

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017

Dear Parent

In the Edwards School community, we believe great things happen when we all come together. Take the first ever Christmas celebration for example: a simple Jewish peasant girl, three kings, camels, cows, a carpenter, angels, wise men and shepherds. All on one guest list. People are still talking about it some two thousand years later.

At Edwards different personalities, backgrounds and cultures bring different ideas, skills and knowledge – diversity is what makes us highly effective. So this year, we invite the whole school and wider community in Castlederg to join us once more in creating another spectacular Christmas for our young people. Because like many things in life, Christmas is only made magic when we make it together. I'm delighted to invite you to join us for Kidzplay Christmas Bazaar on Thursday 16th November, doors open at 7 pm. The Nursery Unit pupils will stage "Our First Nativity" on Thursday 30th November 2017 at 10 am and the Foundation Stage pupils (Yrs 1 & 2) present "A King is Born" on Thursday 7th December 2017 at 10 am. It is with excitement that I look forward to Matilda the musical which will be staged by Key Stage Two pupils on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 10 am and 7 pm. The musical will be directed by Katie Patton a professional singer/performer who trained in London, adding further to the diversity of our wonderful team at Edwards.

Dates for your diary are as follows: -

Friday 3rd November	Year 6 trip to Ulster American Folk Park
Monday 6th November	Green Flag ECO Inspection
Tuesday 7th November	Miss Douglas ICT Inspire Conference
	Ms Robinson Child Protection Training
Wednesday 8th November	Foundation Stage Verse Speaking competition
Thursday 9th November	Key Stage One Verse Speaking competition
	Miss Roke and Miss Douglas ICT Training
Friday 10th November	Year 5 Class Remembrance Assembly
Monday 13th November	Miss Roke First Aid Training
Wednesday 15th November	Miss Roke and Miss Douglas ICT Training
Thursday 16th November	Year 3 Shared Education – Birds
	Kidzplay Christmas Bazaar
Friday 17th November	Year 3 Class Assembly
Monday 20th November	Miss Roke First Aid Training
Wednesday 22nd November	Year 6 Shared Education – Energy & Electricity
Thursday 23rd November	Miss Baxter STEM Training
	Choir singing at Switching on Christmas Lights
Friday 24th November	Miss Baxter STEM Training
Thursday 30th November	Nursery Christmas Concert 10 am
Thursday 7th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Concert 10 am
Friday 8th December	Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 trip to Millennium Forum – Cinderella
Wednesday 13th December	Key Stage 2 Matilda the musical 10 am & 7 pm
Friday 15th December	School Choir singing at Silverdale & Parkview Nursing Homes 1.30 pm
	Christmas dinner
Wednesday 20th December	SCHOOL CLOSSES 12 NOON
	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – Pupils may wear a Jumper and donate £1 to the charity
Thursday 4th January	FIRST DAY OF TERM

From Monday 20th November until Friday 24th November the school will host the Travelling Book Fair. It will be open to parents and friends from 8.50 am – 9.15 am and 3.15 – 4 pm in the Medical Room. Pupils will have the opportunity to visit the fair daily with their class.

The Christmas post box will be available from Wednesday 6th until Wednesday 13th December (dates inclusive). Pupils may use this service to mail Christmas cards, messages and blessing to their friends.

On behalf of everyone in the Edwards School community may I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for all your support with school life throughout 2017 and wish you, your friends and families a joyous festive season filled with harmony and goodwill.

E C Robinson