



**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS**  
**Week Ending: 14/12/2018**

**Diary Dates:**

17/12/18	Deadline for Senior Citizens Christmas Boxes of Joy
17/12/18	7R & 7F Visit Museum of London- 8am
20/12/18	Big Christmas Knit
21/12/18	Service at St Mary's Church Aspenden
21/12/18	End of term 2:30pm finish
7/1/19	Spring Term
15/1/19	Parents' Evening 5T/5C
17/1/19	Parents' Evening 5F/5P
w/b 28/1/19	Mock SATS for Year 6
4/2/19	Young Voices at the O2
11/2/19	Parents' Evening 8E/8H
12/2/19	Y6 Parent in school Workshop
13/2/19	Parents' Evening 8K/8T
25/2/19	Parents' Evening 6H/6J
27/2/19	Parents' Evening 6W
12/3/19	Y6 Parent in school Workshop
4/3/19	Parents' Evening 7C & 7F
13/5/19	SATS Week for Year 6

**After School Clubs**

**No after school clubs this week except Robotics Club. All clubs will resume the week beginning 14/1/19**

**Absence**

To report an absence please email:  
[attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

**Reports**

Your child's Progress Check will be coming home in a sealed envelope at the end of term. This will give you information about your child's attainment this term, progress since last term (for Y5, where this is included, it is progress since entry to Edwinstree) and attitude to learning. Please take the time to discuss their learning with them and celebrate good progress and where they have a good attitude to learning. Each year group will have a parent-child consultation opportunity during the spring term.

**Parents' Evenings**

Dates for Parents' Evenings for all years can be found in the calendar above. You will be notified by Parentmail when the online booking system is open.

**Staff changes for January 2019**

With deep sadness we say goodbye to Mrs Chipperfield, who will retire from teaching at the end of this term. We have loved working with her, she is renowned for her teaching of art. Mrs Chipperfield has been a huge advocate of the school, and someone who always goes the extra

mile to make a difference. We will miss her dearly.

Her replacement for this year is Mrs Keohane, an experienced primary based teacher, who worked as the Head of Art at the Valley School. During the last three years, her art work involved many textiles and 3-D sculptures and we are excited to see how she can inspire our students. Mrs Keohane has been in school this week for a handover with Mrs Chipperfield to meet classes, in order to support a smooth handover.

Our new Maths teacher Ms Sali, returns to the school next term following her significant back injury. She will return on a reduced timetable and her original tutor group 5T will remain with Ms Davies for the rest of the year, as Ms Sali's return to health will not be complete until September.

**School Photographs**

Photographs will be delivered to school on Monday and sent home on Tuesday.

**Traditional Christmas Lunch on 21/12/18**

Our traditional Christmas dinner will take place on the last day of term, however, there will be no Wednesday Roast on 19/12/18, a usual Friday choice will be offered instead. The cost of the meal is £2.55 and payment can be made on the School Gateway titled 'Christmas lunch' or by cash in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name.

**Library News**

We have many well-loved books that are just too tatty for our library book shelves and some books that have never been read! These desperately need replacing.

Some of the young leaders have been working hard to prepare a 'sale' of these withdrawn library books, which will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December for KS3 and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December for KS2. We would like students to bring in a minimum £1 donation to go towards new library books. In return, if they wish, they will be able to choose a few books from the withdrawn selection on offer.

**Are you available to support the Advent on the last day of term?**

Attached is the calendar for the last day of term. Are you available to support a walk to St Mary's Church for the Christmas service? Any Parent who has capacity to support us on this day, please contact the school office. If you are a baker, donations of biscuits and or cakes for their stop at St Peters church on the walk back, will be gratefully received. The ESA are hoping to provide

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students with hot chocolate and a sweet treat before returning to school. Please note it is really muddy over the fields to Aspenden, so we will ask students to come in non-school uniform but dressed for the cold. They will also need to bring boots for outside and some clean shoes, trainers for indoors.

### **How do I prepare my child for the advent season at Edwinstree?**

It is not too late to send in a gift to spread a little joy to our Buntingford senior citizens, something yummy that your family really enjoys, with a little note from students explaining why it is a treat and what memories it brings. Please make sure your treats are with us by Monday 17/12/18 – Thank you

**Help** please can we have your plastic bags for the mat making for the homeless charity on Thursday. To be able to create one mat we need a minimum of 700 bags. Please dig them out and get them to us. We need them by Wednesday 19/12/18 at the latest! See the link below

### **crochet advice and tips and web.**

#### **Homework**

The only homework set for the holidays is to keep children reading – 20 minutes a day 5 days a week. Thank you for your support.

#### **Year 5**

Swimming groups are changing - please ask your child to check if their name is on the list in their classroom if they are unsure. Pupils who are in the Green Group will be swimming from 20 December to 07 February during games lessons every Thursday. Please ensure your child brings their full swimming kit: swimming costume, towel and swimming cap to each swimming lesson. Goggles are not compulsory. Many thanks

#### **Year 6**

Swimming groups are changing - please ask your child to check if their name is on the list in their classroom if they are unsure. Pupils who are in the Purple Group will be swimming from 18 December to 05 February during games lessons every Tuesday. Please ensure your child brings their full swimming kit: swimming costume, towel and swimming cap to each swimming lesson. Goggles are not compulsory.

#### **Mock SATs Week 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019**

Mock SATs week Monday 28<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. We require approximately ten

adults to support our students from 9am-11am on each of these days. You should be available for all 4 mornings and also available for SATs week (13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May 2019). Guidance and training will be given as appropriate for your role which may be to act as a reader or scribe or as a supportive adult within a classroom during the tests. If you feel that you would like to volunteer in this way please contact Miss Company on [SENCO@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:SENCO@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

Y6 parent and child workshops will be running on Tuesday 12/2/2019 during the morning. More information to follow but this will be a useful opportunity to learn how to work together to learn key skills and processes. An additional opportunity to find out in more detail how to support your child will take place at a Year 6 School workshop on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

#### **Science Department Request**

Please save any silver mince pie cases for the science department – Thank you

**Jo Gant**

**Headteacher**

**Last day schedule**

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