

Etonbury Academy Weekly Update – 3 November 2017

All/Mixed Years

- **Yr4 into 5 Open Evening important details re school closing time and student care**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may know, our Open Evening is on the 16th November from 5pm.

We have had to make some changes this year due to the growth of the school and the high demand for places that will make the open evening bigger than ever. We have listened to feedback from you and after careful consideration of how many schools manage this major event we are going to be using the following plan:

School will finish at 1.50pm after lunch and afternoon registrations are complete. Students will then be free to go home. We have been told by many of you that in previous years the turnaround time from them getting home, having something to eat, and then getting back to school if they are helping (and the majority of our students are helpers and guides) was too tight.

There will be no impact on working parents because we will be providing a supervised film in the school hall for any students who are unable to go home, or to a friends, to remain here on site until 3.30pm as normal. We will be sending round a Google Form after half-term for you to indicate if you wish your child to stay on site.

Student Helpers and Guides will need to return to school for 4.30pm ready for the event to commence at 5pm.

More details, including collection instructions will follow shortly after half-term.

We have adopted the approach above because we know that it works, and that it enables Open Evening to be run successfully in one evening, not two or three as some schools do. Our aim is to make it as low-impact for busy parents as possible, and to ensure students have a positive experience and are able to show off their school with pride.

Your support in this is always appreciated.

Kind regards, Etonbury SLT

- **Remembrance Poppies** - Between Monday 6th November until Friday 10th November we will be selling a selection of poppies in school (at lunchtime) with all the monies raised going to The Royal British Legion. We are suggesting the following minimum donations:
Rubber wrist bands £1
Lapel Pins £2
Bracelet £2
Paper Poppy 20p

We are obviously hoping to raise as much money as we can and see as many students wearing their poppies on the lead up to Remembrance. You can use your old £1 coins. Thank you for your support.

- **Attendance** - If your child is off sick or unable to attend school, please contact us as early as possible, before 10.30am. This can be done via telephone 01462 730391 Option 1, email eta-attendance@bestacademies.org.uk or text 07860029600. Many thanks for your assistance.
- **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.
- **Christmas Market (Fri 8th Dec)** – Please [click here](#) to view the poster.
- **Etonbury Christmas Concert (Weds 13th Dec)** - As the Christmas season approached the rehearsals for the concert are well underway. Students are busily rehearsing and preparing for their performances and it looks set to be a magical evening sure to fill you with festive cheer! I am happy to announce that the Christmas concert will be a free event with donations to charity. All are welcome but the seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis. I am delighted that EACA will also be joining us and will be serving refreshment on the night. There are a couple of opportunities still available for students to get involved.

Back stage crew – I am looking for a back stage crew that will be able to work as a team to prepare acts and the stage. They need to be dedicated and responsible and available during the day of Wednesday 13th December for the rehearsal and be available to attend the performance the same evening 6:30-9pm. Students should apply in writing for this role to me, Mrs Hardy, explaining in a paragraph why they would be suitable for this role. Applications must be in by 10th November and students will be informed if they are successful the following week.

Solo/small ensemble acts – I still have a couple of performance spaces available in the concert. Any student who wants the chance to perform in the concert should come and see Mrs Hardy by 10th November and prepare a Christmas themed performance to audition with. There are only limited spaces but there will be another show in March for students who are unsuccessful.

- **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Adelaide Starling** who has been accepted into the *County Wind Symphonia*. This is a huge achievement and took hours of rehearsal along with a rigorous audition process. She is also waiting to hear back regarding a recent audition for the *National Youth*

Orchestra and National Wind orchestra; she has already received glowing written feedback. If you want to hear her she will be performing a solo in the Etonbury Christmas Concert on Wednesday 13th December.

