



Diary Dates:

18/9/17	Action Plan Meeting for Parents 6pm
19/9/17	Y6 Church Trail
20/9/17	Filmmaker Club x 10 3:20pm-4:20pm
21/9/17	Y5 Parents Meeting 4-5:30pm talk on how to support your child at 4.30pm
26/9/17	International Language Day
25-29/9/17	Y6 Shropshire
28/9/17	SATs Presentation to Y6 Parents 5pm
28/9/17	Y7 Parents' Meeting post SATS 6pm
7/10/17	Prepare Harvest Boxes for Senior Citizens ESA and parent support
13/10/17	House Rewards – Cinema visit
23-27/10/17	Half term
30/10/17	Autumn Term 2
1/12/17	Occasional Day
8/12/17	School Production
9/12/17	School Production
w/b 11/12/17	Musical Soirée – St Mary's Church Aspenden date to be confirmed
19/12/17	Service - St Mary's Church Aspenden
19/12/17	End of Autumn Term 2:30pm finish
3/1/18	Spring Term

What is the purpose of this newsletter?

We have deliberately sent a printed copy of this Newsletter home, it will on our website in the news section and a copy will be sent out by Parentmail as usual.

The newsletter is designed to give you up to date information on what is happening within the school including:

- Forthcoming events
- New initiatives
- Specific information for each year group
- Consultation on initiatives and current working practice.

Having listened to your advice we are tweaking the newsletter to highlight particular year group news so that you can find this easily. New additions to the diary will be in colour, plus a regular reminder of term dates. Please let us know by contacting the school office if you have further advice to improve our communication.

Who are the ESA and what is their role?

The Edwinstree School Association are our voluntary parents who are committed to supporting and championing Edwinstree, the team is led by Jen Makewell. This year the ESA will focus on helping to support the school's vision; to recognise the unique and wonderful in everyone, and live life in all its fullness. In doing this the team are keen to help us provide as many opportunities for students to shine and succeed,

both inside and outside the classroom. This term the ESA will be supporting the following events:

- Year 5 parents evening – to provide refreshments and actively seek to recruit willing volunteers!
- Leading the House competition to decorate the harvest boxes for our Senior Citizens (more about this in next week's newsletter)
- Help with refreshments at performances of the School production.
- Catering with cheese & wine at the musical event at St Mary's Church service, week beginning the 11th December [date to be confirmed], to help fundraise for our Parish churches.
- Provide our students with refreshments at the end of term as they take part in the Christmas service at St Mary's Church Aspenden and the walk there and back. They are thinking marsh-mellows and hot chocolate served on Market Hill?

Our ESA team meets on the first Tuesday every month at 7pm in the Heads office. We are really keen to actively engage more parents who are willing to help enrich the lives of our students. If you have time, and or the will to help return Edwinstree to outstanding, please contact the ESA on: esa@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Year 5 Parents Meeting 21/9/17 4pm-5:30pm

Parents are invited to view their child's books and meet their teachers for an informal chat over tea and biscuits. At 4.30pm, parents will be given a twenty minute talk outlining what will be happening in English and Maths this year and how they can support their child's progress. If you have questions such as:

- Should I help my child with homework? What if they get stuck?
- What is challenge homework?
- What is the SPG marking and what is expected of students?
- What is the learning journal?
- What are the passports in English and Maths and how do these help?
- How much work should be done outside of school?
- If my child shuts themselves in a bedroom to read is this a good idea.

Please come along to have these and other unknown questions answered!

Year 6

On Tuesday students will be out touring the local churches in Buntingford comparing the representations of God and Worship in our local area.

Preparation for Shropshire begins in earnest.

Please make sure your child has all the kit list ready. Medicines must be handed in next week, with a completed MED 1 Form with detailed instructions of what dosage needs to be taken.

On the 28th September, Year 6 parents will have the opportunity to meet with the Senior Team, Head of Maths and English and a presentation on how to support your child through the process of SATs this year. If you have an opportunity to attend please do, as this covers both preparation in learning and managing stress.

Year 7 and 8

Catch up sessions should be up and running by the end of the month. If your child did not reach the SATs age expected level we will be offering them additional support and you will be notified by letter.

DO CONTINUE the reading in year 7, all students are expected to read for at least 20 minutes five nights a week.

