be extremely difficult due to a variety of functions being held there at this time.

Tuesday, 15th December: End of Day

There will be no Clubs, but there will be Prep (for any child unable to be collected at 4.30 pm) and Owls. All Prep School pupils should take home their games and PE kit, Reading Book Bags and personal belongings from their desks.

Wednesday, 16th December: Year 3 Christmas Nativity and Pantomimes (Years 4, 5 and 6)

The Prep School Christmas Nativity and Pantomimes will take place on Wednesday 16th December in the Prep School Hall. These are very informal and we hope that parents will join in with this spirit. The programme is approximately as follows:

9.15 am	Year 3 Nativity	'Come on, Curruthers Catch Up!'
10.00 am	Year 4 Pantomime	'Jack and the Bean Stalk'
11.00 am	Year 5 Pantomime	'Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf'
12.00 pm	Year 6 Pantomime	'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'

All parents are welcome and may watch as many or as few of the performances as they wish, no tickets are required. Coffee will be served in the Atrium throughout the morning for those parents waiting to see a performance or for parents after seeing a performance. The pantomimes are being prepared by the children in two full pantomime rehearsal days. Although a little rough around the edges, we are sure that parents and children will enjoy the shows!

End of Day on the Final Day of Term: Wednesday 16th December

Pre-Prep pupils should be collected at **3.30 pm**. Prep School pupils travelling with Pre-Prep children may be collected at **3.30 pm** from the gate by the Prep School playground. The remainder of the Prep School pupils will be ready to leave at **3.50 pm**. **Please note that we will ensure that the children will be ready to leave on time.**

The Night Before Christmas

Our Drama Club play was enjoyed by all. Well done to the children and staff for all their hard work.

Pre-Prep News

Certificates of Achievement

Congratulations to the following children:

Bethany Keedwell for learning so many words for her role in the Form 1 play. She worked hard to remember them and said them beautifully clearly and with wonderful expression.

Abigail Horan for working hard all term in every single subject. In addition she is a very kind and helpful member of the class.

Gabriel Harrison-Kinnaird for working hard all term in every subject, producing some super pictures in art and producing some wonderfully imaginative, creative writing.

Jessica Payne for being so full of enthusiasm for all that is undertaken in class. She listens attentively and is a very positive member of the class.

Kit Barnes for making wonderful progress with his reading this term and being conscientious about doing his reading homework every night.

Anna Maunder for working particularly hard in the last few weeks to finish work on time. She has done particularly well in maths and works cheerfully and willingly.

Ollie Butler for enthusiastically answering questions in class and showing a very positive attitude to geography.

Finlay Williams for conscientiously completing his reading homework every day, being very well behaved in class and never allowing himself to be distracted.

Elizabeth Curgenven for trying really hard this term in all activities, working more quickly and trying her best at all times.

William Honey for trying really hard all term to concentrate on set tasks, trying hard and asking for help when he needs it.

Ben Wright for working really hard all term, trying to concentrate on all tasks and doing very well in all his maths activities.

Alice Williams for working hard in every subject all term, with a smile. She has been trying particularly hard with her reading, practising every night. She is also a very kind and helpful member of the class.

Sam Olive for concentrating really well and getting on with his work. He works very hard and often finishes first because he does not waste any time.

Eliza Lloyd for working hard all term in every area of the curriculum, always trying her best and doing everything with great enthusiasm and a smile on her face.

Golden Book

Congratulations to the following children whose names have been entered into the Golden Book:

Elizabeth Curgenven for being very helpful in Owls especially with the younger children. She is also very thoughtful towards the other children.

Maisie Cross for helping another child to change quickly after PE so that she might be ready in time for going home.

Alex Pawson for showing kindness and consideration towards another child in the class who had missed their turn at being monitor. She gave up her turn for the other child willingly.

Archie Hull for looking after another child who had fallen off her tricycle, without any prompting.

Tyler Read for tidying up the corridor outside the Year 1 classrooms without being prompted to do so.

National Swim Awards

Congratulations to Holly Nugent on achieving her level 6 award and to Emma Edwards on achieving her 50 metre distance award through the Rainbow Swimming Award scheme.

Children in Need

Congratulations to Charlie Berry for writing to Children in Need as a fundraiser and receiving a lovely personal reply from them acknowledging his support.

Whole School Assembly

We will be having a Whole School Assembly on Monday 7th December at 8.50am. It would be most helpful if all children could be dropped off at their classroom by 8.40am at the latest to give us time to make our way across to the Prep school hall.

Lunch on the last day of term

The children in the Pre-Prep will be having a combined lunch and party tea as part of their Christmas party. They will not be having their usual cooked meal so might be in need of a more substantial tea when they get home from school.

Cakes for the Bazaar

The Pre-Prep staff will be running the cake stall at the Bazaar on Saturday and would be grateful for any contributions of cakes, biscuits, jams etc today or first thing tomorrow before the event begins at 10.00 am. Please pass them to Mrs Filmer-Bennett or any member of the Pre-Prep staff.

Judo Grading

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Judo grading session last week. They all did very well and should be congratulated on their success. Could you please ensure that all white bars which your child received are sewn on to their belt before the start of next term.

Art Club

Art Club will take place in the Design/Technology room in the Prep school this afternoon. All Pre-Prep parents should collect their children from this room at the end of the session.

Sports News

Wednesday, 25th November

Rugby U11A	v	Exeter Prep	W
Rugby U10A	v	Exeter Prep	W

Thursday, 26th November

Blundell's Prep U9 Rugby Tournament	Lost in the Semi-Final
Blundell's Prep U9 Hockey Tournament	Tied first with Queen's

Friday, 27th November

Rugby U11A	v	West Buckland	W
Rugby U11B	v	West Buckland	W
Netball U11A	v	West Buckland	L
Netball U11B	v	West Buckland	L

Wednesday, 2nd December

Hockey U11A	v	King's Hall	L
Hockey U11B	v	King's Hall	L
Hockey U10A	v	King's Hall	L
Hockey U10B	v	King's Hall	L
Rugby U11A	v	Wellington	W
Rugby U11B	v	Wellington	W

Thursday, 3rd December

Rugby U9A	v	Wellington	L
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