



Diary Dates

	New entry and exit times Year 5 – 9:00am – 2:45pm Year 6 – 8:55am – 2:40pm Year 7 – 8:50am – 2:35pm Year 8 – 8:45am – 2:30pm
26/11/20	Inset Day – School closed
27/11/20	Inset Day – School closed
1/12/20	Friday Timetable
4/12/20	Occasional Day –School closed
11/12/20	Christmas Jumper Day/Whacky hair day
14/12/20	Christingle
18/12/20	End of Term - 1:20pm finish

What happens if my child or a family member tests positive for Covid-19?

If your child or family member tests positive or has symptoms, please inform us using the Covid-19 contact email:

covid@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Enrichment Activities during the Inset days.

Thank you for supporting the school to take time out to assess and plan a curriculum recovery programme for all the children at Freman. We will be working in teams over the next two days to map the new curriculum for all subject across the school. Whilst at home, if you wish your child to take the opportunity during these training days, the school has prepared a variety of enrichment activities that they can engage in. You can find these activities on 'Show My Homework' or if you would like a hard copy please let us know. To place your hard copy order please email

admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk. Thank you

This Wednesday Mr Rowlands launches the Advent season

We will be publishing a Christmas calendar next week outlining the activities that will take place in the build up to Christmas. Despite many being online, we do hope that you take the opportunity to find some Christmas cheer over the next few weeks.

Christmas activities

We will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day on 11/12/20 and students can wear their favourite Christmas jumper to school. If your child does not have one, you do not have to make a purchase, they can get creative and decorate a jumper of their own, or something bright is acceptable!

Friday 11th December Optional Wacky Hair Day: As part of our festive fundraising for the

Buntingford Food Bank, Year 8 are inviting any students or staff to sport some Wacky Hair on Christmas Jumper Day. Whilst it is free to wear a Christmas Jumper, Y8 have suggested a small donation if students wish to wear a wig or a funky hairstyle. Donations will be collected in student classrooms.

How to support our Wellbeing?

This week we have been supporting the annual Hertfordshire 'Just Talk' campaign to encourage us all to talk and share our problems and not to hide them away. Attached is a Powerpoint for parents outlining where you can get support for your child if you have concerns about their wellbeing.

Y5 Music

As part of our music lessons we will be spending time using online music sequences in the computer room. If your child has their own set of headphones (a mini-jack input, not a large one or Bluetooth headphones) would they be able to bring them in from next week? We do have our own department headphones, but it will help avoid cross-contamination.

What is the dance competition on Monday 30th November?

In order to get students active and connected students have been learning a dance routine together. Year 8 have been working (remotely and socially distanced) with Year 6 and Year 5 with Year 7. They will compete alongside each other for the most synchronised and entertaining dance. This has provided the students with an opportunity to work together from afar and help to break down the barriers that the younger students can have, when they are unable to mix with our lovely KS3. It is also encouraging students to use music and dance to help lift their spirits and to celebrate. Please find the link below to the two dances they are practicing just in case you want to get involved!

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5FJ3oK4JCA>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FDjkVpKluOQ>

One of the best things we have heard a student say at the end of these competitions is, "I was really poor at this to begin with, but I just practiced and practiced and then I got better!" We take time to remind students that this is what their challenge homework is all about, taking something they found hard in maths or English and practicing until they get it right. This is a life skill that will really help them in the future – seeking to try something they find difficult as opposed to running away.

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Timetable change

As there are several Friday's 'missing' in the timetable this term, so we are turning **Tuesday 1st December** into a Friday timetable. On this day, 6A and 6C will have Humanities and 6B and 6D will have ICT.

Buntingford Town Council Request

Please read the attached email received from our Town Council regarding Covid-19 in Buntingford

The Golden Broom Award - This is our fun award for the class that has helped our Cleaning Team, by making sure their room is tidiest!

Best kept classroom		Non-Uniform Day
KS2	5B	30/11/20
KS3	8D	1/12/20

Jo Gant

Headteacher

Town Council

Wellbeing Powerpoint

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