



Edwinstree Middle School
A Voluntary Controlled Church of England
School
NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS
Week Ending: 10/05/2019

Diary Dates:

13/5/19	SATS Week for Year 6 Breakfast 8:25am
17/5/19	Year 6 SATs Disco 6:30pm-8:30pm
27-31/5/19	Half Term
w/c 3/6/19	KS2 Science Assessments
10/6/19	5C & 5P visit Tower of London 8am -4pm
20/6/19	Bugsy Malone - 7pm-9pm
21/6/19	Bugsy Malone - 7pm-9pm
25/6/19	5T & 5F Visit Tower of London 8am - 4pm
w/c 24/6/29	KS3 Science Assessments
26-28/6/19	Y6 Residential visit to Norfolk
28/6/19	Inset Day
4/7/19	Y7 Big Bang Fair
8/7/19	Year 6 visit Tower of London 8am - 4pm
18/7/19	Y8 Celebration Evening
19/7/19	End of Term 2:30pm

How do I report my child's absence?

To report a student absent please use the direct attendance email:

attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Thank you.

Year 6 SATs begin Monday 13/5/19

Please support your child to remain calm and rested this weekend. Here are our messages for students for the weekend in preparation for the SATs:

1. Go to bed nice and early on Sunday - get used to turning off screens half an hour before bed in preparation for the week.
 2. Eat well- get plenty of protein to boost your brain cells.
 3. The hard work is all done, all you need to do now is go for it!
- Please remember to arrive in plenty of time for the power snack each morning- arrive at 8:25am, put things away in tutor rooms, then join your form in the hall.

Remember- you should feel proud with whatever you achieve because you have done your best! Miss Devonshire

Our key message to students has, and continues to be that the most important thing is to know they have given the SATs their best shot and tried their hardest. This is the most important thing to gain from the SATs: a confidence that they can commit to hard work and improvement. We also regularly remind students that how they do in their test is not so important, it is only 4 days in one year of testing. No one is going to ask them as an adult how they did in their SATs and they will continue to keep learning with us after. After the exams, lessons and the school day will continue as normal. On Friday, students will have lessons as normal periods 1 and 2, carry out a Geography project called the Trade Aid game periods 3 and 4, and during the afternoon watch the Spider

Wick Chronicles as part of their English scheme of work.

How aware are you of your child's Instagram use?

Are you aware of a site called Tellonym? This is a site that allows students the ability to post information anonymously and is currently being accessed via Instagram. Year 8 Parents will receive a letter with regard to this, as the postings that have gone up seem specific to them. However, we wanted to alert all parents to the site as it's anonymity is encouraging really spiteful abuse. We have alerted the Community Police officers who will be coming in to talk to students, but can we encourage you to take extra vigilance in checking your child's use of Instagram? Please be aware this site is for age thirteen and over. Thank you for any help you can give.

Information about how to protect children from cyberbullying and warning signs to watch out for can be found at www.internetmatters.org/cyberbullying.

Staff Absence

Mrs Arnold our PP LSA, has been absent this week. Please be aware that whilst we have covered most sessions for students who attend her classes, we were unable to cover Thursday lunchtime.

If we are getting things right and living up to our vision:

*'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'*

You should be experiencing moments when you can pause and reflect that your child is flourishing with us and being given opportunities that are greater and deeper than just academic learning. Students are learning about themselves and being encouraged to be themselves in all their 'wonderfulness'. As part of a child's development, they will challenge us, and potentially you, but within this challenge. The Bible gives us guidance. Our staff are currently considering this quote and what it might mean for the school.

Reflection – Corinthians 13

Love is patient. Love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with truth, it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves. Love never fails.

**Jo Gant
Headteacher**

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