SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents & Friends

As summer days cede into autumn, I hope that you had a restful summer break and are looking forward to the new academic year 2017/18 and all the wonderful learning that will take place at Edwards Primary School and within its community.

As you will be aware from the media schools are facing significant budget cuts which will be detrimental to children. Urgent action is required by those in power to address this situation so I would ask you to lobby your political representatives so that money deducted from school budgets may be reinstated. In the past it was always Health and Education but somehow now we only hear about Health, Education has been dropped.

Congratulations to Mrs Walsh who won the Enthuse national award for STEM primary teacher of the year in July at the House of Commons in London. What an amazing achievement for Mrs Walsh and the team at Edwards. As parents you are so lucky to have such highly skilled staff involved in educating your children. We wish Mrs Walsh every success as she journeys to Canada for a career break.

Dates for your diary are as follows:-

Tuesday 12th September Year 4 shared education Knowing Me Knowing You

Wednesday 13th September **Clubs to commence Yrs 4-7 3.15 – 4.15 pm**

Thursday 14th September Mindfulness Programme KS2

Monday 18th September Year 3 pupils remain in school until 3.15 pm Tuesday 26th September Year 2 parents Linguistic Phonics training 7 pm Thursday 28th September Year 1 pupils remain in school until 2.15 pm Friday 29th September Whole school Sponsored Learning Lapathon

Tuesday 3rd October Mrs Mckeown First Aid training

Year 1 parents Jolly Phonics training 7 pm

Wednesday 4th October Thursday 5th October Whole school photographs – Family and Individuals Friday 6th October School photographs – individuals and Kidzplay individuals

Tuesday 10th October Mrs Mckeown First Aid training

Wednesday 11th October Nursery parents See My Word Tree Grow 7 pm Thursday 12th October Whole school staff Child Protection training 3.30 pm

Friday 13th October **Year 4 Class Assembly Harvest**

Monday 16th October Flu Vaccine

Tuesday 17th October Mrs Mckeown First Aid training

Thursday 19th October Year 4 shared education All Different, All Equal

Waterbus - KS2

Parent Interviews 6.30 – 9 pm Parent Interviews 3.30 – 5.30 pm

Tuesday 24th October Year 1 trip to Gortin Glen Gruffalo Trail

Wednesday 25th October Mrs Warnock and Mrs Liggett Makaton training

Thursday 26th October to SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 31st October HALF TERM

Wednesday 1st November SCHOOL REOPENS

On Friday 29th September 2017 we are hosting a Sponsored Learning Lapathon, pupils from Years 1-7 will take part. Monies raised will be used to upgrade our computer hardware. Please encourage your friends and family to support our pupils for this event.

Throughout the 2017/18 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 2017/18 academic year.

Kindest regards.

E C Robinson Principal