

## Etonbury Academy Weekly Update – 11 November 2016

### All Years

- **Lunch Menu** - Next week's lunch menu is WEEK 2. Please [click here](#).
- **BEST Website Launch Letter** – Please [click here](#).
- **BEST Christmas Card Competition**- This is open to all students. For more information please [click here](#).
- **Year 4 Open Evening (Tues 15 Nov)** - We shall be hosting the annual Open Evening for new parents. The evening runs from 6-8pm and will include a presentation and a tour of the academy. Gothic Mede Academy & Roecroft Lower School: 6pm Tour then presentation. Fairfield Park Lower School & St. Mary's Church of England Academy: 6pm Presentation and then tour. Any out of catchment students should attend the 6pm presentation.
- **Christina Marks Dance Club (Tues 15 Nov)**- All those helping at the Year 4 Open Evening will stay at school after Dance Club. All students must be in black leggings and t shirt/top.
- **Cheerleading Club** - There will be no Cheerleading club on Tuesday 15th November, Tuesday 22nd November or Tuesday 29th November. Apologies, Mrs Prasad and Mrs White
- **Etonbury Remembers** - Every child (and staff) at Etonbury have made their very own acrylic poppy which have been displayed on the grass area in front of the new building. These will be available to buy for a minimum donation of £3.00. Wednesday lunchtime for KS2, Thursday lunchtime for KS3 Anyone on Friday, please bring £3 cash as a minimum donation during 12.50 - 1.30. Thank you. The £3.00 will be split between 3 charities: British Legion, Kidney Research and Hertfordshire Community Foundation. Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Naming Blazers** – All the blazers have been replaced this week. Please remember to put a name in the blazer, so they can be returned should they get lost.
- **Children in Need Non-Uniform Day (Fri 18 Nov)** - £1 voluntary contribution.
- **Scholastic Book Club** - Looking for Christmas Gift ideas? Our new online **Scholastic Book Club is up and running! There are hundreds of fantastic children's book offers to choose from!** Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/etonbury-academy> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school Study Centre will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards with which to buy new library books! Paper leaflets will also be offered out to our students for cash/cheque payment orders so please check book bags!  
All orders completed either via paper or online will be delivered free to school no later than 9th December for collection by the student or if preferred contact Mrs Norman, Librarian on F.Norman@bestacademies.org.uk to arrange collection. Please place your **orders by November 25th, 2016**.
- **Christmas Dates for your diary** – Please [click here](#).
- **Emailing staff** – You will find a full list of staff names and email address instructions on our website. Go to Practical information/Staff list. Email addresses have changed to @bestacademies.org.uk, however if you have used the previous Bemat address these will continue to be delivered for the time being. Please use the new address with immediate effect.
- **Christmas Market (Fri 9 Dec)** - The Christmas Market will be taking place in the afternoon (1.30pm - 3pm TBC). If you would like a stall (£5 and donation to the raffle) please contact Mrs Squires (tsquires@bemat.org.uk)
- **Winter Wonderland** – All pupils involved in the Winter Wonderland Christmas performance - please remember to reply to ETA consent with permission to be involved and ticket requests. (They were due by Friday 11th November.) The letter was emailed to specific pupils/parents. Please [click here](#) for poster. Please note, at present, tickets are only available for the performer's families.

- **Choir** - NO rehearsal Tuesday 15th November. Rehearsals 22nd and 29th November.
- **Dr Bike (Tues 15 Nov, Year 7, 8 & 9 only)** - Dr Bike is a free service, where qualified professionals will look at your child's bike and ensure it is road worthy. If there are any issues with the bike, then the team will do their best to fix it. This is done during the school day and will not impact on children leaving their lessons.

On your child's Dr Bike day, they must push their bike through the coned channel (which will be supervised by Mr Geer and Alister Barclay) by the bike shed. A sticker will be placed onto the bike and then your child will be instructed where to park. They must ensure that their bike is accessible all day. Alister and his team will endeavour to see as many bikes as possible before school finishes.

### Year 5

- **Recorders within classroom teaching** – Please remember to reply to ETA consent with information regarding recorders. ALL pupils will be playing the recorder in lessons after Christmas. The deadline for replies is Friday 18th November. Please [click here](#).

### Year 6

- **WOW week (w/c 28 Nov)** – Year 6 Alice in Wonderland WOW week, where we celebrate all the hard work we have done in this topic, will commence on the week beginning 28th November. Year 6 pupils are invited to dress up in an Alice in Wonderland themed costume on Monday 28th November, details to follow.
- **Wow Week Open Afternoon (Tues 29 Nov)** - Parents are invited to come in to have a look at their children's work. Please [click here](#) for more information.

### Year 7

- **Emirates and Theatre Trip** – Final details letter, please [click here](#).
- **Onatti Theatre Productions (Tues 15 Nov)** - will be visiting Etonbury Academy and performing the play "Shipwrecked en France" to Year 7.

### Year 8

- **Theatre Trip 'Curious Incident' (Weds 8 Feb 2017)** – Please [click here](#) for more information regarding the trip. Deadline for payment is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

### Year 9

### Other Items of Interest

- **Literacy and numeracy volunteers** – We would welcome volunteers in to school to help with our literacy and numeracy homework club. If you, or a member of your family, can spare a regular hour a week after school, and have experience of teaching or supporting in these areas please contact [tsquires@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:tsquires@bestacademies.org.uk)
- **BEST Vacancies** – Teaching Assistant. Please [click here](#) for details.
- **Community Christmas Fair (Sat 26 Nov)** -Stotfold Memorial Hall, 12 noon til 4 pm. Come and meet Santa! All proceeds to 'Stotfold Young Carers'.
- **Letchworth Air Cadets** – Now recruiting 12-16 year olds visit [www.letchworthaircadets.org.uk](http://www.letchworthaircadets.org.uk) for more information.
- **Pamper & Present Shopping Evening, In Aid of Head & Neck Cancer Charity (Sat 26 Nov)** – 5.30 pm to 10pm Fairfield Community Hall, Stotfold. Please contact Celena Dell on 07805 880391 for tickets.

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 15 November – Dr Bike, Year 7, 8 & 9  
 Tuesday 15 November – Year 4 Open Evening  
 Friday 18 November – Non-Uniform Day

Monday 28 November – Year 6 Alice in Wonderland WOW Week  
Tuesday 29 November – Year 6 Wow Week Open Afternoon  
Friday 9 December – Christmas Market  
Friday 16 December – End of Term

Let us know what you think about these emails. Have you got any suggestions? Please email [etaoffice@bemat.org.uk](mailto:etaoffice@bemat.org.uk)