

Newsletter



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Dear Parents

A newsletter to keep you up to date on all that is happening in school. **A reminder that school is closed on Monday as staff will be undertaking Dyslexia training.**

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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It's Showtime!

The performers young and old are all very much looking forward to entertaining you on Saturday. It is a very exciting time for all concerned and I look forward to seeing you in the audience. There are 170 performers and at least 40 staff looking after your children, so you can rest assured that they are well supervised.



Charity Collection

Always at our annual show we raise funds for a charity dear to our hearts. This year it is Leukaemia Care. Senior School pupils were officially informed on Monday that Mrs Matthews, Head of Senior School, was diagnosed with leukaemia in October and I am pleased to say is on the mend.

Please do be generous when our pupils are collecting for this most worthwhile charity at the interval. Mrs Matthews says she is with us in spirit this year. She has always been and will continue to be such an important part of Pattisons and has been so missed over the past months.

PTA News

The PTA have organised a raffle to be drawn at the interval of the 2nd show. One numbered ticket is fastened on to each programme—programmes cost £4. We have the names and ticket numbers of those parents who have already bought their programme. The winning numbers will be written up at the theatre and put on our Facebook pages and on the news page of the school website so that if you are not at the 2nd performance, you can check if you have won.

First prize is a £50 voucher to go towards school dinners or dance classes. Others include bottles of wine, a Pattison College umbrella, chocolates, etc.

The PTA does so much to raise funds, including organising the second hand uniform, so that we can keep the fees as low as possible but they do need new members as children do eventually leave school like Harriet, a 3rd Year Musical Theatre Student and Peter in Year 11. Both of their parents have been valued members of the PTA for so long. Mrs Borman as Chair and Caroline & Ian as the Autumn Fair café organisers! We have an end of term disco for the Prep School and there are several events in September so we are looking for helpers now. Please don't be shy.

What have the PTA provided for school? The climbing apparatus, projectors, screens & internet for the Prep School, the resurfacing of the Senior School playground and much more, including prizes for Prize Giving, the Easter Parade etc etc.

If you are interested please complete the form below and hand it to your child's teacher.

The PTA AGM is in October and the committee meets no more than 6 times a year.

What is coming up in September? Well, there is the Autumn Fair on 23 September and the Macmillan Breakfast on 29 to start with. We just cannot manage without the PTA and of course there is the Disco in July. This is just a case of organising refreshments, perhaps decorating the hall and wearing earplugs!

PTA

Please complete this slip and hand to your child's teacher. A member of the PTA will get in touch with you. Thank you.

I am interested in joining the PTA. Please contact me for more details []

I am unable to join the PTA but would like to be included in a list of helpers for PTA functions. []

Signed _____ Tel No _____

Transition Day

On Wednesday 5 July all Prep School pupils, including those new to the school, will spend the morning in their new classes in readiness for September.

Staff News

I am delighted to welcome **Miss M Lawson** to the Prep School. She is an experienced Early Years practitioner who will be working as a teaching assistant with Mrs McCaughley and the Nursery as well as being on lunchtime playground duty with Mrs Humphrey. Helping at the school show will be Miss Lawton's baptism of fire!

Mrs Humphrey is taking over part of Mrs Coleman's role as a teaching assistant hearing readers in Mrs Smith's class as well as for Mr Thompson. For both staff, flexibility is the key word. No one person could replace **Mrs Coleman** who just seems to know what was needed after so many years at Pattisons but I am sure our new team, including former pupil **Mrs Woodhead** in the mornings, will do a sterling job.

Reports

Prep School reports were sent out yesterday and Years 7, 8 and 9 will go out at the end of next week. Year 10 exams were later, so their reports will be too.

Mr Cunningham recently designed a new prospectus for us with photographs of current pupils which I thought you might like to see. Your child's report will be included in the pocket at the back of the prospectus. More copies of the prospectus are available if you have friends who may be interested in having their child join us. Don't forget you receive 10% of one term's fees once someone you recommend completes the first term of full-time compulsory education, (not Early Years).

Congratulations

To Mrs Sewell and the Senior and Junior choirs who both took first place in the Leamington Festival today.

To Miss Shelley, one of our Saturday teachers, and her husband on the birth of baby Pippa.

To William, in Year 9, who secured a Gold level on his first attempt at the Intermediate Maths Challenge and went through to the Kangaroo challenge. A quarter of a million students took the Intermediate Challenge but only the top three thousand are invited to take part in the Kangaroo so this is a very impressive achievement for William.

To those pupils who took LAMDA exams recently all of whom delighted the examiner. Results will hopefully be received before we break up for Summer.

To students Harriet and Martine who achieved their Level 4 Diploma in Dance Teaching from the IDTA.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The Active Kids campaign has now finished but we do still have time to place our order. If you, your family and friends have any vouchers lying around in bags or pockets please do send them into school on Tuesday so that we can make the most of the Active Kids campaign. Thank you.

Work Experience

Coventry is no longer organising Work Experience for our pupils. Our Year 10 pupils do two weeks work experience when we come back to school in January. If any parents work for, own or know of a company that might be able to offer our polite, well educated, hard working Year 10 pupils a place, I would love to hear from you. It seems a long way off I know, but Mrs Brown has already started planning.

Clive Mark Uniform Sale Saturday 8 July 9.00—11.30

The date of the next uniform sale is Saturday 8 July in the downstairs front classroom in the senior school.