



Dear Parents

Being blessed with one of the driest autumns on record has meant that Christmas has quickly sneaked upon us. It is with difficulty that I try to comprehend that we are now in the penultimate month of 2016 and many minds have already veered towards thinking about and making preparations for the most important festival in the Christian calendar Christmas.

From reading the dates for your diary below you will discover the many preparations which have already been organised in the school community (by pupils, staff, parents, Governors and the wider community) so that everyone, especially our young people can enjoy a Christmas filled with joyous memories.

This year pupils at Edwards will stage three performances. The Nursery Nativity – Come to a Party!
Foundation Nativity – Christmas Counts and Key Stage One Concert – Christmas Rhyme. Details to follow.

Dates for your diary are as follows:-

Thursday 10th November	Years 1 & 2 Verse Speaking
Friday 11th November	Year 5 Class Assembly and Remembrance Day Service
Monday 14th November	Whole School Flu Vaccine
	World Diabetes Day
Thursday 17th November	Year 3 Shared Education Birds
	Year 6 Battle of the Somme at Garvetagh Church
	Kidzplay Christmas Fair 7 pm
Friday 18th November	Whole School Cancer Focus NI Programme
	Miss Douglas – Early Years Conference
Tuesday 22nd November	Mrs Walsh – World Around Us Training
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Thursday 24th November	Switching on the Christmas Lights in Castlederg 7 pm
Friday 2nd December	Nursery Nativity 10 am
Wednesday 7th December	Year 7 trip to Planetarium in Armagh
Thursday 8th December	Foundation Nativity 10 am
	School post box available to pupils for posting Christmas cards
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Dinner
	Last day for school post box
Thursday 15th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play 10 am
	Nursery – Christmas Capers at Sure Start 1.15 pm
Friday 16th December	Years 1-4 Millennium Forum trip to watch the performance of Cinderella
	Nursery – Mr Tumbles 10 am
Monday 19th December	School choir to sing Carols at Silverdale Nursing Home at 1.30 pm
Tuesday 20th December	SCHOOL CLOSSES 12 NOON
	Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 4th January	First day of New Term

Three of our pupils have Type I Diabetes. On Monday 14th November we will support World Diabetes Day. Pupils may wear denim and donate £1 to the charity. On the last day of term we will support Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Pupils may wear a festive jumper and donate £1 to the charity.

The Christmas post box will be available from Thursday 8th December until Wednesday 14th December (dates inclusive). Pupils may use this service to mail Christmas cards, messages and blessings to their friends.

May this Christmas season bring you many blessings from above and may the coming year be filled with peace, joy and love.

Kindest regards for the festive season.

Happy  days.

E C Robinson