

Etonbury Academy Weekly Update – 9 February 2018

All/Mixed Years

- **Parent Governor Positions** – if you would like to put yourself up for consideration for election please contact Chair of Governors Sarah Bygrave for more information by Friday 9th February. Her email address is sbygrave@bestacademies.org.uk
- **Promoting school job vacancies** – Social media is a really valuable platform to promote our job vacancies and recruit excellent staff. Please can we ask you to share our vacancy page on Facebook with all your friends and families, it really does make a difference.
- **Orchards for Schools** - Orchards for Schools is a Heritage Lottery Funded project delivered by the East of England Apples and Orchards Project, a registered charity. Orchards for Schools provides schools with their own heritage fruit orchard and the teaching materials to enable them to get the most from their fruit trees. We are pleased to have benefited from this Project and recently planted more trees in our orchard, and with a kind donation of mulch from Morgan Sindall we look forward to the fruit harvest in due course.
- **PE Clubs List Spring Term 2** – Please [click here](#)
- **P.E. lessons** - please ensure your child has their full P.E. kit with them for all lessons. If your child is physically unable to do the lesson then they will be required to take on another role in the lesson. If your child has broken a limb or is unable to get changed then we will make other provisions for them.
- **Street Dance (Afterschool) Tues 20th Feb** - Street dance afterschool will be cancelled the first week back as Christina Marks is away.
- **Clubs run by Mr Geer** - No clubs run by Mr Geer will be on week commencing 19th Feb due to the y5 residential trip. Thank you.
- **Inspiring Music Windband Festival Events** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Young Songwriters Competition** - Aged 8-18? Written your own original song? Want to write your first song? Want your songs to be listened to by key players in the music industry, including Tom Odell, Imelda May, Lucie Silvas and Guy Chambers? Want to get connected to an exciting community of young songwriters worldwide?
Then get your songs ready to enter the Young Songwriter 2018 competition! Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Art Competition** - Exciting news! Our year 8 students have made it through to the final of the David Shepherd Global Canvas Competition 2018. Out of 4500 entries, from 15 different countries we made it through to the final 15. Our entry will be exhibited at the Natural History Museum on 15th March where the winner will be announced.
- **In-School Recycling Scheme** - Mr Downes and his Eco Warriors are looking for donations of a panini sandwich maker that you no longer require and hand blenders. Thank you.
- **Clubs List Spring Term 2018** –Please [click here](#) to view our latest Clubs List.
- **Cabaret Is Coming** - On **Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th March** Etonbury will host '**Cabaret**'. Please [click here](#) for poster.
- **Science** – Thank you to Ryalls Builders for donating nails and gravel for the Science Department & Art Department, very much appreciated. Thank you for all your kind donations. The Science department would like a maths balance

and a marble run and could also do with any old used water Brita type filters- as we can re-use the carbon inside them.

- **Lunch Menu** – Week 3. Please [click here](#).

Year 5

- **Pirate Themed Dress Up Day (23rd Feb)** All students not going to Condover Hall are invited to dress up on Friday 23rd February to celebrate the end of our Pirate Themed Week. This is not compulsory.
- **Wow Week Dress up Day (5th March)** - To celebrate the start of WOW week, students are invited to dress up on the theme of 'Out of this World' on Monday 5th March. We have been following The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe as our main text in English. More details will come out after half term with information about this and also our WOW afternoon.
- **English Homework** - Attached is the Year 5 English homework linked to The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. The children need to complete one task in each row by the date stated. If the children have any questions about the homework, they should talk to their English teacher. Please [click here](#).
- **Recorders** - If you are not going on the residential trip after half term, please remember to bring your recorder on the day(s) that you have a music lesson timetabled. Please be aware that this may not be your 'normal' day.
- **Condover Hall Final Details Letter** – Please [click here](#).
- **Condover Hall Residential Trip Kit List** – Please [click here](#) for the kit list.

Year 6

- **SATs Information Evening Presentation** – Please [click here](#) for a copy of the presentation.
- **Intervention & SATs Letter** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **SATs Homework Club (Mon – Thurs afterschool)** – Please [click here](#) for more information about SATs homework club.

Year 7

- **In School Recycling Scheme Week (w/c 19th Feb)** - Please can all students bring in a 2 litre empty plastic bottle. If you have more than one please donate as many as you can.
- **PGL France Trip** - If your child is going on the PGL trip to France (Saturday 19th May - Sunday 27th May) and you would like to be considered as a parent helper on this trip then please email Miss Thomas as soon as possible (kthomas@bestacademies.org.uk).

Year 8

- **Options Information/Booklet** – Please [click here](#) for a letter regarding Options Taster Week and booking appointments for Options Evening.
- **PGL France Trip** - If your child is going on the PGL trip to France (Saturday 19th May - Sunday 27th May) and you would like to be considered as a parent helper on this trip then please email Miss Thomas as soon as possible (kthomas@bestacademies.org.uk).

Year 9

- **PGL France Trip** - If your child is going on the PGL trip to France (Saturday 19th May - Sunday 27th May) and you would like to be considered as a parent

helper on this trip then please email Miss Thomas as soon as possible (kthomas@bestacademies.org.uk).

Year 10

- **PGL France Trip** - If your child is going on the PGL trip to France (Saturday 19th May - Sunday 27th May) and you would like to be considered as a parent helper on this trip then please email Miss Thomas as soon as possible (kthomas@bestacademies.org.uk).

Other Items of Interest

- **Understanding Autism (Monday 26 Feb)**—A talk for parents and carers held at the University of Bedfordshire. Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Arlesey Youth Club 'What's on'** - Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Jack Collison Half Term Soccer Camp** – 14-16 February at Robert Bloomfield, 10am til 3pm. Girls and boys aged 5-14. £60 for 3 days. Please book on www.jackcollisonsoccerschool.com
- **Christina Marks Dance Club (Tues afterschool)** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Helen O Grady Drama Group** – Please [click here](#) for more details.
- **George's Hall Biggleswade U18s Disco (Mon 12 Feb)** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Biggleswade Rotary Swimathon** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **BEST Vacancies** – Please [click here](#) for more information. There are current vacancies for Site Agent, Nursery Nurses Level 3, Baby Room Leader, Nursery Cook.
- **Etonbury Vacancies** – Application packs are now available on our website for the following positions:
Head of Humanities
Science Teacher
MFL Teacher
English Teacher
Maths Teacher
Teaching Assistant
Psychology Teacher (part-time) and Child Development Teacher (part-time)
Support Staff vacancies coming soon – Business Support Assistant and Student Services Manager
Cleaners
Please share with your friends and families. It will also be posted on Facebook, so share away! If you know someone who would like an informal chat, encourage them to email me vlockey@bestacademies.org.uk or call 01462 730391.

Dates for your Diary

Half term – Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

KS4 Taster Week – 19th – 23rd February

Year 8 Options Evening – Wednesday 28th February

Cabaret performance - Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th March

Let us know what you think about these emails. Have you got any suggestions?
Please email etaoffice@bestacademies.org.uk