

**JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER**  
**Happy New Year 2018**

On behalf of all the staff I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts which we received at the end of last term. We were all very touched. A kind thank you also to the pupils, teachers and assistants in nursery and foundation stage for our wonderful nativity plays and to the key stage two cast for the wonderful production of Matilda. We were so proud of all our amazing pupils. Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Jumper Day. We raised £218 for Save the Children.

A new term and a new year 2018. A time that holds so much promise. As Edwards continues to grow and thrive we will be reflecting on our successes so that we may build on them further. As we continue to develop and embed links with our school community we have decided to host another Grandparent Day at Year 6. Our grandparents and older members of our community can share so much wisdom with our young people, wisdom which can be incorporated into our life skill programme. Mrs Hawkes and our school choir also hope to build on our Christmas visits entertaining the older members of our community in Nursing Homes.

We are delighted once again to work with Michelle Young from Ink Wing Academy who will develop creative writing skills with our pupils in Year 3 and 4 during a six week programme.

**Dates for your diary are as follows:-**

<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 5, 6 and 7 trip to Grand Opera House to watch a production of Peter Pan, Pupils should be collected from school at 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Clubs and AQE classes to commence</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 6 Culture Quarter – Robbie Burns</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 2 Class Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 6 Culture Quarter – China</b>
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 7 Castlederg High School Big School Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>AQE results</b>
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Culture Quarter Year 7 Holocaust</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 7 swimming commences</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 6 Grandparent Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Cancer Focus – whole school programme</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Internet Safety Talk for parent and pupils of Yrs 5, 6 and 7 at 7 pm</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parent Interviews 3.30 -5.30 pm</b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 2 trip to Ulster American Folk Park – Back in Time</b>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parent Interviews 6.30 – 9 pm</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
	<b>SCHOOL REOPENS</b>

To ensure the safety of all our pupils can you please use the car parks when dropping off and collecting your children.

Extra-curricular activities will commence on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January and run for six weeks. Activities this term will include cookery, badminton, knitting, art, craft, football, JAM (Jesus and Me) and Hockey. AQE classes will also commence on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January and run for ten weeks. We are collecting used stamps for the Leprosy Mission. If you have any, please put them in the stamp box at the school entrance. Thank you for helping to support the Leprosy Mission.

Finally, just a reminder that our breakfast club and after school club is available at Kidzplay at a cost of £1 per pupil for breakfast club and £2 per pupil for After Schools per day.

Have a wonderful new year 2018. Be extraordinary.

**E C Robinson**  
**Principal**