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## HALF TERM HOLIDAY

The schools will close at the end of the day on Friday 14th February (next Friday) or the half term holiday.

Both schools re-open for the children on Monday 24th February.

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



## CONTACTING YOUR CHILD'S TEACHERS

Your child's teaching team can be contacted easily by email. Emails are checked and responded to on every school day.

### **Nursery and Reception:**

earlyyears@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

### **Key Stage 1**

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### **Family Support and Inclusion team:**

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## PLASTIC COAT HANGERS WANTED!

We are going to need 650 plastic triangular coat hangers for a creative activity all the Blue Coat children are going to be doing on World Book Day later in the term!

Please donate to school any spare unwanted plastic coat hangers you have. Please only donate plastic, triangle shaped hangers.

Thank you for your support.



## BLUE COAT SUNDAY—BUILDING ON STRONG FOUNDATIONS

Sunday 2nd March -10.45am—St. Matthew's Church



Blue Coat Sunday has been marked by the three Walsall Blue Coat Schools and St. Matthew's Church for hundreds of years.



We hope all our families will be able to join us for this special service at 10.45am on Sunday 2nd March at St. Matthew's. The Infant and Junior Choirs will both be singing. There will also be an exhibition of work by all the Infant and Junior children.

*This year's exhibition and service will celebrate the 60 year anniversary of the three Blue Coat schools moving into the buildings they are in now and the theme is : Building on Strong Foundations.*



### CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS



Infants— Dolphins 99.29%

Juniors— 6LW 98.8%



### PARENTS' EVENINGS

Letters were sent home last week for Infant and Junior Parents' Evenings. Please make sure you return your booking slips as soon as you can and your child's teacher will confirm your appointment time.

Nursery: Tues 11th Feb and Wed 12th Feb 3.30 to 6pm

Infants: Wed 12th Feb and Thurs 13th Feb 3.30 to 6pm

Juniors: Wed 12th March and Thurs 13th March 4 to 6.30pm

*The Book Fair will be open in the Infant Hall during the Infant Parents' Evenings.*

We look forward to welcoming you for these meetings.



### SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 11th February. There will be a focus with the children during the day about the importance of keeping safe when accessing the internet on phone, computers, notebooks or through computer games.

Visit [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com) for information about keeping your child safe online.

### SAFE STORAGE FOR BIKES AND SCOOTERS

There are bicycle and scooter sheds at both the Infant and the Junior Schools. All children can use these if they bring a bicycle or a scooter to school.

Items left in the sheds are left at the owners' risk. Please provide a chain and padlock to secure your child's bicycle or scooter to the metal posts available in each shed.



### SCHOOL HEALTH PARENT (PASH) WORKSHOP

#### **Supporting healthy sleep routines for your child - Workshop for parents/carers**

Blue Coat Infant School—Friday 28th February 9am-10am



**School health working in partnership with school and families are offering a Workshop to help parents/carers support your child to have a healthy sleep routine. Everyone welcome.**

*Does your child have trouble going to sleep at an appropriate time or sleeping through the night? This workshop will help parents/carers look at possible causes of children's poor sleep patterns and provide strategies to help your child get into a regular and healthy sleep pattern.*

### YEAR 6 PARENTS/CARERS WOODLANDS MEETING

Year 6 Parents/Carers have received an email about the Year 6 residential. There are two opportunities next week for parents/carers to attend a meeting to hear more about the residential opportunity and experience.

**Tuesday 11th February—9am or 3.30pm**

### DIVERSITY DAY—FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

We will be marking Diversity day, celebrating our community's diversity on Friday 28th February.

**On that day all the children are invited to celebrate their individuality by wearing bright colours of their choice.**

## **NSPCC—ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN IN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

- **Enable access to devices with limited features -** Device usage at this age is best kept to devices with limited capability. This could include tablets without data and non-smart phones that only allow calls and texts.
- **Keep tech use visible in the home -** Try to keep tech use in shared family spaces or used with bedroom doors open. This will allow you to support your child and be more aware of what they are doing online.
- **Follow age ratings –** Apps, sites and games come with age ratings which are important to follow. You can find out the age rating on the website for the platform or by visiting [www.common sense media.org/](http://www.common sense media.org/)
- **Use safety settings –** Explore the in-app and device safety settings with your child and check them regularly to make sure they are still in place.
- **Revisit parental controls –** as children grow up and need the internet more for schoolwork you may want to adjust your parental controls ([www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/)). Keep checking these regularly to make sure they are in place.
- **Have regular safety conversations –** at this age online safety conversations should be happening regularly. Visit our advice on talking to your child about online safety ([www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/)).
- **Build healthy habits -** acknowledge the positives it brings as part of your safety conversations and agree rules and boundaries together as a family.

# NSPCC

## **CHILDREN'S ONLINE SAFETY**

### **WORKSHOPS**



We are delighted to be welcoming a charity called Street Teams into the Infant and Junior Schools over the next few weeks.

They will be supporting the children to develop their understanding of online dangers and how to keep safe when accessing the internet on phones, computers, laptops, notebooks or computer games.

Street Teams will deliver specially planned workshops for each year group during the school day.

### **Wednesday 5th March**

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

**Friday 7th March**—Year 4 and Year 5

**Thursday 13th March** - Year 6

## **JOB VACANCIES AT BLUE COAT INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS' FEDERATION**

**We are currently advertising for Teaching Assistant and Dinner Supervisor positions.**

If you are interested, please visit the Job Vacancies section on our website for more information.

<https://www.bluecoatfederation.co.uk/blue-coat-c-e-infant-school/key-information/bci-job-vacancies/>