



## Newsletter Autumn 1 2019

We are back!!! It was great to see you all again and I am looking forward to another year with you all

I thought it would be handy to send an early newsletter with dates on for this term and INSETS for the year so that you can record them in your diaries

Not all dates have been set yet but these are the ones I have in my diary

INSET days – school closed

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Monday September 9<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm – Year 1 welcome meeting

Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup> 3.00 pm – Year 2 welcome meeting

Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup>- 3.00pm – Year 3 welcome meeting

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Yoga day for FS and KS1 classes

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Year three fun run

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest festival

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October- Parents' evenings

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – last day of half-term

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – First day back

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance assembly

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November- Children in Need- date to be confirmed

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Winter fair after school

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December- Dress Rehearsals for shows

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December pm and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December am - FS and KS1 shows

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December- Year 5 children to sing at the Albert Hall – parents welcome- time to be confirmed

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December pm and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December am – KS2 shows

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December- Possible Christmas dinner day

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December- party day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December last day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January first day back

There will be other dates and some sent for specific classes by the staff in class



## **Homework**

At Edale, we believe it is important for children to learn in different ways after school- clubs/ religious learning/ family time/ going outdoors but also for them to be given time to unwind and have fun

Our homework policy reflects this and it is expected for children to focus on reading/learning spellings and times tables. This should take no longer than a maximum of 15 minutes per day. We also believe reading a story to children is a special and bonding time.

Thanks for your support with this

## **Team Edale**

Children and staff have worked hard on putting our 'Take Care' approach in place and it has had a positive impact on wellbeing and behaviour.

This year we are focussing on 'Taking Care of our school'. This will involve staff and children keeping school tidy and taking pride in our wonderful environment. We are also trying a new approach to displays which should celebrate children's work by minimising the amount of displays but making them very high quality. It would be great if you could help at home by getting children to take care of their bedrooms by keeping them tidy! Good luck with that- I never managed it with one of my boys!

May I remind you that we do not have school rules ( we like to be different!) but instead we have principles for life which will ensure our children are model citizens.

These principles are –

Take care of ourselves  
Take care of each other  
Take care of our school and world  
Take care of our work

I will send another newsletter out at some point during this half term with our key development ideas for the year

Welcome back and come in to school if you have any questions

Many thanks  
Mrs O'Connor  
Headteacher

