



**Edwinstree Middle School**  
A Voluntary Controlled Church of England  
School  
**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS**  
**Week Ending: 3/05/2019**

**Diary Dates:**

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

**How do I report my child's absence?**

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

[attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

Thank you.

**So what does it mean to place your child in a Church of England school?**

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'*

If we are getting things right, 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.

**What value are we exploring this term?**

We are currently exploring the value of 'reverence' with students. The idea that we should "fear the Lord" (the old testament terminology) but what this really means for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This is not fear in the sense of terror or abject grovelling, but a reverent

acknowledgment of God's greatness and our complete dependence. Such reverence is the proper response to the mystery of life and death, or to the created world in which we live. We believe that when you experience 'reverence or spirituality' it can impact on all or many of your senses, almost a hair on the back of your neck moment. Key Stage 3 are asking 'Is it meaningful to feel reverence? Are we missing out if we don't experience this?' As part of their next House Competition, students will be challenged to create a one line prayer for Edwinstree which can be set to a simple piece of music that can be sung over and over again – they will hear about this next week.

**Year 5 Food and Nutrition** - Pizza making

Please remember the pizza ingredients and a suitable container to take the cooked product home in for your child's lesson this week. Each pizza is individually designed by the students, therefore, a full ingredients list cannot be provided. Ingredients required include: base, sauce, cheese and 3 toppings - we will be assembling these as per the design your child created in class. Any meat ingredients must be precooked at home due to time constraints.

**Year 6 Food and Nutrition** - Layered pasta salad

Please remember the ingredients plus a suitable container for your child's lesson this week. The basic ingredients are: 100g pasta shapes, carrot, cooked sliced chicken/ham/tuna, a few lettuce leaves, tomato, quarter cucumber, 50ml low fat salad dressing.

**Year 6 Swimming** - Please could all Year 6 PURPLE swimmers, who had their lesson cancelled back in February, bring their full swimming kit in on Tuesday 7/5/19; students have been reminded in class. This will be their final swimming session for the year. BLUE group will also be swimming.

**Sporting News - Herts Athletics League (Year 8)**

On Monday, we travelled to Stockwood Park, Luton to take part in an Athletics competition. The students represented themselves and the school brilliantly achieving some outstanding results in the process. The league continues on the 2/5/19 and we will be heading to Ridlings Athletics Track, Stevenage \* The PE Department have updated some of the Enrichment Clubs, details attached.

**Who won the last House Competition?**

As a result of our Summer Reading Challenge competition, Lea House have scored the highest house points and are the overall winners. As a reward, all students in Lea House will have the opportunity to participate in a Cinema visit to Benson Hall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019. This event has been organised in liaison with Buntingford Film Club. Any parent or carer available to support us, please contact the school office, your support is much appreciated. Letters to follow.

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### **Key stage 3 homework?**

Homework will be posted on our website for you to access.

### **Year 6 Friday 17/5/19**

We are planning a pull out day for Year 6 on Friday, following the end of SATs week. Also the ESA will be hosting a Y6 Celebration Disco in the evening from 6:30pm – 8:30pm, tickets on sale Tuesday 7/5/19 at break and lunchtime. Confectionary and disco style treats will be on sale on the night. Thank you to the ESA and members of staff for hosting this. If you are available to help support this event, please contact the school office.

### **What Leadership activities are taking place across the school?**

Year 8 will begin planning their end of term celebrations next week, further information to follow. The Y8 Celebration Evening will be held on Thursday 18/7/19.

The plastic revolution team continue their campaign with Buntingford Town Council to reduce plastic. Thank you to those parents who turned out for the litter picking session. We are now looking at options to act as a recycling centre for some plastics. All students will have an opportunity to review our Reward System – we are also hoping to visit our primary schools to share ideas. We are currently exploring how we can reduce first yellow cards in the school, and what the consequences should be for a first yellow card.

### **How are we working in partnership with our first schools?**

We are working hard to build closer links with our first schools this term. You will see visits from them to us and vice versa. We are looking to share our curriculums, to align these and to moderate and align our Assessment process. We also are working hard to ensure a smooth Transition for all students for the next academic year.

### **What is the news on Year 8 Transition?**

A small cohort of students will be attending some early transition sessions prior to half term, and a second cohort of students will begin after May half term. Please contact the school office if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's transition process due to any anxiety etc.

**Lost items** – Girl's 'New Look' light blue denim wash jacket, size small and red/burgundy circular knitted eternity scarf has gone missing. Please check your child has not brought these home by mistake – thank you

**Jo Gant**

**Headteacher**

**Updated school clubs**

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