

Pattison College Newsletter

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 14 DECEMBER 6.30PM

As you have seen in previous newsletters, the date for Carol Service has been set since the start of term for **Wednesday 14 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 Tuesday afternoon. We have arranged coach transport and the children will be back in time for the normal end of school.

On the Wednesday evening, pupils wearing their uniform, including blazers, should be taken to the Church centre at **6.15 p.m.** where staff will receive them. May I remind you that parking is not easy and parents need to make allowance for this.

For your information there will be a retiring collection, which usually raises over £200, to be divided between Stoke St Michael's Church and the School House Charities.

The Carol Service will finish no later than 7.30pm when the P.T.A. will be serving non-alcoholic mulled wine, coffee, tea and mince pies in the church hall. They will be drawing the Christmas raffle, so we do hope you will stay to enjoy the start of the festive season with other parents.

We do have to limit seats to 3 places per family and I am afraid that this service is not suitable for very young children and babies.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday 10 December

Once again Senior pupils, working two to a till, will be packing bags for Christmas shoppers at the City Centre M&S for the Coventry Children's Boot Fund. We hope to make the total raised over the past 12 years to £11,000 or more but **so far we only have 16 pupils helping; 3 Year 7s, 3 Year 8s, 5 Year 9s, no Year 10s and all of Year 11.**

The time slots are 8.45-10.15,
10.00 - 11.30, 11.15 - 12.45,
12.30 - 2.00, 1.45 - 3.15.

I am sure you will appreciate that Marks and Spencer have to be confident that those assisting their customers are helpful and polite, which of course is why we have been contacted by the Boot Fund. Staff will be in attendance all the time. Please encourage your child to get involved.

Prep School Play "Children of the World"

We would like to invite Prep School Parents to watch their children in their festive production on Friday 9 December at 9am. Steve, from Treasured Memories, will be recording the show, if we can secure a minimum of 20 advance orders. Only 14 have been ordered so far. DVDs cost £16 each.

Reminder: Clive Mark Sale Saturday 5 December 9.00 - 12.00

PTA Christmas Raffle

A reminder that all raffle tickets and stubs should be returned to school by Monday 12 December please in readiness for the grand draw after the carol service. More tickets are available if you want to be sure of winning these super prizes.

PTA Christmas Hampers

You already know which hamper your child's class has chosen for their raffle prize. Lists of suggested donations 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.

Christmas Cards

Cards are being printed and distributed as we write. Last minute orders will be accepted up until Thursday 8 December.

PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale

Friday 9 December 3pm

The PTA will be holding a second hand uniform sale in the downstairs front classroom in the Senior School from 3pm on Friday 9 December. They will be selling clean good quality second hand uniform and will now also dancewear. Any donations will be gratefully received.

In future the PTA sell good quality, clean blazers, on behalf of parents. These are usually sold at approximately half the retail price of a new blazer. The PTA

keep 20% of the money raised with the balance going back to the parent.

Other uniform items can be donated and all money raised is kept by the PTA. These are usually sold at around £3 per item .

Staff news

Mrs Matthews and Mrs Rippon are still unwell. I have certainly enjoyed taking Mrs Matthew's classes for 3.5 days per week but need to be available for my duties as Principal. Mrs Jessett, who has been covering for Mrs Rippon is not available in January and so, whilst Mrs Matthews and Mrs Rippon continue to recover, I have arranged for **Mr P Harrison** to take most of their classes from January. I am sure you will join with me in thanking Mrs Jessett for the excellent work she has done with Year 7 and 8 and in making Mr Harrison feel welcome.

Professor Preedy

Thank you to all those parents and staff who attended the excellent workshop on Saturday for what was a most informative time learning "How to bring out the best in your child".

Congratulations

To everyone who took a LAMDA and IDTA examinations. The excellent results are in and pupils will be given their results in their classes. Well done everyone.

CHRISTMAS

Finally, on behalf of all the staff may I wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

After school lessons will be as normal on Monday and Tuesday however there will be no dance classes or after school provision on Wednesday to allow pupils and staff time to have tea before the carol service.

School closes at 3pm on Thursday and again there will be no dance classes or after school provision.

The last day of term will be a non uniform day with the proceeds, a minimum of £1 per child, going to Children in Need and paid on Friday 9 December so that it can be sent to the Charity before we break up.

Clothes should be comfortable and appropriate for school and the weather. An additional donation of £1 per item can be made for make-up and nail polish, (senior school girls only). No coloured hair, please!

**The first day of term for pupils is
Wednesday 4 January 2017**

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER	7	UI, LJ & UJ Victorian Christmas outing to St John's House Museum
	9	Prep School Christmas Play (parents to watch) 9am
	9	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale 3pm in the Senior School
	10	M&S bag packing (senior pupils) for Coventry Children Boot Fund
	12/13	Chamber Choir sing in the foyer at Coventry University Hospital 11.30-12.30
	13	Carol Service rehearsal 12.45 – 3.30
JAN	14	Carol Service at Stoke St Michael's Church 6pm ALL PUPILS INVOLVED. NO AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION
	15	Break up for Christmas holiday at 3pm NO AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION OR DANCING
	4	School reopens & Year 10 eight days Work Experience

Children of the World DVD order

Child's Name

Number of DVDs Payment Enclosed (@£16 each) £.....

Cheques made payable to Treasured Memories please.