



**Diary Dates:**

26//9/17	<b>Filmmaker Club x 10 postponed due to Shropshire 2<sup>nd</sup> session of 6 the week after.</b>
21/9/17	<b>Y5 Parents Meeting 4-5:30pm talk on how to support your child at 4.30pm</b>
26/9/17	<b>International Language Day</b>
25-29/9/17	<b>Y6 Shropshire</b>
28/9/17	<b>SATs Presentation to Y6 Parents 5pm</b>
28/9/17	<b>Y7 Parents' Meeting post SATS 6pm</b>
7/10/17	<b>Prepare Harvest Boxes for Senior Citizens <b>ESA and parent support</b></b>
13/10/17	<b>House Rewards – Cinema visit <b>House winners of the Summer Read - LEA</b></b>
23-27/10/17	<b>Half term</b>
30/10/17	<b>Autumn Term 2</b>
1/12/17	<b>Occasional Day</b>
8/12/17	<b>School Production</b>
9/12/17	<b>School Production</b>
19/12/17	<b>Service - St Mary's Church Aspenden</b>
19/12/17	<b>End of Autumn Term 2:30pm finish</b>
3/1/18	<b>Spring Term</b>

**How is cover being organised in the week that a significant number of staff and students head to Shropshire?**

We have covered all Shropshire staff with our own teaching staff this year to minimise disruption and allow continuity and maintain the positive start our students have had to the term. There will be no external supply generated from this trip.

**Please support the White Hart Close residents - Sainsbury's Car park is free after 3pm!**

On behalf of the White Hart Close residents opposite the school, Nevetts Care home and Buntingford Medical Centre, please avoid parking in this area. The surgery, care home and residents have difficult gaining access at the end of the day, the Sainsbury's Car park is free after 3pm! Please support our fellow residents

**After School Clubs**

**W/C 25/9/17** – Clubs will be disrupted this week due to staff accompanying the Shropshire residential visit. The following clubs will not be running:

**Monday PM – Basketball, Tag Rugby**

**Wednesday AM – Multi skills**

**Weds - Film Club**

**Friday PM - Rugby**

An external football club for Y5 and Y6 will run every Thursday from 3:30pm – 4:20pm

**How do I know how my child is behaving on a daily basis at school?**

This year and from Wednesday of this week, if your child has received a negative behaviour card, you will receive a text/email alerting you. A first yellow card will be dealt with by the tutor and a way forward will be agreed, please discuss this with your child at home. A second yellow will be dealt with by the Head of Year, who will ring you within 24 hours and a red card will be dealt with by the Senior Leadership Team, who will contact you within the hour. We hope you find this helpful in supporting your child to succeed.

**How do I know if they are succeeding?** Our basic form of reward is a merit, these are a substantial reward. Students, when asked last year, did not want them posted home, instead they requested that we stamp them in their ROAs. They have been receiving these since the start of term, so ask them to show you. As well as merits, students will be rewarded half termly for using and embodying a Christian value. The first set of awards will be out during the last week of term.

**Why is my child coming home in their PE kit?**

We have made the decision to let students who have a PE lesson at the end of the day, stay in their PE kit. This maximises their exercise time and prevents lateness to registration and COWO. Please make sure students' winter kit is available, as the weather changes.

**Is your child receiving the correct homework on the correct days?**

Please check ROAs weekly and ensure that your child has the correct homework. Any concerns please notify either the form tutor or Head of Year.

**COWO and our half term value of 'thankfulness'.**

On Monday tutor groups will be asked to create a box of 'thankful' food to deliver to our local senior citizens. Students will be thinking about this over the next week and what food items should be purchased, cooked etc, in order for us to meet the Saturday wrap session on 7/10/17. More information to follow. Deadline for the completion of tutor Harvest boxes is Friday 6/10/17.

**Year 6 Shropshire Departure 9am prompt**

Students should be at school by 8:40am and wait at the bottom gate. Please provide your child with a 'throwaway' packed lunch. We will update our website daily to keep you informed. A Parent mail will be sent on Friday 27/9/17 informing you of departure times and the estimated arrival back at Edwinstree. Please check our website for updates of the journey, rather than ringing the school office.

Students not attending the Shropshire trip will be buddied with two Year 7s, and will spend the time in classes with them. We will also be offering additional games, a swimming session and cinema viewings to try and inject a little fun, while the rest of Year 6 are away. Please be aware that we expect all students not going to Shropshire to be in school.

### **26/9/17 SATs Presentation to Y6 Parents 5pm**

Parents are invited to a talk to explain how we will prepare your child for the SATs exam, and how you can support your child at home. This is for all parents. Please make every effort to attend.

Parents that came last year found the information very informative and this helped to manage any stress throughout the process!

A letter will be coming home to explain how to order Revision Guides from the school

Well done to Year 6 who behaved with reverence and compassion when visiting the three local churches within Buntingford, they behaved impeccably.

### **Y7 Parents' Meeting post SATS 6pm**

Students and parents will be invited individually to attend the post SATs meeting, to find out how the school will be working to ensure this standard is achieved over the next year. This will involve a variety of interventions that will require your support. Please make every effort, if invited, to attend. Thank you.

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 each homework. This is all logged in their planners [ROAs]. English, Maths & French are weekly.

### **Year 8**

Congratulations to Year 8 who are escorting themselves to Freman College and back, signing in and out and behaving well on the walk. It was lovely to hear from the Head of Freman how positive and delightful our students have been, and how much the German teachers are enjoying teaching them. Well done Year 8!

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to LEA House who had the most students completing the Summer Reading Challenge, they will be the first to receive the house reward for their hard work and dedication on the afternoon of the 13/10/17.

### **Brass Lessons**

We are fortunate to be able to offer free brass tuition as part of Hertfordshire Music Service funding. This group tuition takes place after school on Monday. Having initially been open to Y5 students, I am now offering this opportunity to students from all years.

As part of the tuition, your child would also get access to a free instrument. All we ask is that, if they do take this offer up, it is something that they maintain throughout the year. We also expect students to commit to regular practice.

If your child is interested, they can get a letter from me. Spaces are limited.

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