

Newsletter



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Dear Parents

A newsletter to keep you up to date on all that is happening in school.

A reminder as always, not to hesitate to contact us should you have any concerns. We are here to do the best for your children.

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Pre-School Supervision

In our newsletter of 2 May I mentioned Mrs Coleman having to retire because of unexpected family commitments. I was therefore delighted that Mrs Woodhead, a former pupil, who has long been associated with Pattisons and is now the excellent school cook, kindly agreed to take on pre school supervision. She already knows all the children and, and has already gone through our safer recruitment process. She is starting to get to know parents as you drop your children off.

By this time of year, even Reception children should be independent enough to say goodbye to their parents inside the white semi-circle by the gate and carry their belongings into the playground unaided.

Should parents wish to speak to a member of the Prep School staff, after school is a better time rather than in the morning. If it is really urgent however, please leave a message at the office and staff will contact you. For the safety of pupils and staff, no parents should enter the building without prior arrangement. Nursery parents should of course continue to bring their children direct to the Nursery but should then leave through the Nursery door and not walk through the class rooms.

End of School Day

Would Prep School parents please wait just inside the railings, so it is easy for children to see their parents, rather than be scattered around the playground. Having had a specialist firm carry out a risk assessment this morning, we have been advised that we are not insured for children to use the playground equipment unless they are supervised by our own staff. I am sure I can rely on parents co-operation in this matter. Thank you.

Rotary Club Young Entertainer Saturday 20 May

Year 9 pupil, Alya, will be representing school in the Rotary Club Inter-School talent show at the Belgrade Theatre tomorrow. Three of her class are going to support her. I will be there as well of course but the more people that can go to see her representing Pattisons the better. Tickets are available from the Belgrade box office.



PGL Adventure Weekend

Many thanks to Mr & Mrs Thompson for willingly taking 14 pupils to Boreatton Park last Friday to Monday. They all returned exhausted, (often unwashed!), after a most enjoyable time. Numerous photographs were taken to give an idea of what they were getting up to. Mrs Hanks will send a secure link to the photographs to the parents of those pupils who took part.

Y11 Drayton Manor Trip

As previously mentioned, the PTA kindly fund the Year 11 outing. This year you will have seen that because of the tragedy that occurred a few days before the outing, the theme park was not open. Mr North came to the rescue and Year 11 had a most enjoyable day at Carding Mill Valley in Shropshire, where last year they had done their Geography field trip. The sun shone (eventually!) and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Mr North and Mrs Patria for accompanying the pupils.



Clive Mark Uniform Sale Friday 26 May 3pm-4.30

A reminder that the date of the next uniform sale is Friday 26 May in the downstairs front classroom in the senior school.

Staff News

Miss Abigail, who teaches private singing lessons to some of our pupils is leaving at half term to follow her ambition of training to become a vicar in the Church of England. **Miss Jo**, who parents would have seen at the Music Showcase in February, will be taking over Miss Abigail's lessons.

Miss Shelley, who teaches for us on a Saturday, is beginning maternity leave at half term and is hoping to return at February half term. Miss Monique has organised cover which will include Miss Victoria, when she is not examining for the RAD.

I am sure you join with me in thanking both members of staff for all their hard work, enthusiasm and expertise during the time they have been with us and will welcome Miss Jo to Pattisons.

School Photographs

Photograph orders will be collected from school on Monday for those parents who have not ordered them online.

Fidget Spinners

Along with many other schools in the country, we are not allowing fidget spinners in school. An educational psychologist, after assessing a pupil, may recommend a small, tactile object which can be kept in the pocket to aid concentration and, unlike the popular spinners, they do not distract other pupils.

School Show Step by Step 24 June

Tickets for the school show are now available to purchase on the Albany Theatre website <http://albanytheatre.co.uk/step-by-step>. Just days after going on sale, 119 tickets have already been sold, so please do not delay in purchasing yours!

Could I please ask parents to ensure that the t-shirt/production pack order is returned before half term so that we can ensure items are available in plenty of time.

We are in the process of finalising the programme for this year's show if anyone would like to take the opportunity to advertise their company. Please contact Mrs Hanks for more details.

DIARY DATES

MAY	20	Young Entertainer at Belgrade Theatre	25	No Junior Drama Club
	26	Clive Mark Uniform Sale 3pm in Senior School	29	May Half Term
JUNE	5	School reopens	10	School Show Rehearsals in school hall
	15	Y11 Geography field trip	17	School Show Dress Rehearsals in school hall
	20	LAMDA exams	23	Show rehearsals at Albany Theatre
	24	School show—two performances	26	School closed (Inset)
JULY	8	Clive Mark Uniform Sale	17	Prep School parents afternoon 2pm
	18	Prep School disco	19	School closes 3pm
SEPT	6	School Re-opens	23	Autumn Fair—all pupils involved
	29	Macmillan Breakfast		
Oct	31	Halloween Disco		
Nov	17	PTA Pamper and Craft evening		