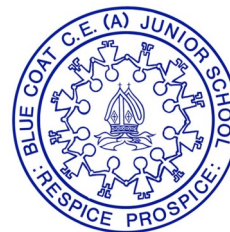




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READING—PHONICS WORKSHOPS FOR RECEPTION

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 Reception 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 that Reception parents/carers will be able to join us for this next week on **Monday 20th November at 9am.**



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 4	Tuesday 21st November 9am
Year 5	Tuesday 28th November 9am
Year 6	Tuesday 12th December 9am

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



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 or Year 3 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.

MEETINGS WITH MORE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT—NEXT WEEK!

Year 2—2.45pm Mon 20th Nov

Nursery—8.45am or 12.45pm Tues 21st Nov

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.



**ENJOY A FREE FAMILY CHRISTMAS SHOW AT
WALSALL CENTRAL METHODIST HALL**

Saturday 2nd December 5.30pm

Tickets are completely free and must be booked.
Go online to book now and avoid disappointment!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/null/t-avdekdr>



You can get a taster of what a fantastic show this
will be at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIQmZj6hDoE>

COMEDY CORNER



What did the mama cow
say to her calf?

It's pasture your bedtime!



What do sprinters eat before a race?

Nothing, they fast!

THIS WEEK'S CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS



Infants: Panthers — 99.3%

Juniors: 3EP — 98.8%



UPCOMING EVENTS

*Parents/Carers invited to all events shown in **bold italics**.*

Please note that for all the Infant School Christmas Performances tickets will be required and must be booked in advance.

Friday 1st Dec	3.45pm	Christmas Bazaar	Junior School
Wed 6th Dec	2pm	Year 5 & 6 Strings, Brass, Woodwind and Choir concert	Junior School
Tues 12th Dec	1:45pm	pm Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance	Infant School
Wed 13th Dec	9.45am	am Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance	Infant School
Wed 13th Dec	3pm	Year 5 & 6 Steel Pans, Infant and Junior Choir Concert	Junior School
Tues 19th Dec	2pm	Years 1 & 2 Christmas	Infant School
Wed 20th Dec	9.15am	Years 1 & 2 Christmas	Infant School
Thurs 21st Dec	After-noon	Christmas Parties	Both schools
Fri 22nd Dec	10.30am	Federation Christmas	St. Matthew's Church
Fri 22nd Dec		Christmas Lunch	Both schools

Fri 22nd Dec Term ends:

1.50pm Infants and 2pm Juniors

Both schools re-open on Monday 8th January

PTA NOTICES

Fun Food Friday - thank you!

Thanks to all our families for their generous donations to Fun Food Friday, which took place last week and raised £165 for use in school.

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. All volunteers will get a £5 card to spend at the fair on the day!

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*

Bag 2 School returns - Thursday 23rd November

The PTA have organised another 'Bag 2 School' collection on Thursday 23 November. Donating your unwanted adult and children's clothes will help the PTA raise much needed funds. The more you donate, the more funds the PTA can raise! The last B2S event saw a massive 309kg of textiles donated, which raised £154 for use in school.

Donations should be brought to your child's school on the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd November or the morning of Thursday 23rd November. Please donate any unwanted:

clothes and underwear

paired shoes and socks

accessories (bags/hats/scarves/ties/belts)

jewellery

household towels, curtains, linen (e.g. tablecloths) and bedding (sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers only)

Please note that the letter sent out this week was not quite correct: household towels, curtains, linen (e.g. tablecloths) and bedding (sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers only) can all be donated.

Please note Bag 2 School do not accept any school uniform or work wear.

