

Etonbury Academy Weekly Update – 20 October 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

- **Proposed Breakfast Club Provision at Etonbury, Parents and Carers Survey** – Please [click here](#) to complete the survey. Thank you.
- **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.
- **Cheerleading Cub - Level 1 (Tues 31st Oct)** - Level 1 Cheerleading Club on Tuesday 31st October is cancelled but will resume the week after.
- **PE Department Information** - Next half term, the students in KS2 and KS3 will be doing the following activities in P.E:
Year 5 and 6 girls - basketball or netball
Year 5 and 6 boys - rugby
Year 7 and 8 girls group - rugby
Year 7 and 8 boys group - basketball
Year 7 and 8 mixed group - tag rugby

Therefore, if your child is doing rugby they will need football boots and a gum shield. If they are doing basketball or netball they will only need trainers.

- **Change of contact details** – If you have updated your email address or other contact details, please remember to notify us by phone or by email etaoffice@bestacademies.org.uk
- **Spectacle Donations** – Thank you for all your kind donations for Mrs Goldsmith's trip to Cuba to help sight impaired children.
- **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. Your child will be coming home with a bag next week! Please fill the bags ready for the collection on the 7th November. For more information please [click here](#).
- **School Clubs List Autumn Term** – Please see the attached table which shows the wide range of clubs we offer at Etonbury Academy. Please [click here](#).
- **Music – Dates for your diary** - Pull out your diaries and book up the following evening to enjoy the talents of Etonbury students. All students involved in the music lunch clubs will be involved.
- **Etonbury Christmas Concert (Weds 13th Dec)** - *A musical treat to start your seasonal celebrations*
Cabaret (Tues 27th and Weds 28th March) - *A joint event of Music, Dance and Drama.*
Summer Concert (Thurs 12th July) - *An early summer's evening filled with a variety of lighthearted musical entertainment provided by Etonbury's singers and instrumentalists.*
- **LAMDA**- Reminder to all those signed up for this programme. We have extended the payment date for LAMDA for students signed up. Please can all students who are currently attending please ensure payment has been received. If you are not sure please e mail Jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk

- **Save the Date Drama & Art Exhibition (3rd May 2018)** – Etonbury Fringe Event
- **Gardening Club** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Science** – We would be grateful for any empty cereal boxes (no nut based cereals please), an old rubber doormat, any unwanted Hamma Beads, wind-up toys, old tins with lids (eg golden syrup/treacle or catering size coffee tins), nylon fishing line and drink cans eg coca cola (no beer cans). Thank you.
- **New PE Clubs List Autumn Term 2** – Please [click here](#).
- **Lunch Menu** – Next week's lunch menu is Week 2. Please [click here](#).

Year 5

- **Science Empty Cereal Boxes** – Please could Mrs Walton's Science classes bring in empty cereal boxes next week (No nut based cereals please)
- **Smartie Appeal** – These will be collected on Tuesday 31st October.
- **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

- **Smarties Appeal** – These will be collected on Tuesday 31st October.
- **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 7

- **Chromebook scheme for students** - We would like your feedback, please [click here](#) for 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 8

- **Chromebook scheme for students** - We would like your feedback, please [click here](#) for 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

- **Chromebook scheme for students** - We would like your feedback, please [click here](#) for details.
- **GCSE Food Tech Letter** – Please [click here](#) for a letter regarding payment for ingredients.
- **Homework Timetable** – Please [click here](#).

Year 10

- **Chromebook scheme for students** - We would like your feedback, please [click here](#) for details.
- **GCSE Food Tech Letter** – Please [click here](#) for a letter regarding payment for ingredients.

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

Other Items of Interest

- **Pendleton Fun Day (22nd Oct)** -You are invited to the Pendleton Fun Day this Sunday 22nd October 10am – 5pm. All the facilities are FREE to use, including the 24ft inflatable obstacle course and face paint too! We hope to see you there! Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Think Sport Halloween Half Term Clubs at Wooton FC** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Stotfold Community Christmas Fayre (Sat 25th Nov)** – Please [click here](#) for more details.
- **St Francis College – Charity Variety Show (25th-28th Oct)** – We are pleased to support a local charity evening. Please click here for more information.
- **Hitchin Town FC Fixtures** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Hitchin Girls Rugby Club** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Arlesey Archive Group 2nd Exhibition** - Saturday 28th October 2017 from 12 - 4 pm. Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Jack Collison Half Term Soccer School** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Dell Farm Half Term Activities Week** – Please [click here](#) for further information.
- **The Cricketers, Weston Village** – Friday 27th October, 12 noon onwards Kids Halloween Party. 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** – Teacher of Science, Business Support Administrator (NEW), Food and design Technology Technician (NEW), Exams Officer (and Data Support), Student Services Manager and Site Agent. Please [click here](#) or contact vlockey@bestacademies.org.uk
- **BEST Vacancies** – Finance Co-ordinators, Second in Charge of PE Department, English Teacher, Maths Teacher, Science Teacher, Science Technician and General Kitchen Assistant. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Dates for your Diary

Fri 20th October – Last day of half term

Tues 31st October – Back to School

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

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

Let us know what you think about these emails. Have you got any suggestions?
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