

Etonbury Academy Weekly Update – 1 December 2017

All/Mixed Years

- **Christmas Market (8th Dec)** – Please [click here](#) for more details about our Christmas Market.
- **Christmas Market (Fri 8th Dec)** – Please [click here](#) to view the poster.
- **Christmas Jumper Day (Fri 8th Dec)** - On Friday 8th December (the day of our Christmas Market) we will be having a Christmas Jumper day. This will be a non-uniform day and it would be great to see as many Christmas jumpers as possible but we do not expect people to buy one just for this one day. There will be a £1 donation to support the following two charities: JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) and MS-UK.
- **Christmas Dinner (Weds 13th Dec)** – On this date we will be serving Christmas Dinner only (Turkey/Quorn roast and all the trimmings). Please confirm via this Google form whether your child will be having a dinner (£2.30), or bringing a packed lunch so we can ensure everyone is able to participate on this day. No cash is required on the day, just payment via the machines or online as usual. **Please complete this by 12 noon on Wednesday 6th December** for each child. **There will be no break time service available on this day.** Please click on the following link to complete the form. <https://goo.gl/forms/8XKIhwbiOOI0HWKs1>
- **EACA Grand Prize Draw** – Raffle tickets for this prize draw will be coming home with you children this evening. Please return all money and tickets in a sealed envelope and post in the red letter box in Student Services.
- **Consultation on the BEST Admissions policy Sept 19** – There is a six week consultation on proposed changes to the admissions policy. Further details can be accessed on our website [here](#).
- **Emergency school closure** – In the event of a school closure, you should receive a text message, but please also check our website for updates.
- **National Youth Theatre Open Auditions** - Just a reminder any GCSE Drama/LAMDA students interested in applying for the National Youth Theatre this year, please apply as auditions are open to 14 years and above. You could apply for a backstage or an acting audition. Students need to apply themselves on line via www.nyt.org.uk/auditions
Auditions take place between January and March over 40 venues across the UK. You can also apply for a bursary to help cover costs of audition fees by e mailing info@nyt.org.uk If your child is interested, Mrs Brahmachari-Limb will support your child with the application. This is only for those serious about their Drama.
- **Dr Scoot (Weds 6th Dec)** - To coincide with the security marking, Dr Scoot will be in school on the date above. Dr Scoot will examine and repair any minor faults to your child's scooter for free. Students must get a sticker in the morning from the team and leave their scooter where instructed. Their scooter will be available at the end of the day and any repaired scooters will have a note attached stating the work that has been carried out.
- **Bike Security Marking (Weds 6th Dec) - Bike Security Marking** - Bedfordshire Police have very kindly given us the opportunity for your child's bike to be security marked. If you wish your child's bike to be marked then please ensure that on the date above your child follows these instructions; has their bike in school; postcode and house number attached to the bike. Their

bikes should be marked during the afternoon and children should check this has been done before taking their bikes home.

- **Etonbury Christmas Concert (Weds 13th Dec)** – Every student that attends extra-curricular music clubs should be performing in the concert. Please could parental consent for attendance be given on the following Google form link. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8I6bRqbR6YMHsJv7IVXxCNNOboDybUhqCc9DtaWeiC4EY4w/viewform?usp=sf_link

The concert will be in the main school hall on **Wednesday 13th December at 7pm**. It will be free entry but there will be a bar selling refreshments, provided by EACA and buckets on the door collecting donations for 'The Need Project'.

'The Need Project' is a local charity which attempts to relieve persons in central Bedfordshire and the surrounding area that are in poverty or financial hardship including;

- providing food packages to support individuals and families who are experiencing food deprivation.*
- providing other items to meet immediate and essential needs, as resources allow.*
- developing other forms of support to meet immediate need and alleviate financial hardship.*

Performers

- Will need to be at school by 6:30pm with any refreshments or entertainment you require for the evening as well as any instruments or music you require for your act.
- Will need to wear school uniform but you may bring tinsel and Christmas hats.
- Must have parental permission to be at the concert. Please follow the link above to complete the Google form.

I will look forward to seeing you there!

- **Science** – We would be grateful for any metal beer bottle tops, industrial water bottle cooler containers, chocolate sweet round tins(hero/quality street type), catering type coffee tins with lids, old empty paint tins with lids. Many thanks. Thank you.
- **Lunch Menu** – Next week's lunch menu is Week 1. Please [click here](#).

Year 5

- **Double Entertainment night Disco (Weds 6th Dec)** Please [click here](#)
- **Roald Dahl Wow Week & Dress Up Day (4th Dec)** – Please [click here](#) for more information. *To celebrate the start of WOW week, Year 5 students are invited to dress up as a Roald Dahl character on Monday 4th December. This is not compulsory, if your child would prefer not to dress up they must wear their normal school uniform.*
- **Roald Dahl Celebration Afternoon (12th Dec)** – Please [click here](#).
- **'Scroogical' Pantomime Visit to School (Mon 18th Dec)** – Please [click here](#) for more details.

Year 6

- **Double Entertainment night Disco (Weds 6th Dec)** Please [click here](#)
- **Harry Potter Trip Final Details Letter** – Please [click here](#).
- **Instrumental and Vocal Lessons** - If you were inspired by last week's assembly and would like to learn an instrument please [click here](#) for all the details.

Year 7

- **Meet the Tutor Evening Invite only (Mon 4th Dec)** – If you have received an invite to the Meet the Tutor evening, please book an appointment with your child's tutor via the online booking system which was linked to in the letter.
- **Double Entertainment night Disco (Weds 6th Dec)** Please [click here](#)

Year 8

- **Double Entertainment night Disco (Weds 6th Dec)** Please [click here](#)

Year 9

- **Year 9 GCSE Drama** - Year 9 will soon commence studying 'Billy Elliot' as part of their GCSE coursework and a set text from the exam board. They will study this set text this year and watch the live screen play at Milton Keynes Theatre. We will also be watching the play next year to support them in the written exam. Billy Elliot contains themes and language that we will explicitly study as part of the course. jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk i

Year 10

- **Year 10 Drama Students** - In order to support students with drama coursework and written exam demands of this course, I have invited students to join a Google classroom on line. This will provide online support for students so that we can help them in out of school hours. This is also important as there may be key resources that students may have missed and can review in their own time. Please ensure that your son/daughter logs on to the invite to gain access. I have emailed students individually.

Other Items of Interest

- **Jack Collison Christmas Football Camp** – Please [click here](#) for more details.
- **British Judo Club** – A new Judo club is starting on 6th December. Wednesdays at 4.15 pm at the Henlow Park Pavillion, SG16 6AP. Please contact 01509 631671.
- **Etonbury Vacancies** – As we continue to grow, we will be looking for outstanding teachers and newly qualified teachers interested in working at our academy to start in September 2018. If you, or you know someone who would like to be kept informed of teaching opportunities with us please email vlockey@bestacademies.org.uk to register interest.
- **BEST Vacancies** - Computer Science & ICT Teacher, Teacher of PE, Midday Supervisor and Finance Assistant. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6th December – Disco night

Friday 8th December – Christmas Market/Christmas Jumper Day

Thurs 7th December – Year 6 Trip to Harry Potter, Warner Bros Studios

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Dinner (deadline for google form Weds 6th Dec)

Wednesday 13th December – Etonbury Christmas Concert

Tuesday 19th December – Last day of Term

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