

# Newsletter



**PATTISON**  
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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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## Autumn Fair

What a lovely day we had on Saturday in the sunshine! It was an ideal opportunity for parents and pupils alike to be involved and the enthusiasm with which everybody took part was just delightful!

We had so many generous donations, some of which have been retained for the Indulgence Evening on Saturday 24 November. There were so many beautiful books and toys being sold and games organised by eager pupils, some amazingly decorated cakes and completely unexpected I imagine, so many parents joining in the Juniors country dancing with such enthusiasm and energy!

Thanks to all the staff, both former and current, for their support. Absolutely every member of the academic staff was involved and vocational staff popped in when they were not teaching. Special thanks to Miss Monique for organising the dancing and finally to the PTA Committee for their splendid BBQ and refreshments, the raffle and the very successful Bake-off competition. A big thank you to everyone for making the event so successful and to those parents who have taken the time to email us and say how they enjoyed it. Such feedback is brilliant evidence for inspections! It was a perfect way for new parents and pupils to feel part of the Pattison family (which is exactly what a Year 7 pupil told us).

We will let you know how much was raised by the event as soon as possible.

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

- I was delighted that we were invited to take part in the Godiva Sisters parade with the Juniors dancing in Priory Place. Thanks to those parents who came to support the event.
- A team building afternoon for senior pupils in the grounds proved to be not only enjoyable but really helpful enabling newcomers to make friends.
- The parents information session for Mrs McCaughley and Mrs Green's classes were well attended as was Mrs Green's maths and phonics evening for parents eager to support their children.

## Congratulations

To Tegan in Year 11 who, after attending trials and an interview, has been offered a scholarship to play football whilst attending university in America when she is 18. What an achievement! Tegan's parents have written to say "thank you for giving her a great start to achieving her dream".

We look forward to the day when Tegan can talk to future Year 11 pupils about her achievements as 4 former pupils, Katie, Jack, Heather and Izzy have done last Friday and today.

## Macmillan Big Breakfast 28 September 8am

Pupils will be coming home tomorrow with an invitation and a letter about our Macmillan Big Breakfast which will take place on Friday 28 September thanks to our enthusiastic PTA committee.

### Parking

To me, the safety of our pupils is paramount. Unfortunately some parents seem to disagree and are still parking on the double yellow lines despite the new signage.

There is usually parking available at the top of Stoke Green. Would Prep School parents please use this, walk their child across the road and ensure that they are safely in the playground. Thank you.

### Uniform & Uniform Sale

Please will parents ensure that uniform is named to save you expense and the impossible task for us of trying match lost, unnamed uniform with their owners. Thank you. Could I remind parents that items of value are not to be worn or brought to school e.g. smart watches are not permitted for safeguarding reasons.

The only earrings that may be worn are a pair of gold studs at the bottom of the earlobe.

**The PTA will be holding a second hand uniform sale on Friday 21 September. This will take place in the downstairs front classroom in the senior school from 3.15 to 4.15pm.** Clive Marks have been having issues caused by the departure of a manager. Please do let me know if you are having any problems and I will contact them.

### Harvest Festival Monday 9 October

We are holding a Harvest assembly on Monday 9 October which Noel, the curate of Stoke St Michael's Church will take. Noel, for at least 20 years, was a chemistry teacher at King Henry's so is well used to talking to pupils in his new role and his assembly last week was a perfect way to start the new academic year.

As always we are asking pupils to bring donations which will then be taken to the Coventry Food Bank as in previous years. This year they do not need beans, pasta, cereal or soup but they urgently need coffee, sugar (500g or 1kg), rice, rice pudding, long life milk (uht), tinned fruit, long life juice, squash and toiletries.

With your support, we can really make a difference to those less fortunate than ourselves. Donations may be brought in any morning week commencing 1 October. Thank you.

### Barbara Sharples Choreographic Competition

Good luck to the 8 pupils and students who are performing at the Northern College of Music in Manchester on Saturday. They will be dancing Palladio, a number which Miss Jess arranged and has been successfully performed at various festivals.

### Paperwork

Blank Data Capture forms requesting information on your child, including **Contact, Medical, Dietary Requirements** etc. were sent home last week. 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 also sent home last. If you have not already done so, 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 emergency contact details in registers.

### Extra-Curricular Timetables

Some Senior pupils have still have not returned their extra-curricular timetables.

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

## DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER	18	Year 11 Careers talk with former pupils
	20	Y7 & new seniors Historic Coventry visit
	21	Second Hand Uniform Sale 3.15—4.15pm in the Senior School
	22	Barbara Sharples Award Manchester - Students & pupils
	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 Uniform sale, Cheese & Wine Meet & Greet 7pm followed by short AGM—All parents invited
	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 The Hub at Coventry University 7—9pm
	9	KS3 Black Country Museum Visit
	13	Remembrance Assembly
	13	Senior pupils visit to Albany Theatre to see Les Choristes (French film with subtitles)
	15	NEC Skills Show
	16	Children in Need
	18	Children in Need Tapathon Adult Tap and interested pupils.
	20	Y1 to 6 outing to Albany Theatre to see Revolting Rhymes.
	25	Pupils & Students dancing in the Bethany's Wish production at the Albany Theatre
	26	Year 11 Mocks and Year 10 tests all week.
28	Nasal flu drops for Reception to Year 6 pupils (consent forms will be sent home)	
DECEMBER	6	Senior Choir singing at Coventry University Carol Service (during school day)
	8	Bag Packing at M & S for Coventry Children's Boot Fund
	14	Prep School Christmas Play 9am
	14	Prep School Christmas Parties
	19	Carol Service Stoke St Michael Church 6pm
	20	School closes 3pm
JANUARY	7	Inset day—school closed to pupils
	7	Year 10 commence two weeks' work experience placements
	12	Saturday dance classes recommence
	16	Year 9 boosters (consent forms will be sent home)
	22	Year 11 Parents' Evening
FEBRUARY	13	Prep School Parents' Evening 4 - 6pm
	16	Break up for half term after dancing.
	25	School reopens
	26	Y10 Parents' Evening
MARCH	7	Year 7 & 8 Parents' Evening
	11	Science Week
	12	MTC (Manufacturing Technology Centre) Science Day
	15	Big Bang Science Fair at NEC
	19	Y9 Parents' Evening