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## HALF TERM HOLIDAY

The Infant and Junior Schools will close at the end of the day today (Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February) for the Half Term holiday.



**We re-open on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.**

We hope all our families have a happy and restful break.

## JUNIOR PARENTS' EVENINGS

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Junior Parents' Evenings after the holiday. We have sent out letters detailing how to book your appointments with

**Junior School**

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> February

3.45pm to 6.15pm



## BLUE COAT FESTIVAL

This year is the three Walsall Blue Coat Schools' 370<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Blue Coat Foundation has been providing educational provision for Walsall children since 1656!

The anniversary celebrations will be a particular focus of the Blue Coat Sunday Service on March 8<sup>th</sup> and the theme of this year's service and the Blue Coat Exhibition is '*Centuries of Service*'.

There will be an exhibition of children's work from each Infant and Junior School year group on display in St. Matthew's Church from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March until Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March. There will also be a display of interesting historical sources and artefacts related to the Blue Coat Schools from the Walsall Archives.

The Blue Coat Sunday service takes place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at St. Matthew's Church starting at 10.45am. All our Blue Coat families are invited to join us for what will be a very special service.

The Year 5 and 6 Steel Pans group will be playing from 10.15am outside the Church. The Infant and Junior Choirs will be singing alongside the Blue Coat Secondary School choir.

## YEAR 3 ANCIENT MAYA VISIT

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February, the Year 3 children will be having a special themed day focused on their History curriculum Ancient Maya unit. An expert with specialist knowledge about the Ancient Maya civilization will be spending the day with them.



## REMINDER: YEAR 5 RACKETS CUBED DATES

**Thurs 19th Feb:** Half Term holiday

**Thurs 26th Feb:** NO RACKETS CUBED

**Thurs 5th March:** Rackets Cubed as normal



## SPRING AND SUMMER PACT WORKSHOPS

Year Group	Date	Focus
<i>Nursery</i>	Tues 14th April	Maths walk
<i>Reception</i>	Wed 11th March 9am	Maths
<i>Year 1</i>	Fri 17th April 9am	Maths
<i>Year 2</i>	Fri 27th Feb 9am	Maths

## CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS

**Infants**— Jaguars 98%

**Juniors**— 6LW 99.05%



### FREE BREAKFAST CLUB AFTER EASTER

We will be offering a free Breakfast Club from 8.15am every morning from the start of the Summer Term.

**This will be based at Blue Coat Secondary Academy. Families using the service will need to drop children off at Blue Coat Secondary Academy at 8.15am.**

The children will be given a freshly prepared healthy breakfast, and then Blue Coat staff will walk them to the Infant or Junior School ready for the school day.

*Please note that our popular Breakfast Club for Infant and Junior children based in the Junior School canteen which runs from 7.30am will continue to operate for families who require an earlier drop off. The rate will be discounted to account for the new free 30 minute entitlement.*

*As the new Breakfast Club service overlaps with the Walking Bus offer, the Bus will cease to operate from the start of the Summer Term.*

Whether you intend to use this service or not, please complete this super quick survey so we can gauge how many families are likely to use this new service: [Breakfast Club Survey](#)



### ASSEMBLY THEME

After the half term holiday, the value we will be focusing on in our assemblies is **Hope**.

### FIRE SERVICE VISIT

Fire Officers will be visiting the Nursery and Reception children on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. They will be bringing a Fire Engine with them. This is part of the children's learning about 'People who help us'.



### THIS WEEK'S ONLINE SAFETY TIP

#### **Talking About Online Safety at Home**



Regular, relaxed conversations help children feel confident coming to adults if something online worries them.

### RAMADAN

For our Muslim community Ramadan will start next week. Please make sure that if you have an older junior child who is going to be fasting that the fasting consent form has been signed and returned to the school office.

### WORLD BOOK DAY AT BLUE COAT

**We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.**

We are planning lots of great activities focused on Reading for the day.

***To give you time to plan, we wanted to let you know at this early point that we will be asking all the children to come to school dressed as a book character on that day.***



### TRIPS AND VISITS TO ENHANCE YOUR CHILD'S BLUE COAT EXPERIENCE

We want the Blue Coat children to experience an exciting and engaging curriculum in all the subjects we teach. Additionally, each year group plans high quality trips and special visitors during the year to enhance the children's experiences – these include visits like the Planetarium in Reception, the Animal Man in Year 2, different history related special visits in the Juniors and many trips offered in both schools.

***We try to keep the cost as low as possible and we use school funds to support the low cost. For us to maintain these additional learning enrichment activities, we ask for a voluntary contribution from families to help with the cost. Without families support in paying the requested contributions we would be unable to offer these opportunities.***

Thank you for your support and understanding with this.