

Etonbury Academy Weekly Update – 4 November 2016

All Years

- **Lunch Menu** - Next week's lunch menu is WEEK 1. Please [click here](#).
- **Blazers (Yr7,8,9)**– The uniform company will be in school next Tuesday to replace all the blazers including those with no obvious fault. Please ensure your son/daughter has emptied their pockets as the blazers will be returned to the manufacturer. This will be a straight exchange and no change in sizing can be requested. Please ensure your child is wearing their blazer on Tuesday, and if you purchased additional ones, they bring them with them. We do not require parents to come in to school as this will be managed during the school day.
- **Year 4 Open Evening (Tuesday 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.
- **Remembrance** - Poppies will be available for children to 'buy' at lunchtimes (until the 11th). We have a selection of wristbands and badges as well as the traditional paper poppy. If your child would like a wristband or badge we are asking for a minimum donation of £1.00.
- **Etonbury Remembers** - Every child (and staff) at Etonbury are making their very own acrylic poppy that will be displayed on the grass area in front of the new building. These will be available to buy for a minimum donation of £3.00. The £3.00 will be split between 3 charities: British Legion, Kidney Research and Hertfordshire Community Foundation. Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Children in Need Non-Uniform Day (Fri 18 Nov)** - £1 voluntary contribution.
- **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.
- **PE Club List as from 1 November** – Please [click here](#).
- **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** – Reminder, please can all students who have been invited to attend the Christmas Winter Wonderland Performance (you will have been sent an email directly). Please return your consent forms by Friday 11th November.
- **Choir** - Rehearsal Tuesday 8th November (5pm pickup). NO rehearsal Tuesday 15th November. Rehearsals 22nd and 29th November.
- **Ties** – These can be purchased from Student Services (£6.60/£7.50).
- **Free postage for online uniform orders** – The supplier will be offering free postage with orders delivered to the school. Please do not use this service if you require delivery during a holiday period.
- **Uniform sizing** – We hold samples of blazers, jumpers and skirts if you need to come in and check sizing for your child. You will need to make an appointment to do this with etaoffice@bemat.org.uk
- **Dr Bike (Tues 8 Nov, Year 5 & 6 only) (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** –All pupils in Year 5 will be using the recorder in music lessons from January onwards. Please read and reply to the attached letter. Please [click here](#).

Year 6

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 2nd December.

Year 9

Other Items of Interest

- **BEST Vacancies** – Please [click here](#) for details.
- **Try Cyclo-Cross Racing** – Sunday 6th November. 10 am – 2.15 pm at Shuttleworth College £5 for more details call 01582 696718 or visit <https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/153359/Icknield-RC-Shuttleworth-Cross/Central-Cyclo-Cross-League-Round-7>
- **Letchworth Air Cadets** – Now recruiting 12-16 year olds visit 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.
- **Stotfold Parents Association Arts and Crafts Exhibition** – Please [click here](#) for more details on how to enter the various art competitions.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 8 November – Dr Bike, Year 5 & 6.
Tuesday 15 November – Dr Bike, Year 7, 8 & 9
Tuesday 15 November – Year 4 Open Evening
Friday 18 November – Non-Uniform Day
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