



Edwinstree Middle School
A Voluntary Controlled Church of England
School
NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS
Week Ending: 17/05/2019

Diary Dates:

21/5/19	Fullness Day & Cake Sale – Non Uniform £2
27-31/5/19	Half Term
28/5/19	Bugsy Malone Rehearsal 9:30am-12:30pm in the School Hall
w/c 3/6/19	KS2 Science Assessments
7/6/19	7F & 7R Computer Visit
10/6/19	5C & 5P visit Tower of London 8am -4pm
13/6/19	7S & 7C Computer Visit
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
3/7/19	Summer Music Concert 6pm-8pm
4/7/19	Y7 Big Bang Fair
5/7/19	Sports Day
8/7/19	Year 6 visit Tower of London 8am – 4pm
11/7/19	County Transition Day
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.

Our students are at risk of grooming on the internet - Please be aware

One of our KS3 students has been identified as experiencing cyber-grooming over the last two months. The grooming began on Instagram and then moved to WhatsApp. The adult pretended to be a child, and asked for explicit photos to be taken and put the child under immense pressure to deliver. The matter is rightly now with the police. However, can we stress again, don't ever think this can't happen to your child! Do make sure your child has Privacy Settings on all apps but even with this, it can still leave them unsafe. Do build a culture of checking your child's mobile phone and talk to them about the risks.

Year 7 are currently completing their 'Staying Safe Online' course, which Year 8 completed last year. We have asked the Police Community team to support our Year 8 students with a talk about the crimes of cyber-bullying and the risks of predatory behaviour. The team will be in after half term to support us with this. Information about how to protect children from cyberbullying and the warning signs to watch out for can be found

at www.internetmatters.org/cyberbullying.

What is happening on our Fullness Day on Tuesday 21/5/19?

In January, Year 5 students requested that we raise funds for a member of Year 5 who suffers from acute Sacral Agenesis, Scoliosis Neuropathic bladder/bowel

and Kyphosis. She regularly has to use a wheel chair in and around school. They have suggested that they would like to support the family in buying her a new wheelchair. On Tuesday 21/5/19, we will be holding a non-uniform day, and asking for a minimum donation of £2. There will also be a Year 5 cake sale to support the fundraising. We will also be holding a House "Strictly Come Edwinstree Dance Off" during the afternoon. This ties with our theme of finding opportunities for Reverence and Spirituality as this week we have discovered that dance can provide us with this.

Year 5

Congratulations to 5C who delivered a professional and meaningful Collective Worship for us this week. Calling on all bakers: If you are able to help support our campaign to raise funds for one of our Year 5 students, please bake some goodies to sell on Tuesday 21/5/19. We would very much appreciate it. Please drop all bakes off at the reception area on Tuesday morning – Thank you

Year 6

Well done to our Year 6 students and parents for remaining calm during SATS week. We hope the students enjoyed their day out of normal lessons and the evening Celebration Disco on Friday. After half term, you will be notified about how we will prepare students for Year 7.

Year 7

Starting leadership early, Year 7 Action Aid fete was such a success we would like to call on them again. The Fox and Duck Annual fund raising event for MIND UK [Mental Health Awareness] takes place from the 5th to 7th July, we will be asking for Edwinstree volunteers to support with stalls and sales at the family event on Sunday 7th July. Our Year 7s will also be asked to help lead our Restorative Justice Council next term, by investigating how to ensure our 1st yellow cards have impact, as well as to help design an increased reward system for next year. We are really excited about our students becoming Y8 Leaders and applications for leadership will take place next term.

Year 8

Some of our Year 8 students have begun early transition to Freman College this term and this will continue and expand next term. Details of their current attainment, progress and behaviour records have now been sent to Freman College. This information will be updated at the end of the term. Please be aware, County Transition Day takes place on Thursday 11/7/19.

Next week, 8E will be watching a Richard Dawkins documentary. The documentary looks at how religion can be corrupted to "justify" negative acts. Pupils will reflect upon Dawkins arguments and consider their own views. It is a valuable opportunity for them to hear an atheistic opinion when considering the problem of evil. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Miss Shelley at a.shelley@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

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School Production – Bugsy Malone

We are 5 weeks away now from the performances. Rehearsals are in full swing and the backstage team are preparing the set. Information about tickets will be available after half term. Everyone is welcome and we would like every night to be a sell out! For those in the production, a reminder that there is a rehearsal in the half term holidays **(Tuesday 28th May) from 9:30am to 12:30pm.** After half term, the Tuesday night rehearsals will run until 5:00pm.

Music News

The Summer Concert is taking place on Wednesday 3rd July in the school hall and is an opportunity for our ensembles and Y8 soloists to perform. I am conscious that those students, who receive instrumental lessons at the school, should also have an opportunity to showcase their work. Therefore, we will be holding some informal concerts in the music room to enable students to perform to an invited audience, namely family members and any friends they wish to invite. Concerts will start at 4:00pm and will be spread across five afternoons in early July. Dates to be confirmed.

No Orchestra 24/5/19 Choir and Orchestra start the first week back after half term. Mr Rowlands, Head of Expressive Arts

Standon & Puckeridge Lawn Tennis Club

Open Day Saturday 18/5/19 free trial sessions from 12-4pm. Please Contact Head Coach Mr Devonshire 07709355655 for more details.

Lost & Property

We have a huge amount of lost property. If your child is missing any item of school clothing or PE Kit, please pop in to school and check our Lost Property cupboard.

Midday Supervisory Assistant Vacancy – Please see the attached Advert

Jo Gant
Headteacher
Advert

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