

Dear Parents and Carers

**“Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education”  
By Martin Luther King**

As another week comes to an end, I would like to thank all those involved in our **Big Show** production, which I'm excited to see on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February. It is so nice to return to live performances following the COVID-19 pandemic, as I'm sure you will all agree.

I am sure you will have all seen the news in the media regarding teacher strike action. We are currently reviewing the impact this will have on the school and will be sending a separate, detailed letter this evening.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.



Miss Julie Johnson  
Headteacher



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Literacy Bulletin

Please feel free to read and discuss with your child. The bulletin will be attached as a separate document.



Please be reminded that school is closed to all students on 17<sup>th</sup> February due to staff collaboration day.



### Autism Awareness Events – Half Term

**Teens Meet – Monday**  
20<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am-1.30pm  
Shrewsbury (All In Short Breaks opportunity, young people need to be registered with All In to attend)  
<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/teens-meet-shropshire-20th-february-2023/>

### The Big Show Reminder!

Aladdin Jr performance will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February.

### Exam Top Tips

Please feel free to access some useful tips for exam times. Tips 1 and 2 can be viewed by clicking the below link.

[Parent Top Tip 1 - Aspirations](#)

[Parent Top Tip 2 - Encouraging Independence](#)

### Preparation for Adulthood

#### What is Preparation for Adulthood (PFA)?

Our early life experiences help us to prepare for life as an adult and this should be recognised as early as possible, although there is an expectation that Young People with SEND focus on PFA from Year 9.

Conversations about a young person's future should involve themselves, their parent carers, their teachers and anyone else who works with them.

#### What areas does PFA cover?

PFA covers all areas of your Young Person's life that will enable them to have the best outcomes as they enter adulthood, including:

- Further education
- Activity Plans
- Finances and Benefits
- Employment and Volunteering
- Annual Health Checks
- Staying Healthy
- Being Part of the local community



#### How does our PFA journey start?

Planning for transition into adulthood should start from the Year 9 annual review of the EHC plan. Each review thereafter must focus on preparing for adulthood – including the move between children's and adults services outside of education.

The transition towards adulthood review from Year 9 will start to gather information regarding the young persons and their families' aspirations for their future, including who needs to be involved, target planning and the support needed. The review will explore provision accessible to students in order for them to be healthy, participating in society, living independently, and accessing further education and/or employment where appropriate.



For more information, please contact our PFA Navigators



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### Autism Awareness Events

**How autistic people process information – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/how-autistic-people-process-information-webinar-west-midlands-17feb/>

### Operations – Mr Parkin

#### Support with food costs for Free School Meals eligible pupils for the February half-term holiday

We are pleased to advise that the families of pupils eligible for Free School Meals will once again, be provided with support towards food costs for the February 2023 half-term holiday. This is being provided through a Government grant from the Department of Works and Pensions (the Household Support Fund). Further information will follow in due course, including FSM entitlement for the planned collaboration day on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2023



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events.

- Aladdin Performances – 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Mock Exams – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Mock Exams – 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Purple Leaf Parent Session – 16<sup>th</sup> Feb in the hall

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