

Friday 20th September 2024

Newsletter

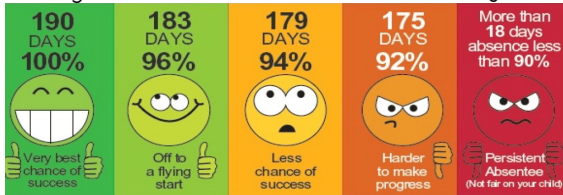


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Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Friends,

Holidays in Term Time

As we communicated in the Summer Term and earlier this term, from August 2024 there are new rules for penalty notices for poor school attendance and holidays. Each school now has an Attendance Officer from the local authority monitoring attendance, and there is a new system of increased fines. **Holidays cannot be authorised by law.** The government expects all children to achieve attendance above 96% as any lower than that means less chance of success.



Support your child's good attendance at school with a healthy lifestyle. Coventry's Healthy Child programme provides advice and support.
<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/coventry/>
 We can also signpost you to help - just ask!



After School Clubs

- After School Clubs: 3 - 4pm **£2**
****Please note that clubs are now £2 per day per child****
- Breakfast Club: 7.45am - 8.45am **£2 including breakfast**
- Staylate: 3 - 5.30pm **£5 including a snack**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Activities - Cookery - Y6 Maths IT - Boys' Football (Y5/6)	- Activities - Multi-sports (Y1/2) - Martial Arts (KS2) - Netball (KS2)	- Activities - Computers - Tennis (Y2+) - Girls' Football (Y5/6) - Eritrean Club <i>4.15pm AC Academy (finishes at 5.30pm)</i>	- Activities - Boys' Football KS2 - Musical Theatre - Mini Vinnies	- Activities - Hockey (Y5/6) - Gymnastics / acro dance

Year 6 Applications for Secondary School



Parents of pupils in Year 6 will have received information regarding their child's applications for secondary school. Please note that the closing date for applications is **31st October**. Please ask if you need help.

www.coventry.gov.uk/school-admissions/secondary-school-admissions

Our partner secondary school is Bishop Ullathorne, and most pupils from SMSB transfer there at the end of Year 6. Their Open Evening is next week for Year 6 pupils to visit, see the school and meet the teachers.



Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School



OPEN EVENING

Thursday 26th September 6.00pm-8.00pm

"The school has high expectations and aspirations for pupils' behaviour and learning."

Ofsted Inspection, February 2024

"Students have respect for themselves, behaviour is outstanding and all students follow the 'Ullathorne Way'."

Section 48 Inspection, June 2022

<https://www.bishopullathorne.co.uk>

Update Contact Info



Please let us know immediately if your contact information changes:

- ⇒ If you have a new telephone number/email address
- ⇒ If you move house
- ⇒ If anyone new is going to be collecting your child, or if someone no longer can

It is very important that we have emergency contact information for all children. Thank you.

Our value of the month is...
Respect



Looking forward...

Thursday 26th September	European Day of Languages 6-8pm Bishop Ullathorne Catholic Secondary School Open Evening
Monday 30th September	Year 6 to take part in IntoUniversity Focus Week
Thursday 3rd October	National Poetry Day
Friday 4th October	Non-uniform day for Harvest Family Fast Day - <i>Brighten Up and Build a Better World!</i>
Thursday 10th October	Local by-election <i>School used for polling but will remain fully open for pupils</i>
Friday 25th October	Final day of the half term Reception Class Vision Screening
Tuesday 5th November	Children return to school after half term (<i>Monday is a Teacher Training Day - Holiday Club will be open</i>)

Have a lovely weekend!

Pauline MacDonald
Head Teacher



Another fun
week at SMSB!



If you shop at Asda, please download the rewards app and choose our school - postcode CV1 5HG. Thank you!



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