

Newsletter



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Dear Parents

What a busy few weeks we have had! Whether in London, the Black Country Museum, the cinema, the NEC or here at school, pupils of all ages have enjoyed some delightful experiences and, as you will see below, there is more to come. As always, please never hesitate to contact us should you have any concerns or any good news you would like to share with us.

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PTFA Festive Pamper Evening

Congratulations to the PTFA, in particular Sally, who arranged all the stall holders and Sorcha, Anne Marie, the committee and all the willing helpers who made Friday evening such an enjoyable family event. More than £500 was raised, would you believe, to benefit your children. There was a real festive spirit as children and adults alike took advantage of all that was on offer. Raffle prizes provided by the stall holders have been distributed and pupils of all ages were pleased to give their mothers the gifts that they had prepared for them.

Those mothers who were unable to attend can purchase their gift for £1.50, sent in in a named, sealed envelope. I do hope parents will do this as pupils from the Nursery to Year 11 have decorated these gifts especially for you.

Her Majesty's Theatre London

Congratulations to our full time Musical Theatre students, those school pupils who, along with dancers from Miss Amanda's Saturday Production classes, recently had the incredible experience of performing in the West End at Her Majesty's Theatre.

Family and friends who attended I am sure will agree that Pattison performers did us proud and Miss Amanda is already thinking about a similar event in two years time!

Sincere thanks to Miss Monique for organising such an exceptional opportunity and to Miss Amanda whose choreography was the highlight of the show.

Argentinian Visitors

Year 7 & 8 pupils and the students welcomed 23 Argentinian Year 11s and their teachers for lunch on Friday. They then saw delightful presentations about life in Argentina whether it be sport, food, music, dance, and education to name but a few aspects. Having learned English from the age of 2 and been taught half of their lessons in English from Year 5, all the young people spoke excellent English as I am sure you can imagine.

One aspect of school life certainly surprised Mr Harrison, our French teacher. He was holding the gate open when the first young lady entering the playground went to give him a peck on the cheek, as is the custom in Argentinian schools! Not a custom we intend to introduce here you will be pleased to hear! Her description of Mr Harrison's surprise caused much laughter. In fact the whole afternoon was just a lovely experience for all concerned.

School Uniform

Valuable teaching time is unfortunately being lost searching for school uniform that has not been named.

Today we have spent the afternoon looking for a pair of school shoes that disappeared after Contemporary and/or Troupe yesterday evening. These shoes were named but the name was written on a removable inner sole. Many of the girls wear the same style shoe and it is difficult to write on the inside when the lining is black. Companies such as Able-labels.co.uk make vinyl labels specifically for use inside shoes which would help children identify their own belongings and would help us reunite lost belongings with their owners.

If your daughter wears "Bootleg" brogue style shoes could we please ask you to check that they have the correct pair. The missing shoes are size 3, width D, and have a removable green checked innersole.

School Outings

Last week the Juniors and Year 7 & 8 each spent a "Chemistry at Work" day at the Black Country Museum put on by Birmingham and Nottingham universities, organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry. As well as a chemical magic show they learned about metal ions and soot nanoparticles. They even enamelled their own name plate before being given a guided tour of the site. They really were two most informative and enjoyable days, inspiring our scientists of the future.

Last week was Anti-Bullying week and Year 7 & 8 pupils, as part of the PSHEE studies, went to the cinema to see A Monster Calls, which dealt not only with bullying but also how a young boy coped with the emotional turmoil of his mother's illness.

Years 9, 10 & 11, as part of their careers education, spent Friday at the Skills show at the NEC, exploring the opportunities that will be available to them in the future. So many hands on experiences and interesting people to talk to, it was certainly time well spent.

Years 9, 10 and 11 saw a French film "Un sac de billes" at Warwick Arts Centre in readiness maybe for thier trip to France!

French Trip

Senior School pupils from Years 7 to 11 have been given details of the French trip taking place during the Easter holidays. Mr Harrison is organising the visit but deposits, which will be returned if there are insufficient numbers, do need to be received by Monday 27 November. A minimum of 30 pupils are needed to make the trip viable.

Coventry Drama Festival

The **Upper Infants, Juniors and Year 7 & 8 pupils** will be taking part in the Coventry Drama Festival at Bablake on Saturday. Last year the Year 8 pupils had the highest overall mark in all age categories and won the shield. Lower Juniors came first in their category and Year 7 came second. Hopefully we can repeat this success.

All pupils who are competing have been given a letter advising them that they should arrive at Bablake School theatre by 12.45.

School meals

As I am sure you know, all our meals are prepared in house and from the information you give us we can ensure that vegetarians and pupils with allergies and/or medical conditions can be catered for without any problem. We can arrange for you to discuss any dietary requirements with Mrs Woodhead, so there is no need for any pupil to bring their own food when going on a school outing.

DIARY DATES

NOV	25	Coventry Speech & Drama Festival
	27	Year 11 Mock GCSEs & Year 10 Tests all week
	29	Flu Nasal Immunisation Reception to Year 4 pupils
DECEMBER	2	Years 7 & 8 singing at Christmas Fair in Leamington
	4	Book Fair all week in Mrs Smith's classroom (8.30am, lunchtime and afterschool)
	6	Coventry University Carol Service - Senior & Chamber Choir performing
	8	Early Years Christmas Outing
	9	Marks & Spencer Boot Fund Bag Packing (Senior Pupils)
	11	Carol Service Rehearsal at Stoke St Michael's Church (during school hours)
	13	Carol Service at Stoke St Michael's Church 6.30pm followed by PTA Raffle Draw
	15	Years 1 to 6 Christmas Outing
	19	Prep School Christmas Play 9am/Juniors singing at Milverton Gates/Prep School Christmas Party
20	Non-uniform day for Children in Need/Close for Christmas at 3pm. No after school lessons or supervision	
JAN	8	Year 10 start 2 weeks Work Experience
	9	School reopens for Spring Term