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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The School Photographer will be at the Infant School on **Wed 9th October** and

the Junior School on Thursday 10th October.

If you would like a family portrait or pictures with brothers and sisters together, please bring your family to either school at 8am on the right day. Children must be supervised and looked after by you until the normal school start time.

Individual photographs of all the children will be taken during the day.

<u>PACT WORKSHOPS—RECEPTION</u> <u>AND YEAR 2 NEXT WEEK!</u>



AUTUMN TERM PACT WORKSHOPS ALL STARTING 9AM (EXCEPT NURSERY)		
Year Group	Date	Focus
Nursery	Thurs 24th Oct	Library visits am and pm
Reception	Wed 9th Oct	Writing
NEXT WEEK!		
Year 2	Fri 11th Oct	Writing
NEXT WEEK!		
Year 3	Tues 12th Nov	Reading
Year 4	Tues 19th Nov	Reading
Year 5	Tues 15th Oct	Writing
	Tues 26th Nov	Reading
Year 6	Tues 26th Oct	Writing
	Tues 3rd Dec	Reading

CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS



Infants— Dolphins 98.97%

Juniors— 3RF 100%



WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

Monday 7th October to Friday 8th November

We are encouraging all the Blue Coat children to walk, cycle or scoot to school during Walk to School Month. Your child will be given a diary to record how they are travelling to school each day and anyone who participate will be entered into a special prize draw.

If you live further away from he schools, have you thought about Parking and Striding? There are many free places to park about five minutes walk from the schools.



ASDA REWARDS CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Help raise money for the Blue Coat children every time you shop at Asda!

- Download and Sign up to the Asda Rewards App;
- 2. Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign;
- 3. Select either Blue Coat Infant (WS1 3AF) or Blue Coat Junior School (WS1 2LP).

Asda will do the rest and every time you shop, Asda will give funds to the schools.

Thank you for your support!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month is Black History Month. The theme this year is *Reclaiming Narratives* and we will be focusing on this in some assemblies and lessons with the children



CAUTION IF ENGAGING A PRIVATE TUTOR

We know that sometimes families in our community engage the services of private tutors to support their children with their learning.

Please be aware that if the tutor is working on their own, so not part of a company or organisation, there could be safety concerns. We recommend that, if you require a tutor for your child, you engage them through a reputable company or organisation and check that they have had full safeguarding checks to ensure they are safe to work with children.

If you have any doubts or queries about this, please contact Family Support by calling the office or emailing:

familysupport@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

BBC ANY QUESTIONS—FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER

LIVE RECORDING ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Why not join in with a live Radio 4 broadcast!

The Radio 4 programme, Any Questions, will be recorded at St. Matthew's Church on Friday 11th October 7pm.

Tickets are FREE but must be booked in advance online.

The panel will be made up of politicians and other notable people from the business and culture sectors. All members of the audience are given the opportunity to submit questions which they may be selected to ask live on air.

Click on this link to book tickets: https://stmatthewswalsall.churchsuite.com/events/bnnlurl1

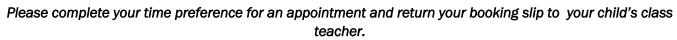
You can listen to the programme live on Radio 4 on Friday 11th October at 8pm and it is repeated on Saturday 12th October at 1.10pm.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Junior School

Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th October 4 to 6.30pm Infant School

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October 3.30 to 6pm



INFANT AND JUNIOR HARVEST SERVICES

We are asking for food donations for our Harvest Services once again. All items will be passed to the Black Country Foodbank after the services.

On the day of your child's service, please send any of these much needed items:

- CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT

 JUICE
- CARTONS OF UHT MILK
- CORDIAL/SQUASH
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S
- TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES
- TINNED POTATOES/MASH
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING
- TINNED READY MEALS
 (MEATBALLS/CHILLI/MAC AND
 CHEESE)

- TINNED MEAT (HAM/CORNED BEEF)
- TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- BREAKFAST CEREAL
- PASTA SAUCE
- SAVOURY RICE
- INSTANT NOODLES
- ROLL ON DEODORANT
- SHAMPOO
- SHOWER GEL
- TOILET ROLL
- BARS OF SOAP

Parents/Carers are invited to join us for the services:

Junior School Thurs 17th Oct 10.30am at St. Matthew's Church Infant School Wed 23rd Oct 10am at the Infant School



THE BOOK FAIR RETURNS!



We are delighted that the everpopular Book Fair will be returning to the Junior School on the 9th

and 10th Oct and it will be available for parents/carers and children to visit during our Junior Parents' Evenings.

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD—WEAR RED DAY

Friday 18th Oct

All the children can wear red on Fri 18th Oct to Show Racism the Red Card!

