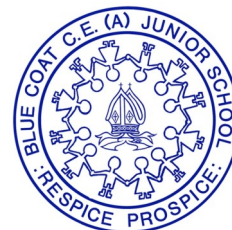




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HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

The schools close at the end of the day on Friday 9th February for the Half-Term holiday. We re-open for all the children on Monday 19th February.

We hope all our families have an enjoyable and restful break.



FREE FEBRUARY HOLIDAY PLAY-SCHEME

Register for a free February holiday play-scheme at Caldmore Community Garden for children aged 8-12. Activities will take place at the Garden between Tuesday 13th February and Saturday 17th February, 12-3pm.

You have to register your child for the whole week for a fun programme of arts and crafts, games, cooking, gardening, and science. Fill in the registration form <http://tinyurl.com/caldmorefebruary> and you will be contacted to confirm your space.



PRE-OWNED SOCKS WANTED!

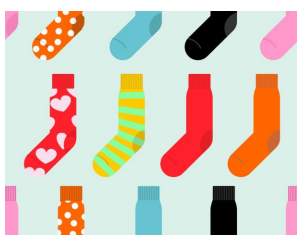
Do you have any old socks that you no longer need ?

They don't have to be in pairs!

For World Book Day (which is in March), all the children will be making sock puppets of their favourite book characters. Please send any unwanted socks into school.

Please ensure that they are clean and in good condition.

Although World Book Day isn't for a few weeks, you can send your unwanted socks into school straightaway. Thank you for your help.



IS YOUR CHILD UP TO DATE WITH THEIR MMR VACCINATIONS?

There is currently an outbreak of measles across the West Midlands. If your child has not had both MMR vaccinations, they are at increased risk of catching this dangerous virus.

A message from Dr Fiona Rose, local GP and Clinical Director for Quality and Safety for the NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board: "Measles is a serious but entirely preventable disease that spreads easily between unvaccinated people, in particular children.

The safest and most effective way to prevent measles is to ensure your child is fully vaccinated with MMR vaccine. It is one of the most studied vaccines in the world, with millions of doses given every year – it is safe for your child, and will protect them, their friends and the wider community.

It's important to remember that measles is not just a childhood disease and can be serious at any age. Anyone can catch up on any missed doses and it's never too late to protect yourself. Our pop-up clinics are a great opportunity for children aged five and over, as well as adults who have missed a dose to get vaccinated, so please do book an appointment as soon as you can.

If people know they have missed an MMR dose, they can walk-in to one of the pop-up clinics for a vaccination. Those who are unsure if they, or their child, are up to date with all their routine vaccinations can confirm their vaccine status by checking: - their child's Red Book (personal child health record) - the NHS app - or by contacting their GP practice."

There will be a vaccination van located outside Poundland in Walsall Town Centre, Lower Hall Lane, St Matthews Quarter, WS1 1PU, Saturday 3 February (tomorrow), 9am-3pm. Walk in, no appointment needed.



SPRING TERM PACT WORKSHOPS

Remaining workshops this term		
Year 2	Fri 1st March 9am	Maths
Year 3	Tues 20th Feb 9am	Maths

There will be Maths workshops for Year 1 and Reception in the Summer Term.



ONLINE SAFETY WEEK—NEXT WEEK

Next week is Online Safety week. The children will have the opportunity to focus on the importance of keeping themselves safe online during the week through their lessons.

Ways you can keep your child safe online

- Make sure you are fully aware of what your child is doing online at all times, whether it is on a games console, a computer, a laptop, a mobile phone or a tablet.
- Set up parental controls on your home wifi/broadband so that you know age-restricted or adult material can not be accessed by your child.
- Do not allow your child to be on group chats like WhatsApp—*primary school children in groups like these (where they are online with a number of other children with no adult supervision) are extremely vulnerable to being bullied or seeing inappropriate material.*

There is lots of useful information available for parents/carers about these important matters at:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers>

SPELLING LEARNING AT BLUE COAT

Each week every class is given a new set of words to learn. Spelling activities related to the week's words can be accessed with other homework activities through your child's Purple Mash login.

There is also a page in your child's planner for them to practise their spellings each week.



THIS WEEK'S CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS



Infants: Jaguars — 95.2%

Juniors: 3SG — 99.3%



PARENTS' EVENINGS

We are looking forward to welcoming you for our Parents' Evenings this term. Letters have been sent out with full details with a slip for you to complete to select an appointment time.

Junior School

Wed 7th Feb and Thurs 8th Feb 4 to 6.30pm

Infant School

Wed 21st Feb and Thurs 22nd Feb 3.30 to 6pm

The Book Fair will be available during the Infant School Parents' Evenings

Nursery

The Nursery Parents' Evenings will be later in the term. We will notify you of the dates soon.



Household Support Fund

We have spent **4.9 million** which has supported over 10,000 households

Walsall Council has received a further £5.6 million in additional government funding to support the most vulnerable Walsall residents with cost-of-living.

If you are struggling with money & need help with household bills/food/essential items?

The council has **£660k** funding still available to help residents.

- You do not need to be in receipt of benefits to be eligible – see our website for full criteria
- If you are in receipt of benefits these will not be affected by the Household Support Fund
- If you have claimed previously this does not prevent you from making a new claim if you are in further crisis.

You can make a claim by scanning the QR code, visiting the link below or alternatively if you need assistance making a claim contact your local hub.
<https://walsall.apply4.online/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=/Requests/QuickSchemeLink/165BU3>



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