



Diary Dates:

4/2/19	Young Voices at the O2
5/2/19	Y8 Normandy - Meeting for Parents @ 5pm
6/2/19	Technology Tournament
11/2/19	Parents' Evening 8E/8H 4pm-6pm
11/2/19	Quin Y7/Y8 Fun Swim Rewards afternoon
12/2/19	Y6 Parent in school Workshop
13/2/19	Parents' Evening 8K/8T 4pm-6pm
25/2/19	Parents' Evening 6H/6W
25/2/19	Quin Y5/Y6 Fun Swim Rewards afternoon
27/2/19	Parents' Evening 6J
4/3/19	Parents' Evening 7C & 7F 4pm-6pm
6/3/19	Parents' Evening 7R & 7S 4pm-6pm
7/3/19	World Book Day
12/3/19	Y6 Parent in school Workshop
25-28/3/19	Y8 Normandy Residential Visit
3/4/19	Sex Education Workshop - 7pm-8:30pm
13/5/19	SATS Week for Year 6
26-28/6/19	Y6 Residential visit to Norfolk

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.

'Just Talk' - National Mental Health Week

Students will be taking part on Monday afternoon in the Hertfordshire "Just Talk" campaign to support the National Mental Health week, attached is a leaflet to support you, in helping your child to stay healthy in mind as well as body. Key messages involve not pushing your concerns and worries down; it is key that students share their concerns: hence the campaign 'just talk'.

Year 5 and new students - Please note last year the school spent an afternoon creating their 'jars of wonderful'. In support of the 'Just Talk' mental health campaign, Year 5 will spend an afternoon creating their own 'jars of wonderful'. They will need a glass jar and the things they wish to fill it with that summarise who they are and what makes them wonderful.

SATs Parent Workshop 12th February 2019

We hope you enjoyed reading your children's letters inviting you to attend the SATs workshop on 12th February 2019. In case you missed it, here are the key details. At the workshop you will learn the areas your child needs to work on following analysis of the mock SATs. Your children's English and maths teachers will be on hand to teach you the methods we are using at

school so you will be confident in your knowledge and better able to support your child's revision at home.

Timings for the sessions are as follows and will take place in the hall: 6W 8:50-9:50am, 6J 9:50-10:50am and 6H 11:10am-12:10pm.

Please return the reply slip attached to the letter you received, or email

hoy6@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk to let us know which session you will be attending.

Many thanks. Miss Devonshire

Can new students in other year groups create their jars of wonderful?

Yes - all new students have an opportunity to work with Mrs Gant on Monday afternoon to create their jars! They will need to bring the same resources, a jam jar (empty) and the materials they wish to place inside. We will provide paper and pens for the activity.

What will other students be focused on during the afternoon?

Year 6 - 8 students have bespoke lesson plans designed by the 'Just Talk' Campaign to help them understand what Mental Health is, why it is important and how to notice their own mental health and to protect it from harm.

What is happening on the Fullness day on the 13th February?

As part of the Church of England vision we are required to ensure that students have opportunities to "live life in all its fullness" so we work with students to organise pull-out days in which students work in vertical groups, exploring a key theme or value. This term we have been exploring the value of 'humility' and, in September 2018, a group of Year 7 students wanted to raise funds for the Community of Kerala in India where one student's family had originated from, and where the significant and life-threatening floods had occurred just as our new school year started. As a school, we felt this was an appropriate opportunity as it fitted with our value of humility; it allows us to recognise how privileged we are to live in a relatively benign climate with low risks. The day has been planned to involve the following:

An exploration of **Kerala** and why it is prone to flooding. The scale of flooding in comparison to the UK greatest floods.

An exploration of the culture and life within the region and how language and art have been used to express the loss in a flood and the strength of character communities have to rebuild.

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An opportunity to study the mitigation strategies used to reduce flood risk when building houses, then to have an opportunity to build their own and test it during a hosepipe flood!

We ask students to contribute a £1 non-uniform fee to support the fund raising. Further details to follow about the Charity of choice.

Recycling Project

Following the successful manufacture of recycled mats for the homeless, Edwinstree is now on its next recycling venture. An incredible amount of waste was created from the unwanted parts of the plastic bags used to make the mats. A small group of 'Plastic Warriors' are now attempting to re-use this waste to create plastic bottle bricks that can then be sent to the relevant charity. We would be grateful if any old/used plastic 2 litre bottles could be sent into school via your child. A collection box will available put in the main hall. Thank you for your support

Parents' Evenings

Year 7: Monday 4th March 2019 7C and 7F; Wednesday 6th March 2019 7R and 7S; 4-6pm – an informal opportunity to look at your child's foundation subject books with them and discuss their learning (all the subjects apart from maths, English and science). Subject teachers will be on hand for conversations about learning or to answer questions. Please bring your child to the evening.

Year 8: Monday 11th February 2019 8E and 8H; Wednesday 13th February 2019 8K and 8T; 4-6pm - an informal opportunity to look at your child's foundation subject books and discuss their learning (all the subjects apart from maths, English and science). Subject teachers will be on hand for conversations about learning or to answer questions. Please bring your child to the evening.

Year 8 – Normandy Visit

Due to the large number of students attending Normandy this year, we have the opportunity to invite some parents/carers helpers on the visit. You will be responsible for helping to look after the students and with the organisation throughout the day. If you would like to join us on the visit, please contact the school office via e-mail on admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk. Miss Bustard will get back to you by the end of next week. Parents/Carers attending the visit will need to be DBS checked. Thank you in advance.

Tuesday 5/2/19 - Y8 Normandy Information Meeting for Parents @ 5pm

Parental Workshop 'Talking about sex and relationships with your teenager'

You may be aware that sex education has now returned as a compulsory part of the national curriculum. All students take part in sex education during the summer term as part of the PSHCE programme. If you would like help and support in how to talk to your child about this topic, we have arranged for an expert to provide advice and guidance. The workshop will take place on 3/4/19 from 7pm-8:30pm. Please read the attached letter for more information. Year 7 and 8 parents take priority in booking. Invitations to follow.

KS3 Geography

As part of the KS3 curriculum, students are expected to carry out a number of fieldtrips/visits. KS3 are currently studying 'rivers' which will involve a short visit to the river Rib during the normal timetabled geography lessons. We are schedule to visit week beginning 4/2/19. Students will be expected to wear full school uniform, however a warm coat/waterproof, hats and gloves are advisable. They will also need a pair of sturdy walking shoes/wellington boots.

Quin House

Quin House won the Millennium Garden project design competition, they will have an afternoon fun swim session at Ward Freman Pool. **Y7/Y8 on Monday 11/2/19, Y5/Y6 on Monday 25/2/19** Permission letters will be given out this week. Reply slips need to be returned by Monday 4th February if they wish to attend.

Robotics Club – Wednesdays 3:20pm – 5pm

Places are still available if your child wants to attend Robotics Club on Wednesdays from 3:20pm-5pm. Please see the attached leaflet on how to sign up.

GDPR Reminder

Please can we remind parents not to publish names of students on Edwinstree's Facebook page, this is a breach of Data Protection. Please contact the school if you have any queries. Thank you.

**Jo Gant
Headteacher
Robotics Info**

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