

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> November, doors open at 7 pm. The Nursery Unit pupils will stage "Our First Nativity" on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 10 am and the Foundation Stage pupils (Yrs 1 & 2) present "A King is Born" on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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: -**

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

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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**