



Diary Dates:

18/6/18	Y8 visit Freman 9:30am-11am
18/6/18	NO TENNIS CLUB
22/6/18	Y8 Robotics Day
25/6/18	Inset Day
26/6/18	Y5 Kew Gardens Visit
5/7/18	Y7 Big Bang Fair
6/7/18	Sports Day
12/7/18	County Transition Day
13/7/18	Non Uniform Day - MND Day £2
19/7/18	Y8 Celebration Evening
20/7/18	End of Term 2:30pm finish

What happened with the bus incident and how has the School worked with the Landmark bus company?

Thank you to all those parents who alerted us about the Landmark Bus 891 accident. Fortunately, nobody was seriously injured and a Parentmail was sent out as soon as we had secured information from Landmark about what exactly had happened. The students were checked over by First Aiders on arrival and any child who felt shaken up by the incident was given time with the Learning Zone team to recover and share. By 10:30am all students were back in lessons and working.

Having spoken to the managing Director of Landmark 891 after the event we were able to ascertain that the following had occurred: The company had already requested that Stevenage County Council cut back trees on Grisley Way. However, due to a tyre pressure problem with the normal bus, a replacement was sent which was a low double decker. Whilst driving along the Grisley Way, a branch hit the window and the glass shattered. The bus stopped and a replacement was sent for. Unfortunately, due to the traffic congestion, the bus took a while to arrive.

During the discussion, Landmark identified that a number of students were not wearing their seat belts. I am also now aware that some of our students are not behaving safely or sensibly on the bus. Landmark's strategy has been to inform you as a Parent. However, I have made it really clear that we would welcome that information immediately, and we have agreed that the bus driver will inform us if there has been any poor behaviour. We need to make sure our students are seated and safe. Any poor behaviour on the bus will now be treated using our Behaviour Policy. However, if we have repeated behaviour, we have agreed to time limited bans to be

imposed. The bus company have a daily CCTV set of cameras that help confirm what has happened and they will supply us with copies. Thank you for your support in this as it is essential that we illuminate any unsafe behaviour on the bus.

Ofsted

This term we are on red alert for Ofsted. If you haven't had an opportunity to complete the Ofsted questionnaire Parentview, we would really appreciate your input, please click on the link

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

We will notify you of their arrival on the same day we receive the phone call. Our current data, work trawls, student and parent surveys, LA reviews, predicted SAT results, increasing and expanding roll provide significant and substantial evidence that the school has returned to Good

Buntingford Carnival

Please remember to support the Carnival and our Samba band, who will be taking part in the Carnival procession at 3 pm. Edwinstree will be hosting the Buntingford Carnival's showing of the 'Sing-a-long version of the Sound of Music' at 2pm and 7:30 pm

Key Stage 3 Homework Trial - Year 7 & Year 8.

Following a consultation with parents and in response your request, from Friday, Key Stage 3 homework can be found on our website:

Home Page > Select Learning Tab > Select KS3 Homework Trial

We are looking to host a 6pm meeting to get your feedback on the trial and whether it had impact and supported you, date to be confirmed.

Please remember, whatever the circumstance, do ensure your child is reading for 20 minutes a day and you take time to discuss and read together.

There are example questions to support you, these are found in the English passports.

Students have found the maths homework quite challenging. This is a problem solving exercise: they do not have to reach an 'answer', but should trial and explain a set of strategies they have used to tackle the problems. If you look on the website, there are examples of what this might look like.

Year 5

Well done to the Year 5 students who attended the Saturday booster sessions, they went in a little 'down-faced' but came out feeling supported and much better. All students appreciated the

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attention they received in a small group setting. We look forward to see them this Saturday. On Monday, Year 5 took part in a 'Waste Awareness' presentation, as well as visiting the Freman Art exhibition which was just awe-inspiring. Y5 will visit Kew Gardens on 26/6/18.

Year 6

Students will continue with the SATs, as their teacher assessments need to be completed, moderated and graded by the end of June. Thank you to the Year 6 volunteers who are supporting the Catering Team with service duty and to the Year 6 volunteers who are creating the amazing displays of our 'wonderful jars'.

Year 7

This week, Year 7 visited the Centre for Computing History in Cambridge, and their student behaviour was exemplary. PSHE students are completing a 'careers education scheme' for the last part of term. Looking at the key skills of communication, critical thinking, co-operation and resilience. They will be working on the Barclay Life Skills scheme, which is free to access via the website.

Year 8

Students continue working hard as we push them to make sure that as many students as possible meet their end of year assessments. It is crucial that the students maintain their positive work ethic to make sure that they are on-track and prepared for the new GCSEs that will begin in Year 9. During their German lessons, students were given the opportunity to view the Art Exhibition at Freman which was awe-inspiring. Thank you to James and Oscar for sharing their wonderful COWO giving us an insight into programming.

Sports Day Friday 6/7/18

On sports day we will be supported by the ESA, who are raising funds for new play equipment at lunch time. We will be asking our great baking families to bake us some scones or provide strawberry jam in order for us to offer cream teas to parents throughout sports day. We will also offer teas, coffees and soft drinks. If you are new to the school, Sports day is an all-day event, with a variety of sporting activities taking place throughout the day. Parents are very welcome to join us and support the students. This is a fun day out, and we encourage you to bring a picnic to share with your child at lunch time. We would require all donations of scones and jam to be

delivered on Thursday, or Friday morning at the latest.

During sports day we will be raffling a Signed and framed poster of the Winter Olympic UK team. The signatures are complete for the whole team. This was very kindly donated by a parent of the school. If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket the price will be £1 per ticket.

Year 8 Celebration Evening 19/7/18

Following the request of students, a photographer will be in attendance to take photographs of students, friends and families. They are also proposing to raise funds to buy and create decorations for the millennium garden to decorate it with a sunset-coloured theme. Please let me know if you can foresee any concerns as a parent, otherwise we will steam ahead with this plan and the invites. Please be aware the students are organising this event! The end of term celebration team have been planning a possible trip in the last week of term. Students will discuss with you whether you would be willing to commit some money for the trip. We will then decide what is achievable within the time and costings available. The students have also been 'compassionate' (our Christian value) in wanting the trip to be as inclusive as possible so all Year 8 can attend.

Attendance

If you wish to report a student absent, please continue to use the direct email below: attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

North East Herts Rounders Festival 21/6/18

Freman will be hosting the annual Rounders Festival, during the afternoon of 21/6/18. This involves up to 350 children from Years 3 – 6 from across Puckeridge, Buntingford and Royston. The area around the two schools, and along Bowling Green Road, will be busier than usual. If you collect your child by car, please would you arrange to meet your child in Sainsbury's car park which is free. Otherwise please be aware that it will be very busy and allow more time.

Summer Concert

This year's Summer Concert will take place on Wednesday 4th July at 7pm in the main hall. Information about tickets to follow.

End of term 20/7/18

Parents will be invited to support our end of term walk to a local church for our last day of term church service.

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Jo Gant
Headteacher
Home Learning Guidance
Letter from Chair of Governors
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