

Newsletter



PATTISON
COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

I do hope you have had an enjoyable holiday with the most extraordinary summer weather. Preparations for the return to school I am sure are going well with pupils returning in summer uniform. Please do let me know if you have had any problems getting the uniform and I will contact Clive Mark. Below are a few items of information about events at the start of what will be an exciting academic year I can promise you!

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 our small class of Year 11 pupils, despite the more challenging GCSEs, all achieved the grades needed to continue to the course of their choice. As the class was so small our results will not be featured in the league tables to protect the privacy of individual pupils. Congratulations to all concerned and thanks to their parents and teachers for their part in making this happen.

Staff News

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Rossiter to Pattisons. She is a very experienced Primary Head, looking for something different and we certainly are! Mrs Rossiter is going to be the Assistant Head Teacher for the whole school and will be getting to know children, their parents and staff. I am sure you will all make her feel most welcome and I certainly am looking forward to working with her.

I am sure parents will join me in welcoming Miss Jessica back after her maternity leave and also in thanking Miss Kate & Miss Tina for the excellent cover they have provided in her absence.

Reception & Infant Parents' Meetings Thursday 6 September 8.45am

As notified by email last week, Mrs Green would like to invite the parents of Year 1 pupils to a short meeting at 8.45am on Thursday 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 and both members of staff are looking forward to seeing you.

Sport Years 1 to 6 Monday 10 September

Pupils in Mrs Green's, Mrs Smith's and Mr Thompson's classes start their sports activities at the Alan Higgs Centre on Monday 10 September. Swimming will now take place in the Summer Term.

Just to remind you the sports uniform is :Infant White polo shirts with the Pattison Logo, black shorts, pumps, either slip on or with Velcro fasteners and white ankle socks. (Year 1 upwards).

Junior Sports White polo shirt with the school logo with black shorts for boys, dark green sports skirts for girls. White ankle socks. White trainers - no designer brands please.

Team Building Day Monday 10 September Years 7 to 11

We have organised a team building session on Monday afternoon. This is an excellent way for new pupils to get to know others in the school, having lots of fun at the same time.

Pupils should come to school wearing their normal uniform and bring their Sports/Running Club kit or their black jazz trousers and t-shirt or the new dance track suit.

Autumn Fair Saturday 15 September 10.30 - 1.30

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 once we are back at school

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 to be announced.

Macmillan Big Breakfast Friday 28 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 and pupils to come to the Hall for a breakfast of bacon & sausage batches, including vegetarian options. For those who prefer a lighter option cereal and toast will be available as will tea, coffee and squash. 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	5	First day of school!!
	6	Reception & Year 1 parents' meetings 8.45am
	10	Years 7—11 team building
	10	Years 1 to 6 commence sports lessons at Alan Higgs
	12	PTA Meeting
	15	Autumn Fair
	20	Y7 & new seniors Historic Coventry visit
	22	Barbara Sharples Award Manchester - Students
	27	Y7 Parents Evening 5pm
	28	Macmillan Breakfast/Coffee Morning
OCTOBER	2	Year 10 Parents Evening 5pm
	9	Harvest Assembly
	9	Year 11 Parents Evening 5pm
	9	PTA Cheese & Wine, Meet & Greet & AGM 7pm
	11	Year 11 Geography Field Trip
	17	Prep Parents Evening 4pm—6pm
	18	Y8 & 9 Parents Evening 5pm
	19	Prep School Prize Giving Assembly 8.45am
	20	Break up for half term after Saturday dancing.
NOVEMBER	5	School Reopens
	8	Senior School Prize Giving at Coventry University
	9	KS3 Black Country Museum Visit
	13	Remembrance Assembly
	15	NEC Skills Show
	16	Children in Need
DEC	6	Coventry University Carol Service
	14	Prep School Christmas Play 9am
	19	Carol Service Stoke St Michael Church 6pm
	20	School closes 3pm

Trainers & School Shoes

Parents already pay fees which we try to keep as low as possible. Nike trainers and the like can cost a small fortune. In the past we have said trainers should be white, but these days they are not so readily available. I would therefore ask that pupils of all ages wear plain black or white trainers (if they are available) with no flashy logos. These should be much less expensive than brightly coloured alternatives.

A reminder that girls' shoes should be flat with a strap or laces and not ballet type shoes or patent leather shoes. Boys should wear black shoes and not trainers for school.

Advanced Notice of School Show Dates 2018

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 22 June. There will be rehearsals in school on Saturday 8 & 15 June and in the Theatre on Friday 21 June. **Monday 24 June will be an INSET day and school will be closed to all pupils.**