

JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year 2022

Welcome back everyone!

2022 will undoubtedly be as complicated, challenging and hard to predict as 2021. However, by working together we will get through it and now more than ever we must remember to give thanks daily for the many blessings which we have living in a developed community in the Western World.

At a management level we had predicted that this winter would be difficult and we had the foresight to employ extra staff at all levels. We have started the new year with six staff absent and are still able to sustain effective face to face teaching. Omicron as you know is very contagious and schools are huge spreading grounds. If you have the Omicron variant in your household, I would kindly request that you think of the implications for the wider school community before sending your child/children into the school environment. It is believed people are at their most infectious one to two days before the onset of symptoms and during the two to three days afterwards. Let's all work together to ride this wave of Omicron and aim to get to half-term having sustained effective face to face teaching for all our pupils.

On a brighter note, congratulations to Mr and Mrs McClelland on the birth of their baby boy Eli and to Miss Doherty and Mr Baxter on the birth of their twin boys Sonnie and Louie.

Dates for the diary are as follows: -

Thursday 6th January	Presentation of cheque to Nigel Kearney - Helping Hand for the sum of £200 raised by Christmas Jumper Day and staff donation of £105. Helping Hand was the charity which supported the Rankin family
Monday 10th January	Year 1 and Nursery applications open at 12 noon www.eani.org.uk/admissions Kidz Play applications can be downloaded from the school website www.edwardsprimary.co.uk
Wednesday 12th January	Child Protection Training
Wednesday 19th January	Child Protection Training
Wednesday 26th January	Matthew Clarke KS2 pupils
Friday 28th January	Year 1 and Nursery applications closes at 12 noon
Monday 7th February	Verse Speaking Foundation
Tuesday 8th February	Verse Speaking KS1
Wednesday 9th February	Verse Speaking KS2
Friday 11th February	School Council Fundraising Day (details to follow)
Monday 14th February until	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF-TERM
Friday 18th February	(dates inclusive)
Monday 21st February	SCHOOL REOPENS

There will be no after school extra-curricular activities this half-term due to staffing issues caused by the high levels of Omicron present in our community. Swimming lessons for our Year 7 pupils will commence on Tuesday 25th January 2022 for 15 weeks. The session is 11.40 am until 12.10 pm. (Details of payment to be confirmed). We are delighted to welcome Avril from Debutots into school once again to deliver this exciting and effective learning programme every Thursday morning to pupils in Years 3 and 4.

From all at Edwards we wish you a bright, hopeful and Happy New Year 2022.

E C Robinson