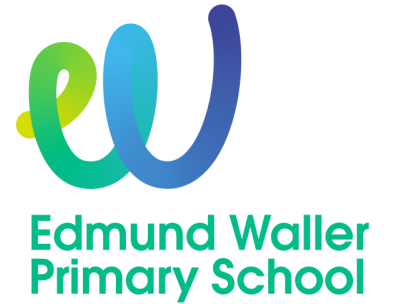


THIS WEEK'S NEWS		
• Winter Diary - Get Those Dates Down	• EW PTA - the Future and Winter Fair • Winter Wrap - LAST FEW PLACES REMAIN	• 20.12.23 - Last Day - Early Close



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



24th November 2023

Coming Together to Make a Difference

Over the years the PTA have heroically worked away on behalf of the school and the children. They are a world beating crew, in one recent Key Stage 2 disco they took almost £5k = no mean feat!

However, the current PTA members have served a long time and have been actively looking for some new people to take over the reigns. We are very pleased to be able to announce that a small dedicated band of parents, with children in various phases of the school, have come forward to keep the PTA moving. They are being ably assisted by the current PTA members as they handover control. The inaugural PTA event will be the upcoming Winter Fair, which will take place on **Saturday 16th December between 12 - 3pm**.

The EW Winter fair has long been a highlight of the PTA's fundraising efforts. Quite rightly, parents often ask what the money is used for. There are some quite strict rules for how the money is spent, for example, funds cannot be used to fund curriculum resources. However, in recent years the PTA have

- Made a substantial annual contribution to subsidise educational visits; ensuring that cost is not a factor in the school's children accessing school visits.
- Assisted the school in purchasing iPads and laptops to improve access and support the development of our school's IT offer.
- Contributed to the refurbishment of Ahlberg building to become a music teaching space
- Purchased the school's stage and PA system, so that children can continue Edmund Waller's long established tradition of public performances
- Supported key events such as the school's concert at the Troxy Theatre

The ongoing success of the PTA is therefore vital in enriching the school's offer and ensuring all opportunities remain accessible for the entire school population. See the attached letter from the PTA, detailing what they require to help make this winter's fair the best one yet!

Winter Diary

That time of year is fast approaching! Don't forget to keep a record of the dates and events that your child is performing in. We have attached the musical performance dates to the second page of this newsletter. Time to get 'em on that household calendar! We appreciate it can be a pain to attend all the events, but the children always thrive on a full audience and these events often bring a little seasonal cheer to everyone in attendance.

Out and About...

This week we have had Year 4 attend an Indian dance workshop, Year 6 visit the Felix project to learn more about food waste. At the time of writing, year 2 are at Vauxhall City Farm & Year 5 are sampling the delights of the Science Museum. Curriculum visits and workshops are really important; adding a context and experience to the learning. As stated above, the PTA have long subsidised school visits to ensure that they are accessible to all. However, families can also contribute. We ask for either £10 per term (or £30 per year) to cover the costs of all visits and visitors for each year. If you have yet to make a contribution, please head over to your Parent Pay account and give what you are able to under the 'Educational Visits & Visitors' item.

Early Close & EWrap

Dear EW family, we just wanted to flag the fact that the school will close for the Winter break @2pm on Wednesday 20th December. There will also be no afterschool EWrap on this day. Thanks for noting this.

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Now with
added
INSET

Winter Wrapped Up

Whilst many of us will rejoice at the longer than normal Winter break, we also appreciate that this may represent a bit of a childcare headache. In response to this the mighty EWrap will open it's doors for the second Winter in a row. We will also be open for INSET day for the first time in EWrap's history. We are nearly full - **book NOW!!!**



Year 6 @The Felix Project.

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Mon 30th October – Weds 20th December (closing @2pm)

16th December PTA Winter Fair CONFIRMED!

SPRING TERM DATES

**Monday 8th Jan - INSET DAY
Tuesday 9th Jan - Spring term starts**



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WINTER PERFORMANCES

MONDAY, 4th DECEMBER 4.10pm – Rosen Hall
Y1 Choir performance

TUESDAY, 5th DECEMBER, 2.45pm, St Catherine's Church
Y2/3 Concert

WEDNESDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 2.45pm, St Catherine's Church
Y4 – 6 Concert

THURSDAY, 7th DECEMBER, 8.30am, Rosen
Early Birds Concert for parents

THURSDAY, 7th DECEMBER, 4pm, Rosen Hall
Y4 – 6 Choir Concert

WEDNESDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 2.45pm , Rosen Hall
& THURSDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 10am, Rosen Hall
Reception & Y1 Performance – NB this is the same performance twice, please only attend one!

FRIDAY, 15th DECEMBER 8.30am Rosen Hall
Orchestra Concert

FRIDAY, 15th DECEMBER 4.10pm Rosen Hall
Y2/3 Choir performance

Parents & Carers are invited to all the above performances



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