

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back everyone

**“Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world” Malala Yousafzai**

Dear Parents & Friends

As Summer days cede into Autumn our wonderful memories of one of our warmest summers on record dwindle and we veer our minds towards the new academic year 2018/19. We extend a warm welcome to all new members of the Edwards School community, staff, pupils and parents. We welcome Mr Farrow as the Year 6 class teacher, welcome back Miss Jack as the Year 3 class teacher and Miss Doherty as the Year 4 Special Needs Assistant. Mrs Donaghy will support Mrs Hawkes with delivering literacy and numeracy booster classes throughout the school. A warm welcome to all our new pupils in Kidz Play, Nursery and Year 1. Some pupils have transferred to Edwards from other schools. We extend a warm welcome to Daithi and Sophie (Year 5), Grace (Year 6), Jonathan and Jasmine (Year 4) and Jaden (Year 3). We hope that for all our newcomers their years at Edwards will be among the “time of their lives”.

This year we will be writing a new three-year school development plan. As parents you play a pivotal role in our school community and I will be asking you to complete a questionnaire to present your ideas on how you feel school life could be enhanced. When you are part of it you put your heart in it.

Extra-curricular activities will commence on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September and run for six weeks. Activities this term will include cookery, hockey, ICT, art & craft, knitting and guitar. Activities will run from 3.15 until 4.15 pm and open to pupils in Years 4, 5, 6 and 7. This year the school will also participate in IFA football coaching, Active Communities (Strabane District Council) and Mindfulness. The school counsellor Mrs Anne McVeigh is available on Tuesday mornings for any parents who would like support.

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

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Year 3 pupils remain in school until 3.15 pm</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Year 1 pupils remain in school until 2.15 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Year 2 parents Phonic Evening 7 pm</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>School photographs – classes, choir and brass</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Whole school Tablethon</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Nursery parents See My Word Tree Grow 7 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Year 1 parents Jolly Phonics 7 pm</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Year 3 Harvest Assembly – All family and friends welcome</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Parent Interviews 3.30 – 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Parent Interviews 6.30 – 9 pm</b>
	<b>Whole School Flu Vaccine</b>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Year 1 trip to Gortin Glen Guffalo Trail</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Castleberg Apple Fair</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October until</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>SCHOOL REOPENS</b>

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

- Prompt arrival of pupils at 9.10 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.

Throughout the 2018/19 academic year I look forward to working with you and your families in the spirit of partnership and hope that by working together we can both enhance and extend the outstanding level of education delivered at Edwards. Should you have any unanswered questions or ambiguities regarding school life please do not hesitate to contact myself or another member of staff.

Wishing everyone a successful 2018/19 academic year.

Kindest regards.

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