

Newsletter



PATTISON
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Dear Parents

What a year we have had and how the time has flown! Thank you for the support you have given school during this busy year. I do hope that you and your family have enjoyed being part of what goes on at Pattisons and that you are now ready, like all the staff, to relax a little and spend time with your family. I look forward to seeing you refreshed on 6 September.

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We need your views please

Pattisons is a very special place with caring, experienced staff who want to do the best for your children to help them achieve their potential.

Could I please ask you to take a few moments to complete the questionnaire on Survey Monkey (link in the email), so as to provide an insight into your thoughts about Pattisons and what we offer. As a school we continue to develop and, your input would be much appreciated, as indeed would any comments you wish to add. This questionnaire is totally anonymous but if you would like to make your views known to us personally, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is important.

School Security

I am pleased to inform parents that work to put a gate with biometric entry onto the Prep School playground in meant to be happening during the school holidays.

I am sure you can appreciate that it is only during holiday time that such work can be done. Last year we had a new roof, ceiling and lighting for the school hall, this year's project i.e. the gate, will hopefully be more straight forward.

Having taken advice as we want to ensure that your children are as safe as they can be, the gate will be on free-flow at the start and end of the day but will remain locked the rest of the time, with access restricted to pupils and staff. Parents will therefore no longer be registered on the biometric system. You will have access at drop off (8.00—9.00) and collection times (3.25—6.00). If you need to come in to the Prep School building at any other time, please contact the school office on 024 7645 5031.

PTA News

I am sure you will join with me in thanking Mrs Bentley and her team of enthusiastic parents for the work that they have done during the past year. Whether it be raising money for charity with the Macmillan breakfast, the second hand uniform sale, the Easter celebration, the end of term disco or the autumn fair, (see diary dates overleaf), the PTA does all it can to keep fees as low as possible for all parents.

More parents are always needed however. If you would be able to help as some events, even if you do not wish to be on the committee, please email Mrs Moore ameliamoore2274@me.com. Thank you.

Swimming

Prep School children from Year 1 to 6 will start swimming again at the AT7 centre on Friday afternoons from 8 September. Black regulation swimwear is to be worn. Children travel in their black jazz trousers, t-shirts and fleeces for easy changing. No jewellery is permitted.

Trainers & School Shoes

Parents already pay fees which we try to keep as low as possible. Nike trainers and the like can cost a small fortune. In the past we have said trainers should be white, but these days they are not so readily available. I would therefore ask that pupils of all ages wear plain black trainers with no flashy logos. These should be much less expensive than brightly coloured alternatives.

A reminder that girls' shoes should be flat with a strap or laces and not ballet type shoes or patent leather shoes. Boys should wear black shoes and not trainers for school.

School Team Building

On Monday 11 September pupils from Year 1 to 11 will be attending a team building session at the Alan Higgs Centre. Pupils come to school wearing their sports kit. Dancers who do not do sport arrive wearing the new black track suit or black jazz trousers and dance t-shirt. It will be an exciting way for newcomers to get to know existing pupils.

Staff News

Senior pupils know that Mr Burton, Year 8's teaching assistant, is retiring. We will be welcoming Mrs Clarke to take his place in September. We will also be welcoming a new teaching assistant to work with Year 7, Mrs Coghlan. Miss Ellie, who teaches commercial on a Friday has so many other commitments that Miss Holly, a very experienced Commercial teacher will be taking her place. I am sure you will want to join me in thanking Mr Burton and Miss Ellie for all their hard work and commitment over the past year.

Term Dates 2017/2018

	Pupil Dates (school open)	Teacher Days (school closed to pupils)
Autumn Term 2017	Wednesday 6 September to Wednesday 20 December at 3pm	Monday 4 September Tuesday 5 September
October Half Term	Thursday 19 October to Sunday 29 October	
Spring Term 2018	Tuesday 9 January to Wednesday 28 March 3pm	Monday 8 January
February Half Term	Monday 19 February to Sunday 25 February	
Summer Term 2018	Monday 16 April to Thursday 19 July 1pm	<u>Monday 2 July after school show</u> Friday 20 July
May Day Holiday	Monday 7 May	
Half Term	Monday 28 May to Sunday 3 June	

Important Diary Dates for next term

Saturday 30 September Autumn Fair—change of date

Friday 29 September Macmillan Big Breakfast

Tuesday 17 October Prize Givings 6pm Prep School, 7.30pm Senior School

Tuesday 31 October PTA Halloween Disco

Friday 17 November PTA Christmas Indulgence & Craft Fair

Tuesday 19 December Christmas Carol Service—all pupils involved