

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS

- PTA Xmas Cards
- School Photographs

- Visits & Visitors - Pls Contribute
- NEXT WEEK = Anti Bullying Week

- Walking Map - available online
- Busy Week Ahead - SEE BELOW

# Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## 8th November 2024

Please note - we will be closing for the Winter break @ 2pm on 20th December. EWrap afterschool club will not run on this day...



### It's Good to be Back

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. Clocking in at 8 weeks, last half term was a bit of a monster. We hope you found some space and time to recharge over the half term break.

We are straight back to business and as you will see below - next week is a busy one.

This week saw the children return to school with their usual enthusiasm. This term's humanities focus is geography. Each year groups relevant Knowledge Organiser should be available via Teams this weekend.

Diving straight in (or perhaps *dancing* straight in?). Year 4 kicked off the visits and visitors planned for this half term with an Indian dance workshop, which they loved!

This half term will see year groups heading off to: Greenwich Observatory, Science Museum, Natural History Museum, Horniman's and the Felix Project, to name a few. We firmly believe that these visits and visitors are an essential part of the children's learning, whether it be seeing artefacts, taking part in workshops or even learning new dance moves, they all help bring the abstract to life; they give a real concrete foundation for children to base their learning on.

Whilst we are committed to keeping these visits and workshops going, it is also an area that we historically struggle to collect money from the community. For each of the last 3 years, we have made a loss on this item, this is even taking into account the PTA's annual donation towards visits of £6000! Please contribute if you are able to.

We have simplified the payments - asking for a termly donation of £15 (£45 for the whole year!). If you haven't had time to make this term's payment, or you want to get ahead and pay for Spring 2025, there are 3 ways to pay:

- You can pay against the Visit & Visitors item on your child's ParentPay account
  - You can click on the cheque below to pay via SumUp
- Finally, if the online options are a faff too far, pop into the office and pay via bankcard

The choice is yours...



### Next week (see below) - it's a busy one!



#### Monday 11th Nov Anti Bullying Week

Next week the school marks national anti-bullying week, starting with an assembly by Ms Greenbank - this year's theme is 'Choose Respect'. Over the course of the week, children will take part in PSHE sessions around this theme.

#### Tuesday 12th Nov Odd Sock Day

Confirming our commitment as a school, to being a safe space in which to celebrate, promote and be different: we ask the whole school community to throw caution to the wind and wear a pair of odd socks to school for the day. Wouldn't life be boring if we were all the same?

#### Thursday 14th Nov CIN Cake Sale

As part of this year's Children in Need appeal, Ms Leach and the school council will be holding a cake sale, after school, on **Thursday 14th**. Please see Ms Leach's email for further information about how you can contribute.

#### Friday 15th Nov Children in Need

We are looking for **lots of dots** in the playground to help celebrate Children in Need. Children are being asked to wear something spotty, dotty, or both!! You can donate to the appeal via the CIN item in ParentPay, we will also be collecting change at the beginning and end of the day

#### 11th November - One to Remember

Stuck for Xmas pressie ideas for grandparents, far flung relatives etc? Why not send them a photo of your gorgeous children, accompanied by a hand drawn Xmas card by the subject of the portrait? To do so:  
Order your Xmas cards/tags/wrapping paper via [this website](#) - deadline for orders is 11th November.  
Same deadline for school photographs, order by the 11th and spend over £30 to receive a 10% discount! Whoop

#### Walking Map

Last term, Ms Lepere and our climate champions took part in a project, which culminated in the creation of a Walking Map for use by the Edmund Waller community. You can view an online copy here - [EW Walking Map](#).

#### AUTUMN TERM DATES 2024

#### AUTUMN TERM #2

Monday 4th Nov - Friday 20th Dec  
Saturday 7th Dec - PTA Winter Fair

**Fri 20th Dec- LAST DAY OF TERM  
= 2pm CLOSE**

**Monday 6th Jan - School Reopens  
2024/25 Term Dates**

**BREAKING NEWS**

**EDMUND WALLER DISCUSSES BHM**

Click here for Y6 Report - can we get to 100 views??



**REMINDER:**  
**Clubs End:**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**



# Winter 2024 Performance Dates

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 4.10pm**

Y1 Choir performance

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 2.45pm**

Y2/3 Christmas concert @ St Catherine's

**Weds, 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2.45pm**

Upper Phase Christmas concert @ St Catherine's

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 8.30am**

Early Birds performance

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 4.10pm**

Upper phase choir performance

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, 4.10pm**

Lower phase choir performance

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 12 - 4pm**

PTA Winter Fair (including choir + orchestra performances)

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am**

Y1 Nativity

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2.45pm**

Reception Concert

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Y2 - Y6 Summer Concert**

**@ Goldsmiths**

**12th June 2025(!!)**