Make sure you know which week your child receives which homework. This is all logged in their ROA. English and Maths are weekly.

Uniform

Thank you again to all those parents who have battled to improve their child's uniform. The transformation is remarkable. For the very small number of parents who were bamboozled into believing that canvas shoes were acceptable they **are not** and the students knew this, alongside no trainers!

The 'VANs' make are confusing, as they are marketed as not being a trainer. For the one or two parents who purchased these very expensive items, can we please ask that when Santa arrives he brings a new pair of shoes!

Please be aware if your child doesn't follow the uniform policy, then this makes the work of all the parents who do, harder!

Finally hair colour -Please if your child is experimenting with hair dye, can you please stick to natural colours that are not obvious. This also applies to nail varnish. At Edwinstree, we believe that they are still children and have plenty of time to experiment with their hair later. We hope you agree!

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the 35 students who completed the summer reading challenge with Buntingford library, they received their certificate and medals this week in COWO. Over 350 students visited the

library, but only 35 students managed to read enough books to succeed the book challenge.

How do I safeguard my child?

Alongside the work we are completing in PSHCE and Computing (cyberbullying) to support safeguarding your child, we attach a leaflet from Herts County Council advertising a talk to Parents on how to keep your child safe.

Road Safety

Please park in Sainsbury's car park when collecting children at the end of the school day, it is free after 3pm. If you collect your child from the bottom gate, please wait inside the school grounds to alleviate any congestion on the footpath. Please remind your child to return to the school office if there is nobody to collect them at the end of the day.

Messages

Please make sure your child is aware of after school arrangements, in an emergency please contact the school office before lunchtime and the Admin team will pass the message on.

After School Clubs

Attached is a copy of the after school clubs which will be running during the autumn term.

Action Plan Meeting 18/9/17 @ 6pm

We will continue to be as transparent as possible about the schools progress returning to 'good' and then 'outstanding'. On Monday we will offer you the opportunity to hear how the school plans to move forward this year and the impact you should see in your child's learning and welfare.

The Action Plan meeting will be hosted by the Headteacher in the school hall. This will involve a 20 minute talk followed by a Q & A session. If you are unable to make the meeting the power point will be attached with next week's newsletter.

School Photographs

We are currently conducting a survey regarding school photographs. A form will be sent home via pupil post for you to complete and return to the school office. We will assume you are happy with the current photographer if you do not respond. Thank you

Jo Gant
Headteacher
Safeguarding Flyer
After school clubs

Our faith supports each individual to flourish and challenges us to live life in all its fullness

Autumn Term extra-curricular clubs

*Limited space available

	Before school 8.00am – 8.30am	Lunchtime 1.15pm – 1.45pm	Afterschool 3.20pm – 4.15pm (unless otherwise stated)
Monday			Basketball (all years) Mr Baines - Sports hall Beginner's Brass (KS2) * Mr Peach - Music room Homework Club Mrs Van Vyck /Miss Campany ICT suite Peace Child (all years) 3.20pm – 5.00pm Mr Woollcombe - School hall Tag Rugby (KS2) Mr Carter - Sports hall
Tuesday	COWO planning group (all years) Mr Rowlands - Music room	Brave Trust (all years) Prayer room Table Tennis (KS2) Mr Carter Sports hall	Card Making Club (all years) Mrs Booth – Room 31 Starts 26/9/17 – 5/12/17 Homework Club Mrs Van Vyck / Miss Campany ICT suite Young Voices (KS2) Miss Devonshire/Di Pasquale Music room
Wednesday	Multi-skills Miss Devonshire Sports hall	Cheerleading (all years) Mr Carter - Sports Hall	Hockey (Year 8) Miss Prior - Freman College Young Film Makers * 3.20pm - 4.30pm School hall
Thursday		Home learning club (Y5) Mrs Earnshaw Room 13 Science Club (all years)* Mrs Sanders / Miss Ealet NL1 Table Tennis (KS3) Mr Carter - Sports hall	Art Club (all years)* Mrs Chipperfield - Art room Edwinstree Choir (all years) Mr Rowlands - Music room
Friday		'Learning Surgery' (all years) Mrs Mayne / Mrs Kitchener Room 14	Rugby (KS3) Mr Carter - Sports hall Edwinstree Orchestra (all years) Mr Rowlands - Music room