

Etonbury Academy Weekly Update – 10 February 2017

All Years

- **Online payment system** – This will be going live from 11th February. You will be able to pay for school items, including food and drink, via your smartphone, tablet or computer. [Click here](#) for more info. By signing up to this system you will also be able to see what your child is spending their money on in our canteen! Your login details will be sent to you directly from Parentmail+ over the weekend.
- **Cashless catering system** – Most students have now registered. Please don't worry if your child was absent, they can register when they return. This system will go live on Monday 20th Feb. We would prefer you to use the online payment system, but your child can bring in cash should they need to and upload at the pay points in the school. If they have some pre-paid money on their account, this will be transferred to the new system. In the unlikely event of a technical error, we are asking students to bring in enough money for lunch on the first day back to upload to their account. A limit of £4 spend per day has been applied, but you can request this to be changed. Please bear with us in the first week to make any personalised changes to the system.
- **Free School meals** – The cashless catering system will automatically load the daily allowance to be spent at lunchtime, but your child can top this up using the pay point machines. They will also be able to purchase a cold meal deal at breaktime
- **PE Clubs Spring Term** – Please [click here](#).
- **PE. Girls Rugby** - if your daughter is currently having rugby in her PE lessons then please ensure she is bringing in suitable clothing. Non PE colours are acceptable, but hoodies are not allowed. It is also advisable that they have some soap, a flannel and a small towel to wash with after. All girls MUST have football boots and gum shields.
- **World Book Day (Fri 3 Mar)**- Etonbury World Book Day will be held on **Friday 3rd March** for all year groups. Children are encouraged to come in dressed as their favourite book character - if they do NOT want to dress up, they should come in to school in their normal school uniform. No football kits please! Any questions, please email: rrichardson@bestacademies.org.uk
- **EACA Valentines Disco Photos from the Photobooth** – Please click on the following link.
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/aee07bss72lfypk/AACUPYF7IGNFr8Np3t2FDMpGa?dl=0>
- **Lockers** – Just to remind you that lockers will be installed and managed during Feb half term by Independent Locker Solutions Ltd. They are offering a set price until the end of the Summer Term of £12 per locker. All enquiries and bookings should be dealt directly with them at ilsschools.co.uk. Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **High School Musical Rehearsals** – We have now auditioned all the students and are pleased to say that they are all cast. The cast list is up outside the Drama Studio. We will expect to see all performers every Monday from 3.30 to 5.15pm in the school hall. Please ensure that you pick up at 5.15pm prompt from canteen. All students who are walking will be escorted to main gate. Please pick your child up from playground near canteen. If your child is in the crew, they will only need to come on Tuesday lunchtime at the moment. All performers need to check the rehearsal schedule which can be found outside drama studio to see if they will be required on Tuesday lunchtime.
- **LAMDA** - All parents wishing to attend the LAMDA evening -please put a date in your diary 22nd March at 5pm to 6pm in the studio. Please park in the playground and enter through the canteen. Please ensure all payments have been made for this term.
- **Science** - On amazon you can get the A5 plastic reusable wallets for covering books for science. It is important to bear in mind that these will last longer and they can reuse them. Thank you. Mrs Evans

- **Science Club (Weds Lunchtimes)**- If you come to science club you can learn some new and exciting things that are mind blowing. This week we looked at optical illusions.
- **Science Department** - Have you got any empty margarine tubs, ice cream tubs, take away tubs with lids, cereal packets, newspapers and drinks cans? Students can bring them in directly to science or to their form tutors. We don't need any more jam jars. Thank you.
- **Drum and piano lessons Lessons** - We have spaces available for these. [Click here](#) for more information and contact rbarnett@bestacademies.org.uk
- **Cycle Safety Leaflet** – Please [click here](#)
- **Lunch Menu** – Next week's lunch menu is WEEK 1. Please [click here](#).

Year 5

Year 6

- **SATs Study Week (w/c Mon 20 Feb)** - In preparation for Mock SATs week (Monday 27th February - Friday 3rd March) and actual SATs week (Monday 8th May - Friday 12th May), we are helping the students prepare by organising a Study Week straight after half term. The attached letter explains what will be happening that week. Please [click here](#).
- **Theatre Group Visit** – Please [click here](#).
- **SATs Evening Powerpoint Presentation** – Thank you to all those who attended our SATs evening. Please [click here](#) for a copy of the Powerpoint presentation.

Year 7

Year 8

- **Reports –Options – Key Information** - Please [click here](#) for a letter with key information and dates regarding the upcoming main options process.

Year 9

- **Subject Consultation Evening – Thurs 23 Feb** - Year 9 booking closes on midnight on 21st February. Please click on the following link to book an appointment. <https://etonburyacademy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Other Items of Interest

- **WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH RECRUITING THE BEST!** – Please share our Facebook /Twitter pages and spread the word about our expansion. We are now recruiting for Teacher of Art, Teacher of English [Click here](#) to go to our vacancies page. Any queries please contact Victoria Lockey on 01462 730391.
- **Other BEST Vacancies** –Teacher of English and Mathematics, Learning Support Assistant and Finance Assistant. Please [click here](#) for details.
- **Rotary Supporting Youth Competitions and Workshop**-Following last year's success, the Biggleswade and Sandy Rotary Clubs together with Jordan's are providing a free children's workshop at Jordan's Mill on Wednesday 15th February (middle of the half term break). There will be experts giving advice on Art, Photography and Writing. Special techniques will be shown and the students will be able to show their talents. All materials will be provided except cameras. Attached is a poster which refers to this workshop (NO registration required) and the three competitions for the students (Registration form required). Please [click here](#).The Age groups for the competitions are as follows: Junior – 3 - 6 years, Intermediate – 7 – 9 years, Senior – 10 – 13 years.

- **Arlesey Town Great British Spring Clean** - Arlesey Town Council are organising a litter pick event for the Great British Spring Clean (<http://www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk/>) and need volunteers to help pick litter on the weekend of 4th and 5th March between 2PM and 5PM either day.
- **Jack Collison Soccer School Half Term Camp** – Robert Bloomfield Academy, 15,16 & 17 February 10am – 3pm. www.jackcollisonsoccerschool.com
- **Girl's Rugby at Hitchin Rugby Club U13, U15, U18 Teams** – If you are interested in joining please visit www.hitchinrugby.com
- **Rugby Half Term Camp** - Weds 15 Feb & Thurs 16 Feb. Hitchin Rugby Club. 5-15 Years 8.30 am – 5.30 pm. For more information please call 07707 762930 or visit www.sports121.co.uk
- **Arlesey Holiday Play Scheme, Fri 13 -17 Feb 2017** – Please Email arlesey@bestnurseries.co.uk or phone 01462 732168
- **SNAP, Short Breaks Focus Meeting (Mon 20th Feb) 10am -12 noon-** regarding potential changes in Central Bedfordshire Council's (CBC) Children's Social Care Short Breaks Provision. To book a place please call 07739 545044 or visit www.snappcf.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th February – Half term holiday starts

Monday 20th February – Students return to school

Monday 20th February – Cashless catering system begins

Thursday 23rd February – Year 9 Subject Consultation Evening

Friday 3rd March – World Book Day. (Optional Fancy Dress)

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