### Love God, love others

# Let your light shine







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### HALF TERM HOLIDAY

The schools will close for the children at the end of the day today.

Tomorrow (Friday 27th October) is a staff training day and the schools will be closed for the children.

The following week is the half term holiday. Both schools re-open on Monday 6th November.



#### UPCOMING CURRICULUM EVENTS

Mon 6th Nov—Nursery and Reception Bonfire in the Forest

Wed 8th Nov—Year 6 visit Gurdwara as part of RE curriculum

Thurs 9th Nov—Year 5 Anglos-Saxon workshop as part of History curriculum

Fri 10th Nov—Year 1 Home Project exhibition for Parents/Carers—Science curriculum

Week beginning Mon 13th Nov—Year 1 visits to Walsall

Art Gallery

Tues 16th Nov—Nursery Out and About with parents/ carers at Walsall Library

### FUN FOOD FRIDAY AT THE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS

The PTA will be putting on a Fun Food Friday event at both the Infant and Junior Schools at the end of the day on Friday 10th November.



Lots of delicious sweet treats available to buy. All money helps the PTA.

# SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

#### Infant School—Mon 13th Nov

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.



# PTA AGM—TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

Everyone is welcome to attend the PTA AGM in Federation House (number 2, Springhill Road, opposite the Junior School. This is an important meeting when the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary will all be elected. Please come along and support your PTA.



### YEAR 6 PARENT/CARERS ACT NOW!

#### If you haven't already done so, Year 6 Parents/Carers must submit their child's secondary school preferences online. The deadline is Tuesday 31st October.

We can support you with this process. Please ask at the school office or email:



familysupport@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

# PASH (PARENTS AND SCHOOL HEALTH)

School Health - Toileting your Child Workshop

### Thursday 9th November 2023 - 9:15am-10:00am—Blue Coat C E Infant School

School health work in partnership with school and families and are offering a *Toileting your Child* session to parents about supporting their child to develop skills and independence to use the toilet.

Louise March, a Senior Community Nursery Nurse, will present the workshop. The workshop itself will last for around 45minutes.

We hope that you can join us.

# COMEDY CORNER



Why couldn't the pony sing himself a lullaby?

He was a little hoarse!



#### THIS WEEK'S CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS



Infants: Panthers–98.3% Juniors: 3RF–98.3%



# NEW PARENT GOVERNORS

Thank you to all the parents/carers who put themselves forward for the recent Parent Governor election.

The following three parents/carers have been elected by the community to join the Governing Body:

Thando Siziba

Nikita Elizabeth Arnett



Ashleigh Timmins

# BLUE COAT BEARS PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP STARTING AGAIN

Our popular Parent and Toddler group will be starting again on Tuesday 7th November. The group will meet in the Infant hall every Tuesday from 9am during term time. All parents/carers with

pre-school age children and babies welcome!

# ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-bullying week begins on Monday 13th November. 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

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.