

Newsletter



PATTISON
COLLEGE

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ISSUE 1

Dear Parents

I do hope that today has gone smoothly and that the holiday is not too distant a memory. I would particularly like to welcome parents and children who are new to the school and I look forward to another exciting year ahead. As ever, please do not forget to contact me should you have any concerns.

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Congratulations to Year 11

I am delighted to report that Year 11 pupils achieved 92.3% A* - C GCSE results including Maths & English. Particular congratulations to Jack who gained 8A* and a Distinction at Level 2 in ICT (the highest grade possible). Congratulations to all concerned and thanks to their parents and teachers for their part in making this happen.

Reception & Infant Parents' Meetings Friday 9 September 8.45am

As notified by text email last week, Mrs Green would like to invite the parents of Year 1 pupils to a short meeting at 8.45am on Friday to give parents an idea of what to expect now that their children are in the Upper Infants. The meeting will finish by 9.15 at the latest.

Mrs McCaughley will be having a meeting for Reception parents at the same time.

Godiva Sisters

As the Godiva Trust celebrates 1000 years of Coventry's history, pupils in Mrs Smith's and Mr Thompson's classes will be taking part in the annual Godiva Sisters parade in Coventry City Centre on Friday morning. Miss Monique and the pupils have prepared a dance which they will perform at 10.30 in Broadgate as everyone gathers for the procession.

The Musical Theatre students have performed at the festival every year for the past 5 years and will be doing so again this year. It is always an interesting experience. The children and students will travel to and from the event by coach and normal school uniform will be worn.

Swimming Years 1 to 6 Friday 9 September

Pupils in Mrs Green's, Mrs Smith's and Mr Thompson's classes start swimming on Friday afternoon at the AT7 Centre. We anticipate the coach returning to school at approximately 3.45pm so pupils in Mrs Green's class will finish later than their usual 3.30pm.

Pupils wear a plain black swimming costume, as per the uniform list, but no jewellery, not even stud earrings, is permitted. Girls may wear plain swimming caps & those with long hair should come to school with their hair in plaits please so it can be kept as dry as possible. Pupils travel to and from their lessons wearing their black dance trousers, tee-shirt and fleece to make changing easier. Thank you

Senior School Team Building Day Monday 12 September

The Senior School staff have organised a team building session on Monday at Coombe Country Park. This is an excellent way for new pupils to get to know other pupils in the school, having lots of fun at the same time.

Pupils should come to school at the normal time wearing old clothes, eg, old tracksuits, old trainers and a kagoul in case of rain. A picnic lunch will be provided by school. No valuables should be brought. There is a small cloakroom for bags but everything is left at the owners' risk.

Autumn Fair Saturday 17 September 10.30-2.00pm. in the Senior School Playground

I would like to invite you to come with the whole family to the PTA Autumn Fair with a BBQ lunch, lots of fun, dancing and fine weather (hopefully) guaranteed! This is always the perfect opportunity for new pupils and their parents to get involved and get to know one another. This is a whole school event and we like everyone to be involved. Stalls to be run by the children and staff, include Toys, Books, Tombola, Cakes and an informal raffle, as well as various games. Donations for any or all of these stalls will be gratefully received. A letter giving more details will be sent out on Monday.

There will be a cake decorating competition with Infants decorating 6 cup cakes, Juniors and Seniors decorating a big cake. They do not even have to bake the cakes, just decorate them. The theme is "Around the World" so please do start planning!

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 23 September 8.00-8.45 am

Pupils and parents who were with us last year will remember that ours is a Coffee Morning with a difference! The PTA invites parents to come to the Hall for a cup of coffee or tea and a biscuit for a minimum donation of £1. Breakfast of cereal, toast and squash will also be available as will bacon & sausage batches. Once the cost of the ingredients has been covered, all the remaining money raised will go to the Macmillan charity, so the more generous we are, the larger our contribution to this excellent cause will be. More information and an order form will be sent out.

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER	9	Reception & Year 1 parents' meetings 8.45am
	9	Year 3 to 6 & Students to Godiva Sisters celebration
	12	Senior team building - Coombe Country Park
	13	Roald Dahl Day
	14	PTA Meeting 7.30pm in Room 1 Senior School
	17	PTA Autumn Fair
	21	Early Years & Upper Infants Parents' Info Sessions 6-7pm
	22	Y7 Parents eve 5pm
	22	Y11 Geography field trip
	23	Macmillan Coffee Morning
OCTOBER	24	Barbara Sharples Award - Students
	5	School photos - individual and family groups
	5	Years 1-3 flu vaccine - nasal spray
	6	Years 10 & 11 Parents' Evening
	6	PTA AGM 8pm
	10	Harvest Assembly
	14/15	IDTA Exams
	18	Prize Giving 6pm Prep School, 7.30pm Senior School
19	Break up for half term at end of day.	

Senior Vocational Timetables

Pupils have come home today with a timetable of the various dance and drama activities available to them. Senior pupils have several classes after school that they can opt to take. Seniors must be doing at least three 'physical' classes which take the place of PE on the timetable.

Could parents please check that classes chosen are convenient for them collecting children at the end of the day and sign the timetable, before returning it tomorrow so we can update our registers and issue the after school registration forms. Thank you.

NB Senior pupils who are new to school will have their timetable finalised next week. In the meantime they can go and watch classes they might like to join in and also discuss with Miss Monique or Miss Jessica the various options available. Prep School classes usually take place during the school day but after school classes are optional.

Advanced Notice of School Show Dates 2017

So that you can ensure holidays, wedding etc do not clash with the school show we are giving advanced notice that the summer show at the Albany theatre next year will take place on Saturday 24 June. There will be rehearsals in school on Saturday 10 & 17 June and in the Theatre on Friday 23 June. **Monday 26 June will be an INSET day and school will be closed to all pupils.**