



Diary Dates:

10/9/18	Music lessons commence
20/9/18	Y5 Parents meet Tutors 5pm
20/9/18	Y8 Freman Open Evening 6:30pm
25/9/18	ESA Meeting 7pm
27/9/18	SATs Presentation to Y6 Parents 5pm
27/9/18	Post SATs meeting for Y7 Parents 6pm
4/10/18	Open Evening for Prospective Parents
15/10/18	8H & 8E Parents Evening 4pm-6:30pm
17/10/18	8T & 8K Parents Evening 4pm-6:30pm
29/10-2/11/18	Autumn Half Term
7/12/18	Occasional day - School closed
21/12/18	End of term 2:30pm finish

What is happening in COWO this week?

In tutor Collective Worship students are deciding what to do about the planners.

Do we ask for new ones to be produced? What do we do with the plastic? Do we live with the old ones and not generate new plastic. Votes will be counted on Friday and results out next week.

In whole school and year group Cowo, we continue with the theme of Creation, exploring the idea from Genesis that what God created is 'Good' and that we are asked to look after the earth. Students are considering where they can find the 'wow' and the 'good' on the earth and whether they think we do a good job of looking after our world. We are promoting the theme of problem solving, which is a key area that the whole school will be working on. Over the next few weeks students will explore ordinary individuals, who have solved or contributed to the solution of what seemed impossible problems. Key messages will be small acts by many is as, or more powerful than large acts by few. Any problem can be solved.

What is happening with Enrichment?

Enrichment Clubs commence on Monday 17/9/18, students have been signing up for the clubs this week. Students have been asked to indicate in their signing up as to how they will get home after a club, whether they are being collected or walking home unaccompanied. We have also approached a provider company to support a Coding Club this year and are currently awaiting confirmation when they can offer additional coding/ programming training for students. We will confirm a start date by Parentmail.

Are you receiving merits via Parentmail?

We hope you are capitalising on the opportunity to celebrate your child's successes in school and enjoying receiving the parentmail confirming the merits they have received.

What PE kit should my child be wearing?

Please be aware that if your kit has not arrived for child, do contact our provider Price & Buckland www.price-buckland.co.uk or telephone: 0115-964-0827, we are aware there has been a delay.

If your child is Year 5 just provide them with a plain tee shirt. If Year 6 – Year 8, they can wear their old PE top until the new top arrives. We are anticipating all students will have secured a new PE top by Christmas. Please note only stud earrings should be worn and must be taped up for PE.

Who are our first Year 8 Leaders?

Thank you to all the students who applied to be a Year 8 Leader. This half term, we have selected students based on their merits and attendance. We will be looking to explore further leadership roles after half term. Year 8 Leaders will be asked to run the first House Challenge this half term, to support a variety of Key Stage 2 lunch time clubs and a reading programme. If your child didn't make the first cut, please encourage them to try again after half term. Year 8 are a great year group and we anticipate a significant number of Leaders by the end of the year.

Year 7

Attendance has been strong and the year groups' resilience to change has been positive. Please be aware for those students who missed their SATs exam pass grade, we will be inviting parents to an hour session to outline how we help them catch up over the next year and how to support them on 27/9/18 at 6pm.

Year 6

A really positive start to the year group with lots of merits and good attendance. To support your child through their SATs, Parents are invited to a one hour talk on **27/9/18 at 5pm** to share what we will do as a school, to keep them calm and feeling confident and how you can help to support them at home. We recommend all Year 6 Parents attend as this will help reduce stress from the outset.

Year 5

Well done to Year 5 who have settled well into the first two weeks and are getting to grips with

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moving around the school site and different teachers for each lesson. We are hosting a Year 5 meeting on **Thursday 20/9/18 at 5pm**, to give parents the opportunity to meet the tutor, view books and hear a 30 minute talk which will explain the English and Maths learning this year, and how to support at home with homelearning. We recommend your attendance, as over the last two years parents have found this information invaluable. Your child is very welcome to attend this event and to show you their books in class. Our Chair of Governors and the ESA will also be in attendance.

Open Evening – how we sell and celebrate the school?

We will be holding our Open Evening for prospective parents on Thursday 4th October 2018 and we will be asking our Year 8 and Year 5 students to support us as tour guides for the prospective parents and students. Year 6 and Year 7 will be asked to support in classrooms, showing students who are touring what it is like to study in each area and talk about life at Edwinstree. Further information to follow.

Attendance

If your child is absent from school please email our dedicated attendance email address by 8:45am: attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk. We ask that parents support the school in helping children reach their full potential by ensuring their child's attendance is above the minimum expected level of 96%. Research shows that there is a direct link between attendance and attainment. This research is supported by our own data analysis. The table below shows the percentage of Edwinstree children who achieved the National Pass mark during their SATs in 2018 compared to our minimum expected attendance level:

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>GPS</u>	<u>Reading</u>
Below 96% Attendance	40% Achieved National Pass mark	66% Achieved National Pass mark	66% Achieved National Pass mark
Above 96% Attendance	68% Achieved National Pass mark	83% Achieved National Pass mark	83% Achieved National Pass mark

We will continue to monitor attendance and employ the strategies used last year, including rewarding good attendance, supporting parents, and working with the Attendance Officer.

The homework cycle for KS3 Year 7 & Year 8 is as follows:

Week 1 homework	Week 2 homework
History	Geography
DT	R E
Music	Art
English	English
Maths	Maths
MFL	MFL
Science	Science
	Computing

Lost Property

We have already accumulated a huge amount of lost property and it is only the second week of term. Please make sure all your child's items are clearly marked with their name. You are welcome to come and check our lost property cupboard, any unclaimed items will be recycled at the end of each half term.

School Meal Charges 04.09.18 to 26.10.18

4/9/18 - 28/9/18 – 19 days
 1/10/18 – 26/10/18 - 20 days
 Total school meal charges for half term 39 days @
 £2.55 = £99.45
 Wednesday and Friday only – 16 days @ £2.55 =
 £40.80
 Friday only – 8 days @ £2.55 = £20.40

Clarification for Mobile Phone Safety

If you have written to confirm your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school, all mobile phones must be switched off and must be handed to the school office on arrival and collected at the end of the day. Students found with a mobile phone without permission, will have the device removed. It will be held in the school office for parents to collect.

Airdrop is a phone setting - as opposed to an app - within the iPhone. It can be turned off by going to SETTINGS > GENERAL > AIRDROP. Choose Receiving Off to turn off completely, or Contacts Only to keep it on only for trusted people within the phones contacts.

House Reading Competition

Next week, many students will be introduced to the House Reading competition. This will be fully launched during COWO on Monday. Look out for your child's reading bookmark. Please sign this when it is complete and return it to school.

Year 8 Girls – HPV Immunisations

Parents of Year 8 girls will shortly receive information about the HPV immunisations to beat cervical cancer. Please complete the electronic consent as soon as possible.

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Road Safety

Please take extreme care when driving onto the school site at the start and end of the day. Where possible, please arrange to collect your child from the bottom gate. Our most vulnerable students enter and exit from the main entrance. We will run Year 5 through entrance and exit to the school next week. Our key message is to cross the road away from the buses. We encourage all parents to use **Sainsbury's car park which is free before 9am and after 3pm.**

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