

Newsletter



PATTISON
COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

Just three weeks until we break up! Would you believe it! Below is a little taster of what has been and will be going on in school in the run up to Christmas.

The diary dates on the back page show in **RED** when parents are invited. This way we hope to give you plenty of time to make arrangements to attend. As ever, never hesitate to contact us should you have any concerns be it about uniform, meals, other children etc. Always contact us in the first instance as we are in the best position to resolve any issues.

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Congratulations

Last Saturday was a really successful day for those involved in the Coventry Festival of Speech & Drama. Our pupils were highly complimented, not only on their performance, but also on their conduct. They were excellent ambassadors for school. All of the pupils returned from the event proudly wearing a gold medal around their necks as each class was awarded first place in their separate age sections.

Upper Infants in age group F were awarded 87 marks.

Lower & Upper Juniors in age group D were awarded 91 marks.

Y7 & Y8 in age group C and gained a huge 92 marks. They took first place, and were awarded the Tyerman Memorial Trophy for the highest mark across all Group Verse Speaking Sections.

Well done to all concerned, especially to Miss Monique who prepared the pupils so well. Thank you to all the parents and staff who came along to support the pupils. I certainly felt very proud and I imagine parents supporting us did too.



Parents Survival Guide for Screens and Teens

Parents have been emailed a copy of the above document. It includes the age limits for social media (apparently 50 % of parents don't know these) and safeguards such as Gallery Guardian. The document has been produced by Enough Abuse UK, a national charity which exists to prevent child sexual abuse. Enough Abuse teaches parents and carers how to protect their children from sexual abuse – and how to stop it before it happens. We have also emailed a flier about sextortion - sexual exploitation that employs non-physical forms of coercion to extort sexual favours from the victim. It has been produced by the inEQE Group and includes a page for pupils and a page for adults.

Christmas Wonderland Saturday 2 December

Year 7 & 8 pupils have been invited to sing at a Christmas event to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. They will be singing at the Christmas Wonderland event at Gardenforce, Tachbrook Park Drive, Leamington, CV34 6RH. The festivities start at 10am with the arrival of Santa and his reindeers. There will be performances every half hour, including a pantomime. Our pupils will be singing at 11.30 and just before the raffle draw at 1.30pm. This event is free to attend and I do hope you will go along to support our pupils and this very worthwhile charity.

Christmas Cards

Cards are being created as we write. Last minute orders will be accepted up until Monday 4 December. We hope to distribute all cards by the end of next week.

PTA Christmas Hampers

A letter was emailed yesterday informing you which hamper your child's class has chosen for their raffle prize. Lists of suggested donations, costing no more than £2, can be found in the Prep School classrooms. Please put your child's name next to the item they will be donating, so as to avoid duplication. Senior pupils are making their own arrangements.

PTA Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets will be sent home with pupils on Monday and should be returned to school by Monday 11 December please in readiness for the grand draw after the carol service. More tickets will available if you want to be sure of winning these super prizes.

M&S Bag Packing Saturday 9 December

In yesterday's assembly as well as at the Senior Prize Giving, pupils heard all about how we raise funds for the Coventry's Children's Boot Fund by packing shopping at Marks & Spencer in the City Centre. Over the past 13 years we have raised almost than £11,000 for this much needed charity.

Senior pupils usually work two to a till. Year 11 pupils traditionally have first choice but a sheet for signing up will be posted in the Senior School. Staff will be in attendance all the time. Please encourage your child to get involved and do come and see us yourselves!

Prep School Play "Stable Manners" Tuesday 19 December

Prep School parents should have already received an invitation to watch the festive production on Tuesday 19 December at 9am. Steve, from Treasured Memories, will be recording the show, if we can secure a minimum of 20 advance orders. DVDs cost £17 each. Orders for DVDs must be received by Friday 15 December.

Carol Service 13 December 6.30pm

As you have seen in previous newsletters, the date for Carol Service has been set for **Wednesday 13 December** at 6.30 p.m. at Stoke St. Michael's Church on Walsgrave Road, CV2 4BG. **This is a celebration and no matter what your religion, is always a lovely occasion.**

It is very important that all pupils attend. Each class, from the Nursery upwards, will be involved. The children have been rehearsing in school and there will be a rehearsal at the church on the Monday afternoon. We have arranged coach transport and the children will be back in time for the normal end of school.

DIARY DATES

D E C E M B E R	2	Years 7 & 8 singing at Christmas Fair in Leamington CV34 6HR
	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 PTFA 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
J A N	8	Year 10 start 2 weeks Work Experience & staff INSET day
	9	School reopens for Spring Term