

## Newsletter



**PATTISON**  
COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

What an amazing start we have had to this academic year, with so many events to help not just new pupils settle in and make friends, but their families as well. Thank you for the support you have given to the various activities. As I say in every newsletter, parents should never hesitate to contact us should they have any concerns or any good news they would like to share with us.

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### Some of this term's events so far!

- I was delighted that we were invited to take part in celebrating 1000 years of Coventry's history in the presence of Lady Godiva. The Juniors danced in Broadgate and the Musical Theatre students danced in Coventry Cathedral, accompanied by Miss Harriet singing. Thanks to those parents who came to support the event.
- A most enjoyable team building day for the senior pupils took place at Coombe Country Park, in bright sunshine.
- The information mornings for Mrs McCaughley and Mrs Green's classes were well attended by parents eager to support their children.
- The Early Years Information Evening last night was very well attended, with Mrs McCaughley emphasising the importance of communication and language for children. The years up to the age of five are crucial for language, and therefore a child's future intellectual development, and parents play a vital part in making the most of this 5 year window of opportunity.
- Mrs Green's Information sessions on Monday for Year 2 parents and last night's Maths, Phonics and Reading sessions for parents were very well received.

### Autumn Fair

What a lovely day we had on Saturday, despite the chilly weather! It was an ideal opportunity for parents and pupils alike to be involved. Thanks to all concerned the fair was a great success. Would you believe the total raised, yet to be finalised, was over £1000, which for a small school like ours, is amazing.

I was so impressed with the way all pupils, including new children, involved themselves with the various activities, either manning stalls, organising games, taking part in the dancing or spending their money! Particular thanks to Miss Elise and the senior pupils who performed some Commercial for us after only 2 lessons! It was also good to see the Musical Theatre students and those Juniors who were able to attend valiantly attempting to recreate what they had done in town, despite their missing partners.

Particular thanks to our parents and even parents of pupils who have now left for their generous donations. Thanks also to all the staff for their support and finally to the PTA Committee for their splendid BBQ and refreshments and for organising the raffle the very successful Bake-off competition. The winners were Olivia and Freya in UJ and the Senior school was won by Emily in Year 9. There were no entries for Infants this year at this very busy time. Thank you to everyone who took part. The day was a great success and a perfect way for new parents and pupils to feel part of Pattisons.

### Macmillan Big Breakfast 30 September 8am

Pupils will be coming home today or tomorrow with an invitation and a letter about our Macmillan Big Breakfast which will take place on Friday 30 September and not this Friday.

### Uniform Sales

Clive Mark will be holding their pop-up shops on the following Saturdays: 8 October; 26 November and 4 February. The sales will be held from 9.00-11.30am in the downstairs front class room of the senior school.

The PTA will be holding a second hand uniform sale at the PTA Cheese and Wine evening on Thursday 6 October. This will take place in the school hall. See details overleaf.

### **PTA Cheese & Wine Evening**

Thursday 6 October 7 - 8.30pm

Please keep the date free. More details next week.

### **Harvest Festival Monday 10 October**

We are holding a Harvest assembly on Monday 10 October which William, the rector of Stoke St Michael's Church will take.

William is a regular visitor and his assemblies enthral everyone, pupils and staff alike. It was William's suggestion that rather than donate fresh produce, it would be a good idea for pupils to bring one tin of food or more if they wish, as they are easy to transport. This can be meat, fish, fruit, etc.

Donations will be taken to the Coventry Food Bank as in previous years. With your support we can really make a difference to those less fortunate than ourselves. Donations may be brought in any morning week commencing 3 October. Thank you.

### **Barbara Sharples Choreographic Competition**

Good luck to the 9 pupils and student who are performing at the Northern College of Music in Manchester on Saturday. They will be dancing a number seen in the Music Makes Me... show which Miss Jess arranged.

### **Paperwork**

Data Capture forms showing the information we hold on your child, including Contact, Medical, Dietary Requirements etc. were sent home on Monday. Can you please check that the information is correct and make any amendments necessary. It is important for the safety and wellbeing of your child that the information we hold is kept up to date. Thank you.

After School registration forms were sent home this evening. Can you please complete and return the forms as soon as possible. Even if you do not think your child will be staying after school, it is vital that we have this information, as the after school staff do not have access to the registers.

### **Senior Vocational Timetables**

Some Senior pupils have still have not returned their vocational timetables.

A reminder that all pupils must take at least three physical classes per week. Most take considerably more.