

Newsletter



PATTISON
COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

I am pleased to say that the inspectors have gone! They enjoyed their visit and thanked us for making them feel welcome.

The inspection we had was a compliance inspection. In other words they were checking and wanting to see the evidence that we comply with the all 152 regulations covering the 8 areas below:

- Quality of education provided (curriculum)
- Quality of education provided (teaching)
- Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils
- Welfare, health and safety of pupils
- Suitability of staff, supply staff and proprietors
- Premises and accommodation
- Provision of information
- Manner in which complaints are to be handled
- Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Unfortunately we now have to wait 3-4 weeks before we receive the report which I will then share with you. The inspectors did ask us to thank the pupils, the parents and of course the staff. With this type of inspection however it was Mrs Hanks, Mrs Dalton, Mrs Green, Mr McConnell and me who were grilled over the two days. Pupils they selected enjoyed their conversations apparently but as I said, it is now a waiting game. The main inspector before leaving did suggest we now start planning for the Education Quality inspection in three years time!

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

Handling of school issues

May I remind you if you or your child has an issue with another pupil or parent of the school, in the first instance you or your child should refer the matter to a form teacher, Mrs Green or myself and not take matters into your own hands.

It is not acceptable for adults to be chastising any pupil on the playground. If you or your child has made us aware of an issue you can be assured that we have taken this seriously and the matter will be being dealt with behind the scenes. It is not always possible to reach an immediate solution and sometimes it is advisable to delay the investigation, so as not to make a situation worse.

I am sure you will agree that it is our responsibility as adults to be a positive role model to children and always set the best example.

I know I can rely on your support in this matter however if we cannot guarantee that this will be the case, I will have no option but to be like other schools and take the step of keeping the school gate locked at the start and end of the day and therefore preventing parents from entering the playground. This is something that I would be most reluctant to do.

Book Fair 3—7 December

Mrs Smith will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair with over 200 books to choose from. From fascinating non-fiction to perfect picture books and captivating chapter books, there's something for every child, no matter their age or reading ability. Books will be available to view every day at 8.30 am and during morning and lunch breaks. One we have £300 worth of books, school will receive 100% commission, so please do encourage your child to visit the book fair.

PTFA Christmas Indulgence Fair Saturday 24 November in the Prep School 5pm-8pm.

A reminder that the PTFA will be holding their Christmas Fair next weekend. This is an opportunity to be pampered as well as buy gifts. Beauty treatments such as massage and facials will be available in all the class rooms and stalls and refreshments, including a Prosecco bar, will be in the hall. It will be a lovely event and I hope to see you all there. Children are welcome and there will be treats that they can buy as well as tattoos, manicures etc. Entry is £2 for adults, including a door prize which will be drawn on the night. There is no charge for children to attend

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER	18	Children in Need Tapathon Adult Tap and interested pupils.
	20	Y1 to 6 outing to Albany Theatre to see Revolting Rhymes.
	24	Coventry Drama Festival 11.30am
	24	PTA Christmas Indulgence Fair 5pm—8pm Tickets £2 adults (including raffle), children free
	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 5 pupils (consent forms have been sent home)
DECEMBER	1	Years 8 & 9 singing at Christmas Wonderland for Macmillan Charity
	1	Commercial Dance Workshops with Miss Holly. Juniors 4pm, Senior 5.15pm £10
	3	Book Fair all week in Mrs Smith's classroom (8.30am, lunchtime and afterschool)
	6	Senior Choir singing at Coventry University Carol Service (during school day)
	8	Senior Pupils Bag Packing at M & S fin City Centre or Coventry Children's Boot Fund. Please do go and support them
	11	Chamber Choir singing at Coventry University Hospital
	14	Prep School Christmas Play 9am. All pupils from Nursery to Year 6 involved. Parents invited to watch.
	14	Prep School Christmas Parties
	17	Year 1 to 6 Christmas outing to West Midlands Safari Park
	17	PTA packing Christmas Hampers 7pm in room 1
	19	Carol Service Stoke St Michael Church 6pm — Everyone is involved so all pupils must attend.
	20	Nursery & Reception Pupils Christmas Outing to Belgrade Theatre "Santa's Sparkly Surprise"
	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