

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back everyone

Dear Parent & Friends

September is almost over, time is whizzing by and we trust everyone has settled back to school life at Edwards. There are lots of new faces in school. A special welcome to Miss Crawford who will be a support teacher, Mrs Nelson (Year 3) and Mrs Devenney (Nursery) who have joined the Classroom Assistant's team. A warm welcome to new pupils in Kidzplay, Nursery and Year 1. Some pupils have also transferred to Edwards from other schools – Joshua (Year 7), Dawson (Year 6), Ben, Jessica, Carter (Year 5), Alfie (Year 4), Abigail, Blake (Year3), Ben and Amelia (Year 2). We hope they enjoy their life at Edwards.

We are delighted to have Colin Campbell from Ulster Rugby who will be coaching Years 5, 6 and 7. Brass band tuition with Chris Wright will continue to be part of our weekly schedule. Mrs Anne McVeigh, School Counsellor will support pupils on a Tuesday morning. Years 3 and 4 will be participating in a four week programme organised by RISE (Relax Kids and Attention & Listening Workshop)

Dates for your diary are as follows: -

Friday 27 th September	Year 5 Allstate Cyber Safety Whole School Spellathon
Monday 30 th September	Nursery stay until 1.45 pm
Wednesday 2 nd October	Year 5 STEM Project - Bridges Year 2 Parents 'Linguistic Phonics' 4 pm
Friday 4 th October	Whole School Photographs – Family, Kidzplay and Individuals Miss Hemphill – Diabetes Training
Wednesday 9 th October	Year 1 Parents 'Jolly Phonics' 4 pm
Thursday 10 th October	Year 6 & ECO Council Mini-beast talk and build a bug hotel
Wednesday 16 th October	KS2 Recycling Talk – Yvonne Lecky, Derry & Strabane District Council Nursery Parents 'See my Word Tree Grow' 4 pm
Friday 18 th October	Year 3 Harvest Assembly (Harvest Food Bank) - All Family & Friends welcome
Wednesday 23 rd October	Miss Baxter Heartstart Update Training
Thursday 24 th October	Year 1 trip to Gortin Glen Year 2 trip to Castle Play Park
Friday 25 th October	Choir - Festival of Remembrance at Garvetagh Church 8 pm
Monday 28 th October until	SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 1 st November	HALF-TERM
Monday 4 th November	SCHOOL REOPENS

To ensure the effective running of the school we would appreciate if all families would adhere to the following: -

- Breakfast Club is available at Kidzplay every day from 8.15 am (£1 per day) for those parents who need to leave pupils off before 9 am. **Please note for Health & Safety reasons pupil supervision in the hall starts at 9 am.**
- All children are to go directly to the hall in the morning (if needed Year 1 pupils may be accompanied by an adult to their classroom).
- Prompt arrival of pupils at 9.15 am and collection of pupils at 2.15 pm and 3.15 pm.
- Inform the school of any change of address or telephone number.
- Inform the school in writing, if your child is off sick, on their first day of return.

Our Spellathon challenge is on Friday 27th September 2019. This is our annual autumn fundraiser and all monies raised will go towards the payment of two new SMART boards. Please send in sponsor forms and donations on the day. Many thanks in anticipation for your support.

We look forward to working in partnership with you during the 2019/20 Academic year. Should you have any unanswered questions or ambiguities regarding school life please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kindest regards.

J Douglas
Vice-Principal