



## JUNIOR SECTION BLANDFORD RFC AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2008

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Welcome to the BRFC Junior Section Autumn Newsletter. We have now been back from our much needed summer break for over two months and it is wonderful to see all our players getting back into the swing of things so quickly. We have several new faces on the administrative and coaching staff this season and I am sure that you will make them feel part of our extended family. I would also like to welcome all of our new players and congratulate them for settling into their respective age groups so quickly.

Most of you have now paid up your subscriptions for this season; however there are still a few outstanding subscription fees. Please remember that if you have not paid your child is not covered by the RFU Insurance. Included for paid up members with this newsletter is the membership card which is proof that you are entitled as a paid up member of the club to use the Clubhouse facilities located in the town. I would also ask that parent's check the "Player Data Sheets" folder is available at the Tuck Shop to ensure that we have all of your child's details recorded correctly. We are only human and transcribing the information from written to electronic form can result in the occasional error. Remember there are certain changes which will require you to submit a new registration form via the club to the RFU. If you are unsure or some of the details are incorrect please see Joy.

This season we have introduced a Photographic Permission Policy and already some parents have been issued with their Photographic Permit, remember whilst it is nice to take pictures of your child we must comply with RFU guidelines. The introduction of this policy ensures that we are seen to be complying. If you have not already applied for a permit and wish to take photographs please see Joy or myself.

The website which was launched last season is continually being updated with information for all parents, players and coaches, and can be found at [www.brforcjuniors.org](http://www.brforcjuniors.org). Please visit the site to read all about the section, its policies, forthcoming fixtures, tuck shop rotas and more; Though the site has been running for about 9 months now it is still relatively young and is a work in progress, however if you have any ideas for new pages please submit your ideas to the webmaster, whose e-mail address can be found under the contacts page.

We will continue to use the website as a means of communication which will help both parents and coaches in the transmission of information. Details of matches or match/training cancellations together with forth coming events will appear on the home page, so if you are in any doubt about the status of matches or training please check here. The site will also have match reports written by the coaches or for some age groups their team managers.

I would like to remind all players, parents and coaches of the timings for training and home matches. All players and coaches should arrive at the latest by 1015 ready to train or warm up in preparation for their match. Any important news will be given out at this time over by the Tuck Shop. Included below are the planned fixtures up until Christmas, any changes to these dates will be published at the earliest opportunity on the website and displayed at the tuck shop.

Date	U7-U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
26-Oct-08	Training	Training	Training	Training	Training
02-Nov-08	Oakmedians (A) + Weymouth	North Dorset (A)	North Dorset (A)	Training	Training
09-Nov-08	Training	Training Dorset Cup Preliminary games	Training Dorset Cup Preliminary games	Training Dorset Cup Preliminary games	Training Dorset Cup Preliminary games
16-Nov-08	Training	Training	Training	Training	Training
23-Nov-08	Dorchester (A)	Dorchester (H)	Dorchester (H)	Swans (A)	Lytchett (A)
30-Nov-08	Training	Training or Dorset Cup Quarter Finals	Training or Dorset Cup Quarter Finals	Dorchester (H)	Dorchester (H)
07-Dec-08	Training	Sherborne (A)	Sherborne (A)	Training	Training
14-Dec-08	Bridport (A)	Training	Training	Dorset Cup Quarter Finals	Dorset Cup Quarter Finals
21-Dec-08	Training	Training	Training	Sherborne (H)	Sherborne (H)
28-Dec-08	CHRISTMAS	CHRISTMAS	CHRISTMAS	CHRISTMAS	CHRISTMAS

Earlier in this newsletter I spoke of what was available via the website which includes the Codes of Conduct. I would like to remind players, coaches and parents that the RFU has laid down codes which are to be complied with at all levels. As a club we are seen by many within the rugby world as being a leading club in complying with these codes. Please help us to maintain this high standard by being familiar with the requirements of the Codes of Conduct.

So far this season the weather has been reasonably kind to us, however as we progress into winter please remember that it will turn colder and children should be provided with plenty of warm clothing, to wear either when training or waiting for their turn to take part in a match. It is better to have several thin layers than one thick layer. The players can always take off a layer if they become warm. All players should also have a waterproof coat. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly written on all their clothing, it is amazing how much lost property we accumulate each week and as it is not named it is very hit and miss if we get it back to its owner. Rugby is a winter sport and unless the conditions are extreme we will always play or train, the only exception to this rule is for away matches where our opponents make the decision. If you are in any doubt if a fixture is going to proceed then please contact your age group coach for confirmation.

For those of you who were part of the club last season you will know that we improved our pitch side facilities in the latter half of the season by building our Tuck Shop. This has proved very popular and has been well used not only by our players and parents but visiting teams as well. Staffing of this facility is undertaken by volunteer parents and many of you have already committed to a Sunday on the Tuck Shop Rota, there are still some gaps which need to be filled. An up to date rota is available to view on the website and at the Tuck Shop. If you are able to help fill one of the vacant slots please speak to me. We are also hoping to be able to add cakes to our selection of items which we sell and are looking for parents to donate a cake for us to be able to achieve this goal. The types of cakes should be either individual small cakes or a larger cake which has been pre-sliced. All cakes should also be pre-wrapped.

Christmas still seems a long way off but remember it will approach rapidly so if you are looking for any items of kit to help on the present front speak to Noel in time for him to order any items which may not be in stock. We will again be having a "Fun" morning on the last day before Christmas and will be looking for some parents to help out with this event. There is even a rumour that a certain gentleman with a red coat and white beard could well be popping along to provide us with some Christmas cheer.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sundays.  
Regards

*Helen Oliver*

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