



Diary Dates:

3/9/18	Inset Day – Staff Training
4/9/18	Autumn Term – students return to school
29/10-2/11/18	Autumn Half Term
7/12/18	Occasional day – School closed
21/12/18	End of term 2:30pm finish

A huge thank you for the support you have shown the school in the following areas:

- Getting your students into school
- Supporting their learning journey by managing their homework
- Reading and learning alongside your child the new grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- Ringing us if there is a problem so that we are informed and aware.
- Letting us know gently, but firmly, where we have made errors and suggesting great ways forward.
- Supporting the numerous charity events.
- Supporting the brilliant ESA in providing donation money or turning up to events to reduce cover.

So did Ofsted come and I missed it?

No still no sign, so September they will come! Please remember we will let you know as soon as we have the phone call!

How did MND day go?

Your children were exceptionally resilient and compassionate in their approach to the motor neurone disease day. The students worked in vertical groupings and it was an absolute delight to see Year 8 students working alongside Year 5. Thank you to Conall and his family.

What did the homework review tell us?

A big thank you to those parents who emailed or visited the school to share their ideas and thoughts on the new style of homework which was posted on our website for key stage 3.

Your overall feedback:

- Positive and stopped your child wiggling out of homework as you could access the sheets on line.
- You didn't mind the half term homework being given at once but broken into individual week by week tasks was useful.
- Would have been improved further with deadline dates

We will now move to publishing our key stage 3 homework for next year weekly on our website.

KS3 Maths Homelearning

Well done and congratulations to all students, parents and family members who attempted to solve the challenging maths puzzles this half term. Many of our KS2 students also took on the challenge! Just remember the learning is in the process of trying and not necessarily in finding the solution. Prizes have been awarded for great learning behaviours.

When will we know about enrichment clubs and homework club next year?

All clubs will be published on the Friday of the first week of term and will start the second week of term. Please note there is still time to sign up for the Starlight Stars LAMDA club or film club.

What homework do you expect over the holidays?

Whatever you do please keep your children reading 5 times a week for 20 minutes and discuss what they are reading once a week, digging into what happened and why, what they felt, how the writing could have been improved etc. The English passport has a great reading detective section with questions to prompt your discussion.

Apply maths wherever you find the opportunity and DON'T give them the answers:

- Pocket money discussions and calculating spends on purchases.
- The analogue clock, can they read it?
- Weighing out ingredients
- Monopoly money
- Chess / Draughts
- Playing snooker and pool (angles) darts (number), any board game and cards – this is problem solving and reasoning.
- Take the opportunity to explain what strategies you are using to win and what you are thinking in your lead up to your next move

What happens if my child is stressed with the class move?

Today, you should receive your child's report and a letter explaining their new class name and tutor. If there are stresses, please reassure your child that we need them to give it three weeks in their new class. If at this point they still find they are without learning friends, we will support you all to find a solution.

Learning Surgery has had 193 visitors this year! Just remember, we are here to help with any learning: class work, home learning,

misconceptions and purposeful practice. Students can pop in any Friday lunchtime

New PE Kit

We are no longer selling house polo shirts and we are now phasing in the new P E tops which can be purchased online direct from Price and Buckland.

<http://www.pbparentsonline.co.uk/edwinstree>

The new style P E shirts only needs to be purchased if your child has grown out of their current one.

Hertfordshire Constabulary

There will be Police Patrols over the holidays in public areas and details of anyone causing anti-social behaviour will be taken and parents will be informed. Please read the attached letter and discuss with your child.

Year 8

We say 'goodbye' to our Year 8 students as they leave Edwinstree to begin the next part of their learning journey and we wish them luck!

We do hope you have a well-deserved break and that you are able to spend some quality time with your children. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Tuesday 4th September 2018**. Term dates for the next academic year are attached.

Jo Gant

Headteacher

Term dates

Police Letter

Holiday Fliers

*As a Christian school we recognise the unique and wonderful in everyone.
As a community we support one another to flourish and live life in all its fullness.*