

Newsletter



PATTISON
COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

I do hope you had an enjoyable half term and that you, like the children, are looking forward to the predicted snowfall! School will endeavour to stay open whatever the weather but should we have to close to ensure the safety of pupils and staff, we will send you a text message before 8am. A reminder please as always, never hesitate to contact us should you have concerns.

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Cash 4 Clothes Wednesday 28 February

A reminder also that tomorrow is the day for the PTA collection of unwanted adult & children's clothing, footwear (paired please), household textiles including towels and duvet covers. No duvets, pillows, cushions, blankets, work wear or curtains please.

Filled bags should be brought to the Prep School playground first thing in the morning (before 9am).

Many thanks for your support for this PTA fundraising venture. Every little helps.

Prep School Parents' Evening

I look forward to meeting parents at tomorrow's event. The staff have asked us to allow for 10 minute interviews but if there is a particular problem that you would like to discuss at more length, then please do arrange to meet again at a mutually convenient time.

World Book Day

Thursday 1 March

You may have seen in the press that some schools are asking pupils not to dress up for World Book Day to avoid unnecessary expense, which is exactly what we did last year and are going to do again this year.

All Prep School pupils are to come to school in their uniform as usual and to bring with them their favourite bedtime story.

The Nursery and Reception children will be dressing up during the day in our dressing up clothes.

Mrs Green's, Mrs Smith's and Mr Thompson's classes are to bring with them their pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers to add to the theme of bedtime stories!

Senior School pupils will not be dressing up and will have their lessons as normal!

We Need Your iPhones!

As part of British Science Week 12-16 March, Mrs Patria would like pupils to experience virtual reality by using cardboard headsets, free apps and mobile devices to enhance their learning and further their interest in science.

We want to make strides in the appropriate use of ICT in the classroom from slow-mo recording of germination in plant growth to the use of free apps including an oscilloscope.

To further the work of using hand-held devices, **Mrs Patria would like to appeal to parents to donate their unwanted smartphones** (iOS 8 or later or Android 4.4 or later) so that we can generate a class set of 16 devices in Science for VR and data logging. If you have any working handset you are willing to donate, please do hand it into the School Office.

The donated working devices will be restored to factory settings and equipped with apps that will allow them to be used as a data loggers and take our pupils on 'virtual journeys,' around the world, exploring coral reefs or even the surface of Mars and into outer Space in an afternoon. Thanks to Google Expeditions we can bring the World and beyond into our classroom with your support!

PTA Second Hand Uniform

At the last PTA meeting it was suggested that parents might find it helpful if the PTA created a “drop off point” for uniform donations. Mrs Moore will place a clearly marked black bin in the Prep School playground on the 28th of each month, starting tomorrow, for parents’ donations.

Congratulations

To Abi and Grace in Year 10 and 3rd year student, Mollie, for being recommended for the IDTA Theatre Dance Awards in Manchester as a result of their outstanding examinations results. Abi and Grace were amongst the 119 students from all over the country recommended for Ballet. Abi was called back to be assessed in the final 20 Ballet candidates.

Mollie was recommended for Tap and Miss Michelle, who was watching on proudly messaged to say -" She was amazing! The routine was so hard and she nailed it! Her heel fell off her shoe on stage but she carried on as the true professional she is!

All three pupils did us proud. Now repeat the success in the forthcoming IDTA Midlands Classical Ballet Championships!

Staff News

Having taken back the role of Head of Senior School during Mrs Matthews’ illness—I am pleased to say she is continuing to make an excellent recovery—I have decided to advertise for a full time Headteacher to support me, so that together, with our experienced staff, we can continue to do the very best for your children.

The position is being advertised and full details are available on our website should any parent be interested in taking a look.

ISI Compliance Inspection

I do not like 8am on Monday mornings! That is when we get a phone call to say that we are going to have one of the new 2 day compliance inspections. As part of the inspection parents and older pupils will be asked to complete an online questionnaire. This is a really important part of the inspection and we are judged on the number of replies received, as well as the answers. I am sure we can rely on your support in this matter. Thank you in advance.

DIARY DATES

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| FEB | 28 | PTA Cash 4 Clothes Collection |
| | 28 | Prep School Parents’ Evening 4pm |
| MARCH | 8 | Year 7 & 8 Parents’ Evening 5pm |
| | 9 | Mothers’ Day Assembly—Nursery & Early Years |
| | 16 | Students visit to Move It in London |
| | 21 | Junior & Senior Drama Showcase |
| | 22 | Years 10 & 11 visit to see Macbeth at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre |
| | 22 | Year 9 Parents’ Evening |
| | 27 | Rev William Assembly Prep School Easter Celebration 2pm |
| | 28 | School closes for the Easter holiday at 3pm. No after school care or classes. |
| APRIL | 16 | School reopens |
| | 23 | Y8 & 9 HPV Vaccines |
| | 24 | Class group photographs |
| | 26 | Y4, 5 & 6 trip to Black Country Museum—Manufacturing at Work |
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| | 30 | Y7, 8 & 9 exams |