

Newsletter



PATTISON
COLLEGE

02/10/2017

ISSUE 3

Dear Parents

We are having our individual photographs taken next Wednesday, 11 October, with pupils wearing Winter uniform. Mrs Moore of the PTA will be in the Hall before the PTA AGM from 6.50pm on Thursday with the second hand uniform.

Could I remind parents that Senior girls' skirts should come to their knees at the very shortest. Children have a habit of growing and mini skirts are not official uniform!

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.

E McConnell

Fund raising at Pattisons

Thank you to everyone who braved the rain to make Friday's Macmillan Big Breakfast so successful, whether by helping, bringing in superb cakes or just attending. An amazing £620 has been raised! The largest amount ever. Thank you for making it possible.

We do support three House Charities and the first House Assembly will be tomorrow. We also support several other local and national charities through the year. The PTA have had the idea of joining in the Countryfile Children in Need "Family Ramble" at Draycote Water, with families paying £5 to take part, as a means of supporting that charity without having to eat more cakes! More details to follow after Thursday's AGM.



PTA AGM Thursday 5 October 7pm

I would like to invite you to join me on Thursday 5 October at 7pm in the hall for the PTA Cheese & Wine Meet and Greet. It is an opportunity for you to meet not only other parents but also most of the staff in an informal setting. I look forward to seeing you there.

Harvest Festival Tuesday 10 October

A reminder that it is the Harvest Festival next Tuesday with donations being taken to the Coventry Food Bank.

Last year we were able to donate around 300 tins to the organisation, which is where Blue Peter filmed our children for their Christmas Special 4 years ago.

Any "nutritionally balanced, non-perishable tinned and dried foods", from baked beans to salmon, absolutely anything, would be gratefully received from today onwards. See picture for ideas.

The Reverend William will be taking the special Harvest assembly on Tuesday to mark the occasion.



Parking

Despite my previous requests, children's lives are still being put at risk by what the local residents association call "inconsiderate and illegal parking". They go on to say that they have informed the Council about the congestion outside our school and on the junction with Coombe Street. The Council has stated that the Parking Enforcement Team will be asked to arrange for a patrol to visit the area outside school.

I would ask again that parents consider the safety of pedestrians and other road users when dropping off and collecting pupils. Many of our neighbours have voiced their concerns and several have asked for a residents only parking scheme. We would not like to see a ban on parking near the school similar to that in force in Solihull.

On another matter, we have always has an excellent relationship with the manager of the Bulls Head who, for some time now, has allowed our staff, students and parents to use the pub's carpark. We have now been asked if we could restrict our parking to the area by the fence that separates the carpark from the cricket club so as to leave plenty of room for customers. We are fortunate that the manager allows us to use the carpark so I would ask you to stick to the designated area or the invitation to park will be withdrawn by the management. Thank you.

Pattison's Heritage Week

Senior pupils are going to Coventry city centre this week for a guided tour of the city's best - and lesser-known landmarks. The history of the city will become clear as our city walls, cathedrals and royal links will be expertly presented by Mr Darwood. The aim is to increase our pupils' awareness of what the city offers to tourists, but also its vast and interesting heritage.

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER	3	Y7, 8 & 9 Coventry Heritage Walk
	5	Y10 & 11 Coventry Heritage Walk
	5	Years 10 Parents' Evening
	5	PTA AGM 7.30pm
	8	Allstarz Dance Festival, Students & Troupe
	10	Harvest Festival Assembly
	11	School photos - individual and family groups
	15	Rushton Dance Festival, Students & Troupe
	17	Prize Giving 6pm Prep School, 7.30pm Senior School
	18	Break up for half term at end of day.
NOVEMBER	30	School Reopens
	31	PTA Halloween Disco in Hall
	1	Prep Parents' Evening 4pm
	7	Musical Theatre Course student experience day
	9	Year 8 & 9 Parents' Evening 5pm
	12	West End Theatre Performance
	14	Y7 & 8 Cinema Trip
	15	KS3 Black Country Museum outing
	16	KS2 Black Country Museum outing
	16	Y9, 10 & 11 Cinema Trip
17	Skills show at NEC, Y9, 10 & 11	
17	Children in Need day	
17	PTA Christmas Crafts & Indulgence Fair	
19	Children in Need Tap-A-Thon	