



**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS**  
**Week Ending: 21/12/2018**

**Diary Dates:**

7/1/19	<b>Spring Term</b>
15/1/19	<b>Parents' Evening 5T/5C</b>
17/1/19	<b>Parents' Evening 5F/5P</b>
w/b 28/1/19	<b>Mock SATS for Year 6</b>
4/2/19	<b>Young Voices at the O2</b>
11/2/19	<b>Parents' Evening 8E/8H</b>
12/2/19	<b>Y6 Parent in school Workshop</b>
13/2/19	<b>Parents' Evening 8K/8T</b>
25/2/19	<b>Parents' Evening 6H/6J</b>
27/2/19	<b>Parents' Evening 6W</b>
12/3/19	<b>Y6 Parent in school Workshop</b>
4/3/19	<b>Parents' Evening 7C &amp; 7F</b>
13/5/19	<b>SATS Week for Year 6</b>

*A huge thank you for all your support and efforts to ensure that you child is ready and equipped for school. Please remember we don't get everything correct first time, so please do not hesitate to contact us via email or phone call to share your concerns, we promise to listen and support your child.*

**After School Clubs**

**Young Voices and Choir start first week back**  
**Robotics Club & Filmmakers Club starts on 9/1/19**  
**All other clubs will resume the week beginning 14/1/19**

**How do I report my child's absence?**

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

**What homework does my child have over the holidays?**

They should only be reading for 20 minutes, 5 days a week. We work the students hard and they need a break and so do Parents!

**What is the latest Music News?**

Choir and Orchestra start the **first week back** in preparation for Young Voices (Monday 4th February) and the Easter concert (Tuesday 26th March). For those taking part in Young Voices, there is a link on the website to the songs that we will be singing at the O2. It would be great if these could be listened to during the holidays. <http://www.malvern-wells.worcs.sch.uk/young-voices-2019-1/>

Instrumental lessons start either the first or second week back, depending on the teacher. Please can you check the board on the first Monday back for information.

**Science Department Request; can you help?**

Please if you have any mince pies over the festive period, save the silver cases for the science department and ask students to bring into us. Thank you.

**What is Winter uniform?**

Winter uniform: A long or short sleeve shirt and a school tie. Ties are purchased from the school at reception. Please refer to your child's ROA.

Formal shoes: it is getting harder and harder to distinguish a formal shoe, but we are clear that we expect students to arrive in black shoes, plimsolls are unacceptable as a winter shoe. These will not support your child through the wet winter months. Please make sure your child has the correct uniform for the start of term.

**What is the purpose of a Data Report?**

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 and we will once again send the books home for your to review in February half term.

**Can you help support the exam periods next year (2019)?**

We are looking for volunteers who are able to support students with additional time in exams. This will involve a maximum of one half day initial training and a DBS check. We would be keen for you post training, to meet the child you will be working with and to secure their procedures, doubts and fears, prior to the exam. Your commitment would require 4 hours maximum on the following dates:

**Year 6 Mock SATs Week 28<sup>th</sup> – 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 Campany 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

**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.

**FilmMakers Club**

After yet another successful term at Edwinstree School, The young film makers completed 'Pirates of

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the Caribbean and I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here'. The children, as always were amazing. I am looking forward to returning to the school in the Spring term. Both films have now been fully edited and sent to parents to enjoy with their children. If for some reason, you have not received your copy please ring Gillian on 07341305131 or email [northhertsyounghfilmclub@gmail.com](mailto:northhertsyounghfilmclub@gmail.com) Our new term commences on Wednesday 9th January 2019. Wishing you all A Very Merry Christmas.

**School Meal Charges 07/01/19 – 15/02/19**

7 – 31 January 2019 – 19 days  
 1 – 15 February 2019 – 11 days  
 Total school meal charges for half term 30 days @ £2.55 = £76.50  
 Wednesday and Friday only – 12 days @ £2.55 = £30.60  
 Friday only – 6 days @ £2.55 = £15.30

**Action Plan**

The Action Plan, which explains how we will improve our targets from the Ofsted Inspection can be found on our website.

**Just in case the winter blues have struck** please take a little time to consider a small minority of the photos that continually remind us, why we enjoy working in the Buntingford community and in particular, at Edwinstree Middle School. We are continually amazed by your child's capacity and depth of humility, reverence compassion and service.

**Chexs Charity Workparty**



**Memory catchers**



**Remembrance Day Poppies**



**Year 5 Christingle**



**Choir Sings Carols at Lister Hospital**



*Wishing you a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

**Jo Gant  
 Headteacher**

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