- **Design Technology Department** – The Design Technology Department would be very grateful to receive any materials/off-cuts from those parents/carers who work in the manufacturing industry. Materials such as card, metal, plastic and wood would be most helpful. Industry off-cuts would be very valuable to our Department. We would be happy to collect. If you can help or have any questions please email tsquires@bestacademies.org.uk Thank you.
- **Art Department** – Please can any adult size shirts be donated to the Art Department to use as aprons. Thank you.
- **Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term** – Please [click here](#).
- **Amendment to Dates for Your Diary** - We are very sorry but we have made a mistake in our Autumn Term Dates letter. We will be finishing early on Thursday 16th November (not Wednesday 15th) for our Year 4 Open Evening preparations. Please be reassured that if this proves a challenge for your family, then there will be provision for the children within school.
- **Happy School Bag Scheme** - Etonbury Farm is thrilled to be taking part in the Happy School Bag Scheme. Happy School Bag is a fundraising scheme that helps schools raise funds through the collection of unwanted yet reusable clothing. Please fill the bags ready for the collection on the morning of 7th November. For more information please [click here](#).
- **Save the Date Drama & Art Exhibition (3rd May 2018)** – Etonbury Fringe Event
 - **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. Many thanks. Thank you.
- **New PE Clubs List Autumn Term 2** – Please [click here](#).
- **Lunch Menu** – Next week's lunch menu is Week 3. Please [click here](#).

Year 5

- **Music, Recorder scheme of work for year 5** - In your classroom music lessons you will soon be starting an exciting new project where you will be learning to play the recorder. You will be learning to play from music notation and perform as part of an ensemble. For this you will need an instrument. Please complete the Google form accessed through this link to give us information regarding you current ability and if you are going to need a school instrument for the duration of the module.
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GBS5bATZDGeLu1FRitKotxxUb2OHIKnwNqt6NpGrfEA/edit>
It is essential this form is completed by **FRIDAY 17th November** to allow time for us to prepare the lessons and organise the instruments.
- **Science Empty Cereal Boxes** – Please could Mrs Walton's Science classes bring in empty cereal boxes next week (No nut based cereals please)
- **Homework Timetable** – Please [click here](#).
- **Food Tech Ingredients** - Please [click here](#) for information on how to pay for your child's food tech ingredients.

Year 6

- **Homework Timetable** – Please [click here](#).
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Year 7

- **Homework Timetable** – Please [click here](#)
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Year 8

- **Berlin Holocaust and Cold War Study Tour(Sept 2018)** – Please [click here](#) for more details.
- **Homework Timetable** – Please [click here](#).
- **Food Tech Ingredients** - Please [click here](#) for information on how to pay for your child's food tech ingredients.

Year 9

- **Berlin Holocaust and Cold War Study Tour(Sept 2018)** – Please [click here](#) for more details.
- **GCSE Food Tech Letter** – Please [click here](#) for a letter regarding payment for ingredients.
- **Homework Timetable** – Please [click here](#).

Year 10

- **Berlin Holocaust and Cold War Study Tour (Sept 2018)** – Please [click here](#) for more details.
- **GCSE Food Tech Letter** – Please [click here](#) for a letter regarding payment for ingredients.
- **Homework Timetable** – Please [click here](#).

Other Items of Interest

- **EACA Quiz Night (17 Nov)** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **North Herts Knights Girls Basketball** – Sundays 4pm – 6pm, Pendleton Centre. Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Stotfold Community Christmas Fayre (Sat 25th Nov)** – Please [click here](#) for more details.
- **Fairfield Park Lower School Vacancies** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **The Cricketers, Weston Village** – 4th November, 5pm onwards. Fireworks and Bonfire evening £2 entry.
- **Fairfield Park Vacancy** – KS1/KS2 Teacher required to start January 2018. Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Etonbury Vacancies** – Business Support Administrator (NEW), Food and design Technology Technician (NEW). Please [click here](#) or contact vlockey@bestacademies.org.uk
- **BEST Vacancies** – English Teacher, Maths Teacher, Science Teacher, Science Technician. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 16th November - All School Early Finish at 1.50pm

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

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