



Edwinstree Middle School
A Voluntary Controlled Church of England
School
NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS
Week Ending: 26/04/2019

Diary Dates:

23/4/19	Summer Term
23/4/19	School Meal Increases to £2.65 per day
28/4/19	Buntingford Litter Pick
13/5/19	SATS Week for Year 6
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
20/6/19	Bugsy Malone - 7pm-9pm
21/6/19	Bugsy Malone - 7pm-9pm
w/c 24/6/19	KS3 Science Assessments
26-28/6/19	Y6 Residential visit to Norfolk
28/6/19	Inset Day
18/7/19	Y8 Celebration Evening
19/7/19	End of Term 2:30pm

Thank you for returning your children to us smart and equipped, ready for the start of term.

Nut Allergies

Please be aware that we have several children with nut allergies who attend our school, therefore nuts and products containing nuts, should not be brought in to school for snacks, or in packed lunch boxes. Please check products carefully for nuts or traces of nut content in cereal bars and biscuits. Thank you for your support.

**Plastic-Free Buntingford Litter-pick Sunday
28th April @ 10:45am – 12:30pm**

In our student campaign to reduce the use of plastics you are invited to join us for a litter pick around Buntingford. Please Meet at the Manor House Car Park, Market Hill, Buntingford. Children will be chaperoned by their parents or Volunteers who have been DBS-Checked, everyone welcome.

When are Second Term data reports due to us?

Data reports are due home on Friday; please make sure your child hands you their report. Just a reminder, our Summer Term report is our summative report of your child's progress which is a more detailed report summarising your child's learning and progress in all subjects. The tutor also completes a summary of their progress as an individual, which is framed around the values we uphold in the school

Will my child be changing classes this year?

This year we are looking to maintain Year 5 classes into Year 6 and Year 7 into Year 8. Our future plan is for students to change classes at each Key Stage, not each year. Please be aware that within this broad premise, and in discussion with you, we reserve the right to make one or two moves, where appropriate. As the school expands in numbers again, our Year 6 cohort is set to be joined by another class of students, who have chosen to select Edwinstree and then Freman College as their next destination. Due to this

increase in numbers, we will need to make changes to the classes. Parents will be notified of the class changes on Transition Day on 11th July 2019. Please be aware, just like last year, friendship groups and vulnerable students will be considered. Please note, as a Year 6 parent, once into Key Stage 3, students will remain in the same class in Year 8.

Luynes Town Twinning French 'Bake Off'

Edwinstree hosted the above event over the Easter holidays to help build relationships with Luynes. The event was a huge success and the Luynes visitors to Buntingford were so impressed, they agreed to make this an annual event. They even donated a trophy! Congratulations to Emily in Year 5 who was the winner; her whole family entered the French 'Bake Off' along with a number of other families from both Edwinstree and Millfield First School

KS2 History

For this term, we will be studying how crime and punishment have changed from Roman Times to present day. Should time permit, we may have the opportunity to learn about the story of the Victorian serial killer – Jack the Ripper. Obviously, this will be taught to an age appropriate standard and all sources and evidence used will be carefully selected. It is only natural that our curious KS2 students may wish to carry out some research of their own on the development of crime and punishment throughout history and possibly even the story of Jack the Ripper. Whilst we would want to encourage their curiosity and their desire to learn, could we please ask that you monitor the information that they are researching online to ensure it is appropriate. Below are some websites that may be appropriate.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/ripper_jack_the.shtml

http://encyclopedia.kids.net.au/page/ja/Jack_the_Ripper

Art

As we are currently exploring all things tribal in the Art room, we have been making hand-twisted cords, tassels and pom-poms. If you have any spare balls of wool, beads or buttons that are cluttering up your rooms and you would like to give them to a welcoming home, the art room and the students would be very grateful. Thank you!

Year 5

It was lovely to see year 5 return refreshed and ready for the new term. Please keep them reading 5 days a week for 20 minutes.

Year 6 SATs and celebration time after the exams!

Students returned calm and focused, it is lovely to see them putting all their efforts to do the best that they can in the run up to SATs. Please help us to keep reminding them 'It is not the result that counts but the knowledge that they did their best that is most important'. SATs timetable to follow, please note breakfasts will be available from 8:25am in the school hall. On Friday 17/5/19 we are planning to create an

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enrichment day with a film afternoon to celebrate the end of the exam week. At 6:30pm the ESA is hosting a Year 6 disco to celebrate their success.

Year 7

A letter of congratulations went to all Year 7 students this week, thanking them for their gargantuan efforts in raising funds for the Action Aid charity last term. This is the first year the fundraising fete has raised more money than non-uniform day. Thank you to all bakers who also helped raise funds. We will be approaching Year 7 about the potential to repeat some of their fundraising ideas in order to raise funds for the school. Year 7 really stepped up to their leadership roles and this term, they will have an opportunity to apply for their leadership responsibilities in Year 8 through their PSHCE end of term programme.

Year 8

Initial meetings with Freman College have taken place to begin the transfer of data and information. Early transition parents will be contacted in due course, to confirm arrangements.

Our Maths LA Advisor will be offering a set of extension and enrichment maths sessions for our most able after school. Parents will receive further information next week if their child is invited to attend.

This term, our Year 8 Leaders will plan their end of Edwinstree Celebrations and further information will follow in the next few weeks. Please keep the following date free to come and celebrate their journey with us!

Thursday 18th July 2019 [times to be confirmed]

Bugsy Malone Performances 20/6/19 and 21/6/19 from 7pm - 9pm

Message from the Leader of Science

As a Science department, we are keen to support your child to experiment in as many lessons as possible. In order to do this we must follow strict Health and Safety Guidelines. Please be aware that nail polish and fake nails etc are not permitted in science lessons due to these concerns; students will be required to remove them and nail polish remover is available in school. It is also important that long hair is tied back and students should have a hair band ready, whenever they have a science lesson. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your child safe in school!

PSHCEE

Over the summer term, all students will be covering Sex and Relationship Education (SRE) as part of their PSHCEE lessons. Year 5 will cover puberty and the changes that the body will go through, Year 6 will look at how babies are made and the importance of being in a loving and caring relationship. Year 7 will focus on physical and emotional changes in puberty, building on work done in Year 5. This topic also looks at relationships and the need to maintain healthy relationships. Year 8 will look at sexually transmitted

infections and the importance of protecting themselves when in relationships. They will also consider Female Genital Mutilation. All lessons will be taught in an extremely sensitive manner, using government guidelines. It is the law that schools cover this content, however, should you have any concerns or require further information, please feel free to contact your child's PSHCEE teacher or Miss Bustard.

School Enrichment Clubs

Clubs have been updated for the Summer term, please see attached list or visit our website.

Jo Gant
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