



**Diary Dates:**

18/11/17	<b>Peacechild Rehearsal 10am-1pm</b> <b>Core Cast 10am-1pm</b> <b>Storyteller Group 12pm – 1pm</b>
22-29/11/17	<b>Book Fair Cancelled</b>
24/11/17	<b>Lights of Love Service 5:50pm</b>
25/11/17	<b>Peacechild Rehearsal 10am-1pm</b>
26/11/17	<b>Road Safety Y5 &amp; Y6</b>
27/11/17	<b>Y7 Parents' Evening 4pm-6:30pm</b> <b>6C Maths with Mrs Kitchener</b>
30/11/17	<b>Y7 Parents' Evening 4pm-6:30pm</b>
1/12/17	<b>Occasional Day</b> <b>Peacechild Rehearsal 9:30am-3:30pm</b>
5/12/17	<b>Jack Trelawny – Author</b>
15/12/17	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>
8/12/17	<b>House Rewards Cinema afternoon</b>
8/12/17	<b>School Production</b>
9/12/17	<b>School Production</b>
13/12/17	<b>Christmas Concert</b>
19/12/17	<b>Service - St Mary's Church Aspenden</b>
19/12/17	<b>End of Autumn Term 2:30pm finish</b>
3/1/18	<b>Spring Term</b>
29/1/18	<b>7C &amp; 7G – London Visit</b>
2/2/18	<b>7B &amp; 7T – London Visit</b>

**Reporting an absence from school**

Please remember that you can now report your child absent via email on:

**attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk**

**Parents' Evening 27 & 30/11/17 at 4pm-6:30pm**

The online booking system will go live after 6pm tonight.

**Maths 6C – Mrs Kitchener 4pm-6:30pm**

**Year 7 English** - Mrs Van Wyk and Miss Davies will be shadowed by Mrs Mayne

**What has been happening this week?**

Thank you for supporting 'Children in Need' on Friday with the non-school uniform day. We also spent time on Friday focusing on National Bullying Week, reminding our students of the Anti-bully Busters who operate within the school. On Monday, students will follow up in their COWO with discussions about why bullying is so wrong, what types and forms it can take, when it is bullying and what support is available inside and outside of school if they feel they need help. Key messages from the school are:

- Bullying is a repeated act of unkindness, whether this be physical or mental. It is the deliberate action to repeatedly make someone feel bad.
- 'Not telling' allows bullies to continue to bully, you must seek help. We explain that "you can't snitch" allows bullies to carry on bullying.
- When and if you feel it is occurring, you must seek help from parents, tutors, Heads of Year, SLT, and or the Anti-bully Busters.
- When you share, we will always discuss with you and home, what our actions are and agree a plan.
- The school will not tolerate bullies.

Sources of bullying will involve discussions about the playground, school, outside and cyberspace. We will also refer students to all the Helpline numbers in the ROA.

Attached is the power point from the Anti Bullying UK charity, which we will discuss with students, but is also a good reference point for you. Help and support are always available at school, but online contacts for the charity are:

- Free helpline **0808 800 2222**
- Advice on our website [www.bullying.co.uk](http://www.bullying.co.uk)
- **Twitter:** @BullyingUK
- **Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/bullyinguk](http://www.facebook.com/bullyinguk)

**Should my child be reading at home?**

**Yes.** Whatever support you give your child with homework, always prioritise reading for a minimum of 20 minutes. It is invaluable. Please make sure that at least once a week you ask questions about what they have been reading and what is happening in the story. Good readers have more vocabulary and are more likely to succeed.

**What is happening with the House Competition?**

The house leaders launched their suggestions for 'services' for the school, and these begin in earnest next week. Suggestions involve; painting various environments around the school with different displays, supporting students to stay safe on their journey to and from school, policing buses and advising on road safety, providing a games activity room for lunch times, and designing and improving the lack of locker/ hanging areas for students. Leaders have been responsible for the ideas, and all year groups will be participating over the next few weeks. They will be judged on their impact, all year group involvement and their ability to sustain the service over the three week period.

**How are the ESA supporting the school?**

This year the ESA will be encouraging parents to support the school and help students "live life in all its fullness" by offering to attend educational visits, curriculum and sport, house competition cinema events, and various visits around the Buntingford. This support has been invaluable in helping to keep teachers in the classroom while visits are taking place. This has proven both supportive of our finances (each teacher out of lesson requires a supply teacher) and meant there has been less impact on our students' education.

**Japanese**

Japanese certificates will be coming home next week to all students who completed the Japanese language course. This certificate is quite unique and a valuable addition your child's Curriculum Vitae.

**Poppy Appeal**

We are pleased to inform you that Edwinstree School raised a total sum of **£275.00** for this year's Poppy Appeal.

**Visiting Author - 5/12/17**

Jack Trelawny will be visiting Year 5 and Year 6  
 After the visit there will be a 'Meet the Author Book'  
 signing event. Further details on how to purchase  
 books to follow.

**Collective Worship**

Collective Worship is held at 2:45pm, please contact  
 the school office if you would like to attend.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tutor Group</b>	<b>Theme Friday 2:45 - 3:15pm</b>
6/12/17	6P	<b>Advent</b>
16/1/18	8D	<b>Koinonia</b>
23/1/18	7T	
6/2/18	6C	
20/2/18	8R	<b>Endurance</b>
6/3/18	7C	
20/3/18	5E	
24/4/18	7G	<b>Friendship</b>
8/5/18	8B	
22/5/18	5S	<b>Forgiveness</b>
12/6/18	8C	<b>Compassion</b>
19/6/18	5L	
3/7/18	6D	<b>Peace</b>

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