



Diary Dates:

15/10/18	8H & 8E Parents' Evening 3:30pm-7pm
15/10/18	8E & 8T Educational Visit
15/10/18	Y5/Y6 Lea House Swim Session
16/10/18	8H & 8K Educational Visit
16/10/18	Y5 Road Safety Presentation
17/10/18	8T & 8K Parents' Evening 3:30pm-7pm
22/10/18	All Souls' Day event
23/10/18	School Photographs
23/10/18	6W Parents' visit English lesson 8:50am-9:20am or 9:20am-9:50am
23/10/18	Road Safety
24/10/18	School Photographs
25/10/18	Music Concert at Freman 7pm
29/10-2/11/18	Autumn Half Term
5/11/18	6J Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm
7/11/18	6W Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm
8/11/18	House Film Reward - Benson Hall
12/11/18	Y7/Y8 Lea House Swim Session
13/11/18	6H Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm
7/12/18	Occasional day - School closed
21/12/18	End of term 2:30pm finish
7/1/19	Spring Term
13/5/19	SATS Week for Year 6

Attendance

If your child is absent due to illness please email:
attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Parents visiting the school

We would like to remind all parents that if they wish to speak to a member of the teaching staff, they must sign in at the main reception. We have strict Child Protection and Health & Safety guidelines that we all need to follow, please do not enter via the bottom gate.

Emails

Whilst we encourage parents to email, if they are sent outside normal working hours, please do not expect an immediate response. We will endeavour to respond within 24 hours.

Do you expect students to complete homework over half term?

Please keep your child reading for 20 minutes a week, but no other homework will be set. Please note we will encourage your child to take their books home so that can spend a little time with you sharing their learning and progress. **Half term book share**

What is happening in tutor group Collective Worship?

Students will be watching a video on how to make their memory catchers for the event on 22nd October; they will also begin to list the resources they would like to use from home. Thank you for your support with this. We are continuing our theme of Creation and exploring the 'WOW' of the world. Black History month has helped us to focus on wonderful 'WOW'

people who have made a difference from Aretha Franklin to Noor Inayat-Khan.

What House Reward event is coming up?

Lea House KS2 Y5 & Y6 have their summer reward swim on Monday 15/10/18 and KS3 Y7 & Y8 on 12/11/18. Students will need to bring their swimming kit and the signed consent form to be able to attend. A copy of the consent form is attached with the newsletter. Students should return the form on the afternoon of the event to the staff supervising the swim.

Are there any opportunities or rewards for significant numbers of merits?

The first film event takes place on the 8/11/18. This will be decided by calculating the number of merits each house has received minus any negatives. The winning house will have the opportunity to visit the Buntingford Film Club during the afternoon, while the rest of the school works. Students will be awarded certificates for significant merits accumulated over the half term.

Are there lots of new students joining the school?

Yes - We have had 13 new students join our school from September 2018.

Year 5

We have had a couple of injuries from gymnastics 'head over heels' this week, nothing serious but PE will be making sure students are really secure in how to "Tuck their head in, prior to a head over heels!". Year 5 have sat their assessments this week and we are already seeing progress in their learnings. Do take the opportunity to have a look at their books when they come home to see their progress. Keep them reading for 20 minutes 5 nights a week please!

Year 5 have begun their positive nominations this week. Each form has nominated two peers who they feel have demonstrated a Christian value over the last week. Congratulations to all our nominees! At Edwinstree we see the unique and wonderful in everyone and we are proud of our Year 5 students for sharing our vision and looking for the wonderful in each other! Miss Shelley and Mrs Earnshaw.

Year 6

Following the success of 6J's parents visit to their child's English lesson, we would like to extend this invitation to the parents of 6W. Parents of 6J students enjoyed their visit last week, and were particularly interested in the positive effects of Edwinstree's 'no hands up' approach, along with gaining an insight into the English curriculum and sharing in student's success.

We would like to invite parents of students in 6W in on **Tuesday 23rd October during Period 1** which is English, taught by Miss Devonshire. We have room for a maximum of 10 parents across two session: 8:50am - 9:20 or 9:30am-9:50am.

Parents will be collected from reception by their child, and will have the opportunity to move around the

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classroom, observe them in action and to ask them questions about their learning. With continued success, we hope to invite parents into other Year 6 classes, and eventually, classes across all year groups.

6W parents please email me at

hoy6@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk with your preferred time slot. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. We ask that, in an effort for as many children to see their parent as possible, that only one parent per child attends the session. In the case of over-subscription, we will endeavour to create a rota for you to visit in the following weeks.

Year 7

A gentle reminder that at the end of the week homework for Key Stage 3 is on our website. Please support your child to make the transition into Key Stage 3, as due to the significant increase in homework, they will need your help to organise themselves. The timetable for homework is below:

Y8 Parents' Evening

Please ensure that you have booked just one appointment for Y8 parents' evening on the correct evening. This should be booked with your child's English teacher. Their maths teacher will be in attendance, ready to talk to you in a shared appointment between the two subjects. Your child is most welcome to join you as this has been very useful in our experience. Your child's science teacher will also be available for a drop-in meeting on the same evening. Once you arrive for your appointment, please sign in and then head to the corridor where there will be chairs for you whilst you wait. Appointments for maths/English and for science will be held in classrooms along this corridor.

Year 8 Visit to Ely - 15/10/18 - 8E & 8T 16/10/18 - 8H & 8K

Students should arrive at school at the normal time for registration before departing for Ely. Please ensure your child has the following:

- Smart school uniform
- Waterproof coat
- Sensible shoes (we will be walking)
- Packed lunch & water
- Money for the gift shop (optional)

Please **do not allow** your child to bring:

- Phones or electronic devices
- Chewing gum/fizzy drinks
- Copious amounts of sweets - no food is allowed to be eaten on the bus

We should be back at school well before 3:20pm; however, should we encounter any delays, we will notify you by Parentmail. We still need parent volunteers, if you are free to join us, please contact the school office - Miss Bustard

Have the new ROA's arrived?

The Record of Achievement planners will be distributed to students on Monday 22nd October. Students will have an extra challenge on 22/10/18 to

see if they can cover the front and back with only recyclable goods.

Has Ofsted been and gone?

NO! Still waiting! You will be notified the same day as us we promise!

Music news

Beginners Brass group - from this Tuesday, the brass group will run from **3.20pm to 3.50pm**. Those taking part will need to leave their tutor groups at 3.15pm to make sure they are ready to start promptly at 3.20pm

Robotics Club

Only five places left, if you would like your child to join in then please contact **PrepareRobo directly on 07482446318** or email on clubs@preparerobo.com.

Parentview

Parentview is the main route for parents and carers to give their views to Ofsted. It also offers a simple way for those who lead and manage the school to find out what parents think of the school. Please visit: www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk.

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