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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to all our families after the half term holiday. We hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful break.

DIWALI

Sikhs and Hindus will be celebrating Diwali this weekend. Happy Diwali to all our families taking part in the celebrations.



PTA NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday 13th November – *NEXT FRIDAY!*

On Friday 13th November, the PTA are asking children to bring £1 to support the work of the PTA for the Blue Coat community. Children can wear their own clothes on the day.

PACT WORKSHOPS

AUTUMN TERM PACT WORKSHOPS ALL STARTING 9AM

Year Group	Date	Focus
Year 3 *NEXT WEEK!*	Tues 10th Nov	Reading
Year 4	Tues 17th Nov	Maths
Year 5	Tues 24th Nov	Reading
Year 6	Tues 1st Dec	Reading

LATE COLLECTION – EMERGENCY CHILDCARE CHARGE

Please make sure that your child is collected on time:

Infant School 3.10pm – Junior School 3.20pm

As set out in the Governors' Charging and Remissions policy, if a child is collected late, there is a £10 charge for the emergency childcare provision.

A more cost effective option is for parents/carers to book for their child to attend the before and after school childcare operated by Junior Adventures:

www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk

YEAR 2 GURDWARA VISIT

The Year 2 classes will be visiting a Gurdwara on Thursday 17th November. This is part of their Religious Education curriculum and learning about different places of worship.

HAF CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Walsall Council are offering free HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) provision during the Christmas holidays for children who receive targeted free school meals. The portal opens from Monday for booking

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP IS BACK!

Our Parent and Toddler group has started again.

The group meets every Tuesday at 9am in the Infant School Hall.

Everybody welcome!

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-bullying week will be taking place the week beginning Monday 16th November. This year's theme is 'Break the silence'. There will be a focus on this important topic during the week.

At Blue Coat we have a zero tolerance of bullying. Incidents are rare and any incidents are dealt with quickly and firmly. The situation is monitored closely to ensure that any bullying does not re-occur. All occurrences of bullying are reported to the Governing Body.



We encourage a telling culture across the Infant and the Junior Schools. We teach the children that if they are concerned or worried about anything, they should tell an adult and we tell them that if the problem continues, they should tell someone else and to keep telling until the problem stops.

ODD SOCKS DAY – FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

The children are invited to wear odd socks on Friday 20th November (the last day of Anti-Bullying week). This is to remind us that everyone is unique, different and special deserving to be treated with kindness and respect.



REMEMBRANCE POPPIES

Children are able to bring donations for poppies and other related items next week. All donations go to the British Legion.

On Wednesday, the children will mark a minute's silence to remember those who have died or been injured serving the country in war.



They shall grow not old, as
we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the
sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

PTA AGM

The PTA AGM will be taking place on Thursday 12th November (next week) in the Junior School at 6pm. Everyone is welcome.

DEBATE CLUB STARTS MONDAY

If your child is signed up for Debate Club, the Club will be starting on Monday. The club takes place after school and finishes at 4.45pm on Mondays.

WALSALL FIREWORK SPECTACULAR

Enjoy a spectacular firework display safely at the Arboretum on Saturday 7th November.

Book online:
https://www.ticketsource.com/healthyspaces/walsall-firework-spectacular-walsall-arboretum-2026/e-bpeppv

West Midlands Police have useful advice around keeping yourself and your children safe at this time of year.

You can watch this video with your child:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=hylRME6G9hU

and/or follow this link for helpful safety information:
www.westmidlands.police.uk/police-forces/west-midlands-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/darker-nights/

HELP YOUR CHILD TO BE AN ATTENDANCE HERO



Morning Arrival Times:

Infants: 8.40 to 8.50am **Juniors:** 8.45 to 8.55am

It is really important that your child arrives on time every day. If they are late, they are missing out on their learning time and this can affect their progress as they move through the school.

Help your child to be an Attendance Hero –

Here Everyday Ready On time



JUNIOR SCHOOL LOST PROPERTY

Junior School lost property is available to look at after school every day and on Friday it is brought out onto the playground to help you claim lost items. **Please be aware that after two weeks unclaimed lost property is donated to charity.**

PENGUINS CLASS PARENTS' EVENINGS

Mrs. Gilding will be holding Parents' Evenings for Penguins Class on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November. Appointment times have been shared in your child's planner.

NURSERY AND YEAR 2 PARENT/CARERS NEED TO SUBMIT SCHOOL PREFERENCES FOR RECEPTION AND JUNIOR SCHOOL PLACES

If your child is in Nursery, you need to submit your preferences for a Reception School place by 15th January. Even if your child is in our Nursery, you must submit your school preferences to Walsall Council by 15th January to secure a place in Blue Coat Infant School for your child.

If your child is in Year 2, you need to submit your preferences for a Junior School place by 15th January. Even if your child is in our Infant School, you must submit your school preferences to Walsall Council by 15th January to secure a place in Blue Coat Junior School for your child.

*We will be holding meetings for Nursery and Year 2 Parents/Carers on **Tuesday 24th November** to explain the school admissions system at these times:*

Morning Nursery: 8.45am

Afternoon Nursery and Year 2: 2.30pm

RACKETS CUBED

Thursday sessions remaining this term:

12th and 26th November **(no session on 19th Nov)**

3rd and 10th December

GET READY TO BOOK PTA CHRISTMAS EVENTS FOR YOUR CHILD WITH THE ARBOR APP

Tickets for the Christmas Discos and Father Christmas will soon be available to book. Tickets for these events will need to be booked through the Arbor App so make sure that you have it installed on your phone ready to use.

Please ask at the office if you need help.