

## A Message from the Head Master

I am delighted to share with you our strategic vision for the next 5 years at Blundell's. Attached to this e-mail are copies of Blundell's Prep 2025 and Blundell's 2025, in which our Ambition, Vision and Values are communicated through 'Roots and Wings.' My sincere hope is that you will share in our excitement at what lies ahead and join us in taking the school forwards over the coming years. Hard copies of the SDPs will be available from the School Office after half-term.

Our new website is now live! After many months of hard work from our Director and Marketing and Communications, Susie Mann, the new site is now up and running. Please do take a look and I would also encourage you to watch the video as it really captures the essence of our school. There may well be one or two glitches for us to iron out so please bear with us while we complete some fine-tuning. The main change will come in the way that parents access information such as team sheets and the image gallery. Attached to this e-mail, you will find instructions for accessing the Portal and this is where you will find much of the information previously held on the website. As always, Bev and Gloria will be on hand to help with any queries.

It has been an action-packed term in which all members of our Blundell's Prep have worked extremely hard. In all of their pursuits, it never ceases to amaze me just how committed our children are to their lives in school and I think that they deserve to feel proud of their many achievements. They now need a break, as do all of the staff, and I look forward to seeing everyone in 9 days time, batteries recharged and ready to go.

Happy half term to one and all.

## Whole School News

### Learning in Action Workshop

We very much hope that parents who attended the Learning in Action Workshop found it to be informative. The feedback has been very positive and many parents have asked for access to the Maths worksheets and the presentation. These are now available in the Parent Portal in the documents section.

### Pro Corda National Chamber Music Competition

We are delighted that our Prep School Chamber Music Group has reached the semi-finals and would like to wish them luck for their semi-final heat on the 25<sup>th</sup> February.

## A Message from the Development Office

### Pre-Russell Race Pasta Party – 6 March 2020:

This year marks the 140th running of The Russell and to commemorate this we would be delighted to invite you to a celebratory Pre-Race 'Pasta Party' in Big School the evening before the race, Friday 6 March.

Tickets include a delicious two-course Italian themed dinner at £22.50 for adults and £8 for children 16 and younger.

Parents, Old Blundellians and pupils are all welcome!

Book here: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/book/event?embed&eid=9217>

### The Russell Race – 7 March 2020:

Parents and Old Blundellians are welcome to join this year's Russell Race on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 15.00 onwards.

You are welcome to run either the 'Open' (6 Miles) or 'Fun' (2.4 miles) Run. All participants MUST register in advance.

Sign up here: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=PRp9khVG40qExHddPg85s\\_UcW5wBRVxAjq-ofNRmcQIUNDIGQzJZQUJKTIIVT0wyOVdER0c0NjA5VC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=PRp9khVG40qExHddPg85s_UcW5wBRVxAjq-ofNRmcQIUNDIGQzJZQUJKTIIVT0wyOVdER0c0NjA5VC4u)

## Prep News

**Years 3 – 6**

**Effort and Attainment Grades**

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February**

The Effort and Attainment grades (EAGS) are ready to view on the Portal. If anyone has a query on grades or a problem with viewing them, then please do pop into the school office and the ladies will help put you in contact with the appropriate member of staff.

**Years 3 – 6**

**Sunday Cricket**

Sunday cricket is not on this week as Mr Swain is in Jersey with Year 6 but will continue the following week - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Years 3 – 6**

**Pancake Races**

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 3.30 pm**

These are taking place on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30 pm the Prep playground. All parents of children in Years 3 to 6 are welcome to join us for the races and then afterwards for a cup of tea.

## Pre-Prep News

**Nursery - Year 2**

**Medicines**

**At All Times**

Please could parents ensure that any medicines that their child may require during the school day are handed to a member of staff along with clear written instructions including dosage, timings and a signature of the parent. Under no circumstances should medicine be left in a child's bag.

**Year 2**

**Year 3 Introduction Day**

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February**

A letter about this day will be emailed home later today.

**Nursery to Year 2**

**Donna McKever**

We are delighted to welcome Donna McKever to our team. Donna has many years experience working at Haberdasher Aske's School and she will be joining our Pre-Prep as a Teaching Assistant from Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February.