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#### **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

The schools close at the end of the day today for the half term holiday.

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

February.

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

## 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.







#### **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.

#### YEAR 2 MATHS PACT WORKSHOP

Year 2 parents and carers are invited to Year 2's next PACT workshop on Friday 7th March at 9am.



#### CHILDREN'S VISITS TO ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

After the half term holiday, all the children walking to St. Matthew's Church over the course of the week to look at the Blue Coat Festival Exhibition of their work.

The Year 2 children will have an opportunity to visit the crypt and the Year 6 children will have an opportunity to go up into the bell tower.



#### ASDA'S CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS-THANK YOU!

Thank you so much if you nominated Blue Coat to receive cashback from your Asda shopping.

Due to the community's amazing support with this across the Infant and Junior Schools, Asda have informed us that they will be sending us £520.83 for our school fund to be used to benefit all the Blue Coat children.



#### **NEW WORSHIP THEME**

When we return after the holiday, there will be a new focus for our assemblies: Trust.



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Facebook: Blue Coat Infant and Junior Schools - Walsall

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#### **CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS**



Infants — Jaguars 99.61%

Juniors — 4NR 98.5%



#### **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.

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

We look forward to welcoming you for these meetings.



#### **RECEPTION FAMILY TREE EXHIBITION**

Parents and carers of our Reception children are invited to view an exhibition of the Family Trees the children have made on Friday 7th March at 2.30pm.

#### YEAR 5 & 6 WORSHIP LEADERS TO VISIT FOODBANK

Our Junior Worship Leaders will be visiting the Ablewell Centre Foodbank with after the holiday.



#### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday
6th March.

During the day the children will be participating in lots of activities related to reading and books.



At the end of the day children will be given a £1

World Book Day Book Token that can be used

towards the cost of buying a book.

#### **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.





#### **DIVERSITY DAY—FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY—WEAR BRIGHT COLOURS**

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.



#### 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.

#### SPECIAL FIRST WORDS SESSIONS AT PARENT AND TODDLER—TUESDAYS 9AM **AFTER THE HOLIDAY** First Words Together Would you like to... Help your baby or toddler learn to talk? Get ideas for supporting communication? Receive a goody bag when attending your 5th session Spend quality time with your child? First Words Together sessions for parents/carers at Blue Coat Infant School:: The sessions will take place on these Tuesdays at 9am, as part of Blue Coat Infant School's Parent and Toddler Group: 25th February 4th March 11th March 18th March 25<sup>th</sup> March Enjoy exploring rhymes, stories and games to play with your child once a week for five weeks!



# 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

<u>Friday 7th March</u>—Year 4 and Year 6

Thursday 13th March - Year 5

