



Diary Dates:

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| 25/2/19 | Parents' Evening 6H/6W |
| 25/2/19 | Quin Y5/Y6 Fun Swim Rewards afternoon |
| 25/2/19 | Y8 Drugs Awareness at Freman College 6pm |
| 26/2/19 | Production Rehearsals 3:20pm-4:20pm |
| 27/2/19 | Parents' Evening 6J |
| 4/3/19 | Parents' Evening 5P Miss Lacy rescheduled |
| 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 |
| 14/3/19 | Y8 Big Bang Fair |
| 25-28/3/19 | Y8 Normandy Residential Visit |
| 19/3/19 | Joint Concert at Freman |
| 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.

Fullness Day - Kerala Floods

Congratulations to parents, students and staff who supported our Year 7s' request to help raise funds for the Kerala flood victims. Thank you to the fabulous baking community: all cakes and biscuits were sold out! We have chosen the Christian Aid Kerala fund for all the money raised.

Non- uniform raised £740.00

Cake sale raised £193.42

Total - £933.42 - Thank you

Production News

The main roles cast in Buggy Malone went up today. Congratulations to those who were successful in securing one of the lead roles. Every student who auditioned is in the cast and we look forward to welcoming them all to the first rehearsal on Tuesday 26th February.

Homework this half term

Your children have not been set homework this week. They need a rest and so do you. Please note, we are sending students home with their books in order for your child to share their learning progress with you.

I shouldn't bother the school with a worry or upset...

We have too many parents still apologising for coming in or talking to us about a worry or

concern. Please remember, we really do believe that no worry is too small for us to hear. If you have a concern please share with us, so that we can work together to support your child: this is our job. School, parents and students working together promotes success.

Quin House fun swim - KS2 25/2/19

First day back after half term. Please make sure that if your child wishes to attend the Quin House fun swim they have returned their permission slips and remind them to bring their swimming kit.

Concert - 19/3/19

The Joint Edwinstree / Ralph Sadler / Freman College Spring concert date has been moved to Tuesday 19th March and will take place at Freman College, further details to follow.

Watch out for World Book Day - 7/3/19

This has always been an enjoyable day at Edwinstree. However, we appreciate that some students would prefer not to dress up. We thought we would trial: Dress up as your favourite book character or arrive in non-uniform. Students coming in non-uniform are asked to donate £2 towards new books in the library. Parents - watch out for your World Book Day Token. KS2 students will have a special lesson on the day. Please bring in one of your favourite books to share.

What is the next House competition?

Next term's House competition will be based around reading. We are looking to promote reading through our book report cards and through the number of 20 minute blocks students have read. This is to encourage all students to read for 20 minutes a night. More information to follow. During half term, please keep students reading for 20 minutes 5 nights a week!

What is our value next term?

'Justice' - Interestingly this will be our first exploration of this value at Edwinstree since the new Leadership team. We look forward to what it reveals.

Parents' Evenings

Year 6: Monday 25th February 2019 6H and 6W; Wednesday 27th February 2019 6J. Please make a single appointment to meet both your child's English and maths teachers, who you will see at the same time. Your child's science teacher will be available for a drop in conversation. Your child

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is invited to attend the appointment to discuss the next steps from Mock SATs.

Arithmetic: As a school we have been promoting the importance of keeping arithmetic skills at a functioning level. Please support your child to continue to rehearse these skills during their Challenge Home Learning. We send arithmetic papers home so that your child can see which areas need to become swifter and those areas which need further practice.

Year 7: Foundation subject parents evenings take place on Monday 4th March 2019 for 7C & 7F; Wednesday 6th March 2019 for 7R & 7S; 4-6pm. These evenings are designed to provide you with 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.

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.**

Year 8 - Drugs Awareness Presentation at Freman College

You will remember back in December I sent you a letter from local Headteachers of secondary aged students about the rise in the use of drugs by young people in the area.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that Freman College have been able to book Paul Hannaford on **Monday 25th February**. Paul Hannaford is a reformed drug addict and criminal who bases his talks to students on his own experiences. His presentations leave a lasting impression on students to think seriously about drugs. He is highly recommended by teachers and students who have heard him speak and he is in great demand, speaking in schools and other organisations all over the country. Freman College have kindly offered both Ralph Sadlier and Edwinstree the opportunity for Year 8 to visit the school on Monday morning to hear him talk.

He will also be running a **workshop for parents** the same day from **6pm – 7pm**. Year 7 and Year 8 parents from Edwinstree and Ralph Sadlier are very welcome to attend.

Y8 students in 8E & 8K due to cook on Monday do not need to bring ingredients, this lesson has been replaced with the Freman College visit.

GDPR Reminder

Please may 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.

We hope your family enjoys the half term break.

**Kind regards,
Jo Gant
Headteacher**

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