

January/February 2020 Newsletter
Happy New Year 2020

Dear Parent

A huge thanks to all pupils, staff and parents for supporting our Christmas Performances. Nursery and Year 1 pupils acted out the Christmas Story in their Nativity plays and KS2 'Songs from the Shows' proved a musical performance to remember. Thanks to Emmett and Jamie-Lee (ES Productions) for sharing their musical talents.

On the last day of 2019 term our annual Christmas Jumper Day raised £240 to support the work of the Simon Community NI. Any used stamps can be sent in for our Leprosy Mission Appeal. Please put them in the stamp box at the school entrance.

Congratulations to all staff and pupils for their ongoing work regarding Road Safety. We recently received the NI Road Safety School Award. A huge 'well done' to Mr R Montgomery on his well-deserved BEM Award in the New Year Honours List. This is in recognition of a dedicated service as Chairman of Edwards and Castlederg High School Board of Governors.

At the start of this new year we look ahead to a term full of opportunities and learning. Here are some dates for your new 2020 diary: -

Friday 10th January	Years 5, 6 and 7 trip to the Grand Opera House, Belfast to watch the performance of Beauty & the Beast
Monday 13th January	Year 7 Creative Arts Project
Tuesday 14th January	Nursery to Year 7 Cancer Focus NI Presentations
Wednesday 15th January	Year 7 Road Safety Quiz - Londonderry
Friday 17th January	Years 3 & 4 Fitness Session from Ryan's Gym
Wednesday 22nd January	Mrs Warnock Heartstart Training
Friday 24th January	Year 5 Class Assembly
	Mrs Hawkes SENCO Training
Saturday 25th January	AQE Results
Monday 27th January	Year 7 Big School Day at Castlederg High School
Tuesday 28th January	Parent Interviews 3.30 - 5 pm
Wednesday 29th January	Parent Interviews 3.30 - 5 pm
Thursday 30th January	Parent Interviews 3.30 - 8 pm
Friday 31st January	Year 6 Grandparent's Day 9.30 am
Wednesday 5th February	Year 7 (Miss Roke) Swimming commences for 15 weeks
Friday 7th February	Year 7 (Mrs Donaghy) Swimming commences for 15 weeks
Monday 10th February	KS2 Internet Safety Talk - PSNI
Tuesday 11th February	PSNI Internet Safety Parent's Afternoon Session
Monday 17th February to	SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 21st February	HALF TERM
Monday 24th February	SCHOOL REOPENS

To ensure safety of our pupils can you please use the car parks when dropping off and collecting your children. The bus area is to be left clear for bus access only. Our school day starts at 9 am with hall supervision and remember the Breakfast Club, at a cost of £1 per day, is available for those who require an earlier start.

As the new year approaches us with hopes anew, here is to wishing you and your family a wonderful year ahead.

J Douglas
Vice-Principal