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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Infant School—Mon 13th Nov - NEXT WEEK!



The photographer will take a picture of every child during the school day.

If you would like a family portrait with brothers and sisters, families can come from 8am on Monday 13th November. Parents/Carers must stay with their children until normal school opening times.

UPCOMING CURRICULUM EVENTS

Next week—Year 1 visits to Walsall Art Gallery

Tues 14th Nov—Nursery Out and About with parents/carers at Walsall Library

Fri 17th Nov—Year 2 trip to Gurdwara as part of RE curriculum—learning about Sikhism

PARENT/CARER SURVEY

We want to hear your thoughts about the Blue Coat provision for your children. We have texted all parents/carers a link to a short survey which we would appreciate you completing. We will use your feedback to maintain things that are working well and improve any areas that are identified as issues.

Thank you!

JUNIOR SCHOOL—READING PACT WORKSHOPS

Feedback from parents/carers regarding our PACT workshops continues to be extremely positive with many requests for more to be held! We are pleased to offer some Reading focused PACT workshops this half term in the Junior School.



Year 3—NEXT WEEK!	Tuesday 14th November 9am
Year 4	Tuesday 21st November 9am
Year 5	Tuesday 28th November 9am
Year 6	Tuesday 12th December 9am

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK NEXT WEEK

Anti-bullying week begins on Monday. There will be a focus on this important subject for the Infant and Junior children in assemblies and lessons throughout the week.



We have a zero tolerance approach to bullying at Blue Coat. We have a telling culture across the two schools and teach the children that if they are worried about anything, they must tell an adult and keep telling until it stops.

All reports are followed up swiftly and firmly. Situations are monitored closely to ensure that any negative behaviour completely stops.

Any allegations or incidents of bullying are recorded and considered by the Governing Body each term.

As a result of our rigorous policy and systems, incidents of bullying are rare and addressed swiftly.

We are grateful to the community for supporting us to maintain a safe and welcoming community for all the Blue Coat children.

ODD SOCKS DAY—FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER—NEXT FRIDAY!



We will be marking Anti-bullying week on Friday 17th November by having an Odd Socks Day—all the children are invited to wear different coloured socks on that day to show that everyone is unique and special.

READING—PHONICS WORKSHOPS FOR INFANT PARENTS AND CARERS

The Parent Focus group asked for more detailed support for particular curriculum areas so we are pleased to offer a session for all Year 1 and 2 parents/carers focused on how we teach reading and in particular phonics.

There is a lot that parents/carers can do to help their child make rapid progress with their reading and this session will give you lots of valuable information to do this.

We very much hope Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers will be able to join these.

Years 1 and 2—Friday 17th November 9am

Reception—Monday 20th November 9am

NURSERY AND YEAR 2 PARENTS/CARERS NEED TO APPLY FOR RECEPTION AND YEAR 3 PLACES NOW

This week all Nursery and Year 2 parents/carers have been emailed a letter from Walsall Council explaining the school admissions application process.

Nursery and Year 2 parents/carers must submit preferences for a place in Reception by 15th January.

Even if your child currently attends our Nursery or Year 2, you must still apply for a Blue Coat place if you want them to continue at Blue Coat in the Infant or Junior Schools.

Both Blue Coat Infant and Junior Schools are extremely popular and oversubscribed every year. You must submit an application online by the 15th January, otherwise your child is likely to be allocated a place at a different school.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE AROUND THE WORLD

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace:

let the design of thy great love
lighten upon the waste of our angers and
sorrows and give peace to communities all
around the world,
peace among all people,
peace in our homes,
and peace in our hearts.
Amen.



THIS WEEK'S CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS



Infants: Robins—98.8%

Juniors: 3EP—99%



REMEMBRANCE—A MINUTE'S SILENCE

The children have marked a minute's silence today in memory of all those who have served our country in conflict and lost their life or suffered injury.



The children have also created a poppy display outside the Junior School which has provided an impactful point of reflection for people walking past.

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.

PARENT CARER WORKSHOPS AT CAMHS

Black Country Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Come and join our CAMHS Parent/Carer Workshops.

We are running workshops exploring a range of difficulties that children/young people may experience, that can impact their emotional wellbeing.

Our Parent/Carer Workshops run virtually (Zoom) from 12pm - 1.30pm

27/09/2023 Trauma & Attachment
11/10/2023 Communication/Speech & Language
22/11/2023 Autistic Spectrum Conditions
06/12/2023 Depression/ Low Mood
17/01/2024 Anxiety/OCD
14/02/2024 Self Harm
13/03/2024 Anger/Conduct
17/04/2024 Anxiety

If you are interested in joining a workshop, and have a child/young person accessing Black Country CAMHS Services - please contact Andrea Ehgartner on Tel: 01922 607 400 to book your place.



HAPPY DIWALI!

All at Blue Coat wish our Hindu and Sikh families a very happy Diwali!



BE BRIGHT BE SEEN COMPETITION

Our A STARS Sheriffs will be launching the *Be Bright Be Seen Competition* next week. Children will be given a *design a bag template* and they will be asked to design a bright reflective bag.

As always there will be fantastic prizes for selected winners!



PTA NOTICES

New PTA committee

At the PTA AGM this week, Mr. D. Sperber stepped down from the Chair position having served the community in this role for a number of years. We would like to thank him for the great deal he has done for the PTA and the community. The following committee positions for the new year were agreed:

Chair: Mr. A. Orlik, **Vice-Chair:** Ms. M. Tahiri, **Treasurer:** Mr. H. Patel and **Secretary:** Ms. V. Baker

We are extremely grateful to everyone who gives their time for the PTA, through committee meetings and through helping with events during the year.

Non-uniform day—Friday 24th November

On Friday 24th November there will be a non-uniform day to support the PTA's forthcoming Christmas Bazaar. Infant children are asked to bring sweets, cakes and chocolates on that day that can be sold at the Bazaar. Junior children are asked to bring a £1 donation. Thank you for your support.

The Christmas Bazaar is on Friday 1st December at the Junior School after school

The PTA needs your help to make this event shine!

We need several willing volunteers to help us set up and run stalls on the day, please pop Mel an email if you are able to assist: msuttor@gmail.com.

If you are not able to help on the day but want to assist with the preparation of items ready for the Bazaar, please also email Mel as we do have many tasks that will need to be completed beforehand.

We require donations of the following items to be brought to the schools by 24th November. As always, please ensure items are clean, complete and without damage:

- ♦ *Glass Jars - please send jam jars and sauce jars with lids*
- ♦ *Kitchen Roll inners, we require the cardboard inners from your kitchen rolls (we are unable to take toilet roll inners)*
- ♦ *Soft toys your children no longer require*
- ♦ *Pre-loved books in good condition*
- ♦ *Knitting wool*

