



HAPPY NEW YEAR
Happy New You.
Live Well & Be Happy!

Dear Parent

As we step into the New Year with the crisp air of Winter firmly wrapped around us, we think of reflection, renewal and reinvigoration.

At Edwards the team have started 2024 reinvigorated and renewed. An abundance of new learning opportunities has been planned for our wonderful pupils. We are expanding our Digital Strategy by implementing Freckle (a numeracy based digital learning platform into Years 5 and 6) and continue to add more reading books to our Accelerated Reader library (Years 4, 5, 6 and 7).

Rois Kelly will visit school to adjudicate at our annual Verse Speaking competition and exciting new events have been organised for Internet Safety Day. Monday 26th February until Friday 1st March has been designated Creativity Week. Events will include drama, dance, drumming, singing and painting. The week will culminate with an Art Exhibition entitled "The Art of The Extraordinary". Each pupil will complete a canvas which will be exhibited in the school on Friday 1st March for family and friends to view. For World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, we will create a Family Brick Book Library (details to follow). Finally, with an early Easter we look forward to an Egg-stravaganza which will include our Easter baskets and egg hunt organised by our Year 7 Wise Owls.

We extend a warm welcome to student teacher Alice Sayers who will complete her teaching practice in Year 2 and Nursery.

Dates for your diary are as follows: -

Wednesday 17th January	Derry City & Strabane District Council Road Safety Quiz
Thursday 18th January	School closed due to Strike Action
Monday 22nd January	Big School Day Year 7 pupils at Castlederg High School
Friday 26th January	Year 5 Parent Class Assembly "Birds"
	Verse Speaking Years 1 & 2
	12 noon application process closes for admission to Nursery and Primary One
Saturday 27th January	SEAG results
Monday 29th January	Verse Speaking Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 31st January	Verse Speaking Years 5, 6 & 7
Thursday 1st February	'The Importance of Communication in The Early Years' by Jessica Wright - 3.30 pm in School Hall for parents with Pupils in Nursery, Years 1 & 2

Monday 5 th February	Alice Sayers to commence Teaching Practice weeks 1-4 Year 2 and weeks 5-7 Nursery
Tuesday 6 th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 7 th February	Year 7 swimming lessons commence
Friday 9 th February	Year 1 Parent Class Assembly "Love & Kindness"
Monday 12 th February	Parent Interviews
Monday 12 th February until	SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 16 th February	HALF TERM
Monday 19 th February	SCHOOL REOPENS
Thursday 22 nd February	SEN Annual Reviews
Monday 26 th February until	Creativity Week
Friday 1 st March	(details to follow)
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Monday 18 th March	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 22 nd March	Year 4 Miss Duncan Parent Class Assembly "Easter"
Monday 25 th March	Years 6 & 7 Love for Life
Wednesday 27 th March	SCHOOL CLOSING 12 NOON FOR EASTER
Monday 8 th April	SCHOOL REOPENS

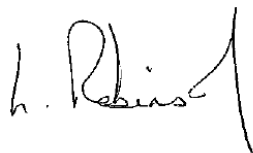
Finally, may I take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone in our school community for providing amazing learning experiences and creating magical memoirs for our pupils during Christmas 2023.

In the interest of Good Housekeeping may I remind you that no smoking or vaping is permitted on the grounds and ask all pupils to adhere to our school uniform policy.

Further information regarding school life can be accessed from our website www.edwardsprimary.co.uk.

The future is your story to write make 2024 the best one yet!

With kindest regards



E C Robinson
Principal

