



# BROMSGROVE PRE-PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## LEAVERS' SERVICE AND PRIZEGIVING

### WHAT IS PRE-PREP SCHOOL LEAVERS' SERVICE, PRIZEGIVING AND COMMEMORATION DAY?

The penultimate day of the School year marks the opportunity for the Pre-Prep School to celebrate our Year 2 through the Leavers' Service and Prizegiving ceremonies. These events are the first in a sequence of celebrations on three consecutive days with similar celebrations for the Prep School the following day and then Commemoration Day for the Senior School a day later.

Commemoration Day is a very special day for the School and especially for our Upper Sixth Leavers; it is the most important day in the School year and all Senior School pupils are expected to attend. In 1693 Sir Thomas Cookes re-endowed the School and enjoined that once a year a sermon should be preached to the Scholars of the School in St John's Parish Church. It is this that the School commemorates as well as celebrating the end of the academic year with Prizegiving. Pre-Prep and Prep School pupils are not required to attend Commem (the common abbreviation for Commemoration Day).

### WHO ATTENDS WHAT?

On the final Thursday of the Summer Term, Year 2 pupils and their parents attend the Leavers' Service which begins at 1.30pm (parents may arrive from 1.00pm to be seated – and we ask parents to arrive no later than 1.20pm).

The Prizegiving Ceremony for all pupils from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 follows at approximately 2.30pm, all parents are welcome to attend Prizegiving.

Year 2 pupils and their parents then have a celebratory 'Afternoon Tea' in one of the marquees on Gordon Green.

### WHAT SHOULD WE WEAR?

The dress code for pupils is summer uniform; given the gravitas and importance of the day, pupils should be immaculately presented with uniform looking at its best.

The dress code for parents is formal day wear – hats are not a pre-requisite.



## WHERE AND WHEN DOES PRIZEGIVING TAKE PLACE?

Prizegiving takes place in one of the large marquees on Gordon Green at the Senior School, and all parents are welcome to attend along with the pupils and staff of the Pre-Prep School. Parents who have not attended the Leavers' Service beforehand should aim to arrive for the Prizegiving Ceremony at around 2.15pm.

During the Prizegiving Ceremony the School Executive, Chair of Governors and other Governor Representatives and the President of Bromsgrove School are in attendance to witness the awarding of the end of year prizes. Prizegiving finishes at about 3.15pm, at which point Reception and Year 1 children will be escorted by their Class Teachers to the area alongside Chapel and should be collected by their parents.



## WHEN DOES THE DAY END?

The day ends for Reception and Year 1 children following Prizegiving. For Year 2, the day ends following the Afternoon Tea event – parents should note that they take responsibility for their children following the end of the Prizegiving Ceremony; teaching staff will be in attendance at the Afternoon Tea to be able to celebrate the end of the year with the parents, pupils and each other.

## WHEN DO PUPILS LEAVE?

Year 2 Pupils are free to leave following the Afternoon Tea.

## ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any specific questions about the day, please email [preprep@bromsgrove-school.co.uk](mailto:preprep@bromsgrove-school.co.uk) or contact your child's Class Teacher for more details. Useful documents about end of term celebrations can be found in the Resources section of the website.

