

A far shorter iLetter this week for obvious reasons. There is no need for me to repeat the details of the several emails which you will have received from me this week but what I do want to do is share my thanks for all of the kind messages of support. We are trying to navigate our way through these challenging times and the positive manner in which you have responded to my requests has been greatly appreciated.

Look out for the Vlog which will arrive slightly later than usual as I want to include the Bonfire Night themed Wild Wonders extravaganza which is taking place today. This event has kindly been supported by our FoBP Committee and I know that the children are very excited about it.

My best wishes to all.

Andy

Whole School News

Sadly, we will not be able to invite parents in to school until the end of the current lockdown and this includes Parents' Evenings. However, you will see from the information below that we have many activities taking place for the children to enjoy and as we move closer to Christmas, we are hoping to be able to invite you back in to watch some sport. In the meantime, please do keep the communication channels open.

School Shop

An appointment is required for the School Shop. Please contact Sophie Stevens on shop@blundells.org to book an appointment.

Nursery to Year 6 Birthday Cakes

We are still happy for children to bring birthday cakes into school. Please can these be shop bought and individual cakes. Please do not send in any chocolates or sweets.

Prep News

Items into School and collection of children in school time

If you need to bring in an item for your child or for the office during the school day we would be grateful if you could leave it in the box on the Purple Bench. If you are collecting a child for an appointment, please wait at the gate for your child. We are happy for you to call the office to let us know that either an item has arrived in the box or that you are waiting for your child.

Year 5 and 6 Parents' Evening

These will now be taking place via Teams and you will receive a letter with on-line booking instructions a few days before the planned time. Please be aware that the on-line system is automated and has an opening and closing date. Once this date and time has passed you cannot be added.

5GE to take place on Wednesday, 11th November – on-line bookings open to parents now, an email was sent this morning detailing what to do, closes on Monday, 9th November at 12.00 noon.

5RO to take place on Monday, 16th November – on-line booking open to parents Monday, 9th November at 10.00 am, closes Wednesday, 11th November at 5.00 pm.

6AL to take place on Monday, 23rd November – on-line booking open to parents Monday, 16th November at 10.00 am, closes Wednesday, 18th November at 5.00 pm

6MR to take place on Wednesday, 25th November – on-line booking open to parents Wednesday, 18th November at 10.00 am, closes Friday, 20th November at 5.00 pm

Year 3 – 6 Tea Time Concerts

These will be recorded during the school day and a video link will be sent to parents a few days later.

Year 6 'Get Set for Life Challenge'

Over the coming weeks the children in Year 6 will be working on an interesting sustainability project in Geography lessons and at home, which finishes with a live quiz in school on December 4th where a range of exciting prizes can be won. We are really hoping that all the children in Year 6 will be able to take part in this initiative, but in order to access the learning materials, the children will need to sign up and join the school team using the following link:

<https://www.getset.life/>

They will need to provide the e-mail address of a parent when doing so, and then you will need to approve their entry using a link on the e-mail that is then sent to you. Please do check your junk folder in case any e-mails get lost in there!

If you are able to complete this registration with your child as soon as possible it would be most appreciated, but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Lawrence (jfl@blundells.org).

Years 3 – 6 'Rock Out 2020'

As part of our commitment to make Maths exciting and high profile here at Blundell's, next week we will be taking part in a competition for Maths Week England called 'Rock Out 2020' which can be accessed via the following link:

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point, with all game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc) counting - but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm between Monday 9th November and Saturday 14th November. In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours.