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HALF TERM HOLIDAY

We are closed on **Friday 24th October** for a staff training day. The following week is the half term holiday.

The Infant and Junior Schools re-open on **Monday 3rd November**.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

It has been great to welcome parents and carers to our Junior School Parents' Evenings this week.



Next week we have our Infant School Parents' Evenings:

Nursery

Tues 14th and Wed 15th October 3.30 to 6pm

Infant School (Rec, Y1 and Y2)

Wed 15th and Thurs 16th October 3.30 to 6pm

We look forward to welcoming you.

UPCOMING CURRICULUM TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES

Each year 1 class will be visiting the Leather Museum as part of their History work looking at Toys through Time.

Dolphins-Friday 17th October

Penguins—Tuesday 21st October

Seahorses—Thursday 23rd October

Year 3 will be having a Stone Age visitor on Wednesday 22nd October as part of their History curriculum.

Year 4 will be having a Roman visitor on Tuesday 21st October as part of their History curriculum.

Each Year 5 class will be visiting Birmingham Museum as part of their Anglo-Saxon History learning.

5LJ-Monday 20th October

5GB—Tuesday 21st October

5EB—Wednesday 22nd October

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD—WEAR RED DAY—THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

All the children can wear red clothes on **Thursday 23rd October** for 'Show Racism the Red Card' day. During the day we will be talking to the children about what Racism is and how we can continue to unite and work together as a community to ensure a zero tolerance of any Racism.



INFANT SCHOOL PHONICS WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

We have a strong track record in successfully teaching the Blue Coat children to read from a young age. The children's rapid acquisition of all the phonic knowledge they need to be successful readers for the rest of their lives is a key building block to their success.

We are offering, once again, special workshops for Infant parents/carers to explain how we teach phonics to the Blue Coat children and to share strategies that you can use to support your child at home to become a fluent and confident reader.

Year 1 and Year 2 workshop: Monday 20th October 9am

Reception workshop: Tuesday 21st October 9am

Thank you for supporting the successful partnership we have between school, parents and carers to benefit your child.

CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS



Infants— Panthers 99.33% Juniors— 3RF 99.35%



HARVEST SERVICES

We are asking for food donations for our Harvest Services once again. All items will be passed to the Black Country Foodbank after the services.



On the day of your child's service, please send any of these much needed items:

- · CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT
- CARTONS OF UHT MILK
- CORDIAL/SQUASH
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S
- TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES
- TINNED POTATOES/MASH
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED CUSTARD/RICE **PUDDING**
- TINNED READY MEALS (MEATBALLS/CHILLI/MAC AND CHEESE)

- TINNED MEAT (HAM/CORNED
- TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- BREAKFAST CEREAL
- PASTA SAUCE
- SAVOURY RICE
- INSTANT NOODLES
- · ROLL ON DEODORANT
- SHAMPOO
- SHOWER GEL
- TOILET ROLL
- BARS OF SOAP

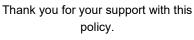
Parents/Carers are invited to join us for the services:

Junior School Fri 17th Oct 10.30am at St. Matthew's Church

Infant School Wed 22nd Oct 10am at the Infant School

REMINDER: BLUE COAT IS A NUT FREE ZONE!

To keep members of the community with nut allergies safe, we do not have any nuts or products containing nuts on either school site. Please ensure that you do not send anything into school in a packed lunch or as a snack that contains nuts.







YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL PREFERENCES

Parents/Carers must make sure their preference form is submitted through the local authority online portal by

10pm 31st October 2025

If you would like support in completing this process, please email

familysupport@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

PACT WORKSHOPS

AUTUMN TERM PACT WORKSHOPS ALL STARTING 9AM (EXCEPT NURSERY)

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Year Group	Date	Focus Parents and Children Togeth
Nursery	Mon 10th Nov	Library visits am and pm
Year 1	Fri 7th Nov	Writing
Year 3	Tues 11th Nov	Reading
Year 4	Tues 18th Nov	Reading
Year 5	Tues 14th Oct	Writing
	Tues 25th Nov	Reading
Year 6	Tues 21st Oct	Writing
	Tues 2nd Dec	Reading

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History month. We will be using this time to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture with the infant and junior children.



This will be a focus in some assemblies and lessons throughout the month in both schools. In the juniors, each class will be researching different people who have achieved great things either in the past or more recently as part of this focus and they will share the information they have

discovered with the other junior children in assemblies.

Free Healthy Families programme

Contact: henry@walsall.gov.uk



Healthy Start, Brighter Future www.henry.org.uk/walsall

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

October is Walk to School month! All children are encouraged to walk, scoot or cycle to school during the month. Avoiding bringing your child to school by car helps reduce congestion around the schools, creates a safer environment and takes away the stress of finding somewhere to park.

