### Love God, love others

# Let your light shine





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### LAST DAY OF TERM-TODAY

Term ends today.

Please note the earlier end times:

Infants: 1.50pm

Juniors: 2pm

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

Both schools re-open for the children on Monday 6th January.





# **ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

# **Sunday 8th December**

10.45am | Civic Carol Service

## **Carols in the Pub**

Wed 11th Dec | 8pm | The Wheatsheaf Mon 16th Dec | 8pm | The Black Country Arms

### Sunday 22nd December

10.45am | Nativity Service 6.30pm | Carol Service

## Christmas Eve

5pm | Christingle Service 11.15pm | Midnight Communion

### **Christmas Day**

8.45am | Holy Communion 10.45am | All Age Christmas Communion 1pm | Asian Congregation

#### **YEAR 5 SWIMMING NEXT TERM**

All the Year 5 classes will be swimming on Fridays next term starting on Friday 10th January.



# NURSERY AND YEAR 2 FAMILIES PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE PREFERENCES

If your child will be 4 by 1st September 2025, you must submit your preferences for where you would like them to go to school when they move into Reception. Children in our Nursery do not automatically move into our Reception. You must apply for a place through the local authority by 15th January 2025.

If your child is in Year 2, you must submit your preferences for where you would like them to go to school when they move to Year 3. Children in our Year 2 do not automatically move into our Junior School. You must apply for a place through the local authority by 15th January 2025.

Contact familysupport@bluecoatfederation.co.uk if you would like us to help you with this.

Don't forget the deadline: 15th January, 2025

### SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Please make sure that your child has the correct school uniform. It is important that all the Blue Coat children maintain our expectations in the way they present themselves.

Please remember that there are also expectations regarding PE kit. Tracksuits should be plain, or with school logo, navy blue. T-shirts should be plain, or with school logo, white.

Trainers can only be worn on PE days, otherwise black shoes should be worn.



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## **CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS**



Infants— Dolphins 100% Juniors—5MS 97.67%



### **BE BRIGHT BE SEEN COMPETITION**

Your child has been given information about a Be Bright, Be Seen competition.

Children can create their entries over the holiday and bring them to school at the start of next term when the winners will be chosen.



# THANK YOU TO OUR PTA!

The PTA have generously donated food and drink for yesterday's Christmas Parties and a Christmas cracker for every child to enjoy with their Christmas Dinner today.

We are most grateful for the events the PTA organise and the different ways they enhance the school life of the Blue Coat children.

There are many ways you can help the PTA. To find out more or offer help: Email pta@bluecoatfederation.co.uk



## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR CHILDREN ALL OVER THE WORLD

Gracious God, for children who wait excitedly for Christmas Day, we pray joy;

for children separated from those they love, we pray comfort;

for children in hospital, we pray healing;

for children in places of violence, we pray safety;

for children who are hungry, we pray sustenance.

For all children, God of hope and light of the world;

we pray new blessings,

this Christmas and always. Amen.

# JUNIOR SCHOOL DINNERS PRICE INCREASE

The cost of Junior School dinners will increase to £2.53 from January. If your child receives free school meals this will continue as before.



### WORSHIP THEME

When we return after the holiday, our assemblies will be focused on the value of 'Peace'.





As a reminder of this time of light, joy and love each child has been given a star shaped reflector to attach to their coat or bag.

All at Blue Coat wish our amazing community of children, parents and carers a wonderful Christmas full of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

