



**Diary Dates:**

1/3/18	<b>NO ART CLUB</b>
1/3/18	<b>Y7 Parents' Evening 7G/7T</b>
2/3/18	<b>Friday - Celebrate World Book Day</b>
5/3/18	<b>Y7 Parents' Evening 7B/7C</b>
6/3/18	<b>Photographer in for Class Photos</b>
6/3/18	<b>ESA Meet at 7pm</b>
w/b 5/3/18	<b>Y6 Mock SATs</b>
7/3/18	<b>Y8 Normandy Parents' Meeting 5pm</b>
9/3/18	<b>Quin House Rewards Afternoon</b>
13/3/18	<b>Unilever Visit - Science</b>
	<b>Happy Puzzle Company Y5/Y6 Maths</b>
14/3/18	<b>Joint Concert at Freman 6pm</b>
21/3/18	<b>Homework Policy Review meeting for parents at 6pm</b>
26/3/18	<b>Y6 Parents' Evening 6C - 4pm-7:30pm</b>
27/3/18	<b>Y6 Parents' Evening 6D/6PD</b>
	<b>4pm -7:30pm</b>
16/4/18	<b>School Meal increases to £2.55 a day</b>
20/4/18	<b>Y8 visit Tate Modern in London</b>
w/b	<b>Y6 SATs</b>
14/5/18	

**School Meal Charges 19.02.18 to 29.03.18**

19<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - 8 days

1<sup>st</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - 21 days

Total school meal charges for half term 29 days @ £2.45 = £71.05

Wednesday and Friday only - 11 days @ £2.45 = £26.95

Friday only - 5 days @ £2.45 = £12.25

**School Meal increase from April 2018**

Hertfordshire Catering Ltd have informed us that the cost of a school meal will increase to **£2.55** with effect from 16/4/18.

**Year 6 Parents**

Week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March, Year 6 students will be in mock SAT preparation. This is to give them a run of what it will be like in the real SATs in May. Please see the timetable and talk it through with your child. All students will be provided with a pre exam breakfast from 8:20am in the Hall. Lessons post exams, will take account of the stresses they have been under, and while learning will take place, no other assessments will be completed during this week. Thank you for your support. Please remind Year 6, the most important thing is that they leave this year, thinking 'I did my best!' The results, while important for the school, do not impact on their future. No employer will ask for their SATs results!

**Mock SATs Timetable**

Breakfast will be available in the hall from 8:20am each day this week. Students will go to break as normal and attend their normal lessons in periods 3, 4 and 5.

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Grammar 45 mins Spelling 25 mins	Reading 1 hour	Arithmetic 30 mins Reasoning 40 mins	Reasoning 40 mins	
8.20am - 8.50am. Breakfast provided in the hall				
8.50am - 9.15am. Register in exam rooms and settle				
9.15am - start of exams				
Room 3 - 6C	Room 3 - 6C	Room 3 - 6C	Room 3 - 6C	Normal Lessons
Room 4 - 6D	Room 4 - 6D	Room 4 - 6D	Room 4 - 6D	
Room 6 - 6DP	Room 6 - 6DP	Room 6 - 6DP	Room 6 - 6DP	

**Year 7 Parents' Evening**

**The online booking system for appointments will go live on Monday 26/2/18 at 6pm**

Just to confirm that Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March will be for 7G and 7T. Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March will be 7B and 7C. Foundation subjects only: Art, Geography, History, French, Music, PE (and RE for 7C/7B) Please refer to your child's December progress check and to the books that came home for half term to guide your appointment choices; prioritise those subjects where progress is limited or where you have a particular query.

**Year 8 Parents**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> March Year 8 will be involved in three pull out session to explore how to stamp out racism, as part of their wrap around additional PSHE curriculum.

Year 8 prepare for their Normandy residential visit. If your child is attending, we would appreciate your attendance at the Parent briefing on the **7/3/18 at 5pm**. Students not going on the visit will continue their learning in school for the week. We have collapsed the classes to create one Year 8 class, who will have the opportunity to take part in the Maths and Science day, and support the younger students in lessons. Please ensure that your child attends school for this week.

Year 8 will have the opportunity to visit the Tate Modern on the 20/4/18 as part of their art studies.

By Easter, Transition meetings with Freman College will have begun in earnest, to ensure a smooth transfer of information for each child. Our SEND team and Head of Year will be meeting with equivalent colleagues to begin a handover. Where we believe your child would benefit from

an extended handover, with a series of pre visits to Freman, we will contact you to. If you have any worries or concerns with regard to the transfer, please contact

Mr Baines, the Head of Year 8, Mrs Forster our SENCO or Mrs Eustace our Learning Zone lead via the school office or email:

[admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

### **It is almost two years since Ofsted arrived?**

#### **When are you expecting them?**

Ofsted will arrive within a thirty month time span from the R I judgement which took place in March 2016. We are anticipating a visit any time soon. As the leadership has change, they will often give the new Head, as close to two years as possible within this time frame, to come back to inspect. We begin our red alert status from Easter onwards! If you haven't completed a Parent View commentary about the school and would wish to support us in showing that the school is making rapid progress, please take the time to do so. You can find the link to Parent view on <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

### **What are our numbers looking like for Year 5 in September?**

Our initial numbers for Year 5 in September 2018 have increased, with the school returning to a four class intake. This is really positive news and testament to the growing confidence that the community has in the school. We know we have work to do to continue to improve the school, but we won't rest until we return to Outstanding.

### **PSHE this term**

This half term, Year 5, 6, and 8 will be explore the PSHE association key core topic on 'How to maintain strong physical and mental health'.

### **COWO this term.**

Thank you for your help in creating our jam jars of wonderful which are now being turned into our Koinonia displays. This term we focus on the build up to Lent, this week students explored what Shrove Tuesday symbolised in the Christian calendar. Our value for this term is Endurance. Please let us know if you would like to visit a COWO, either your child's tutor group or you would like to experience our Friday hymns at 2:45pm. Please contact the school office to reserve a seat.

### **Quin House Rewards Afternoon – 9/3/18**

Quin House scored the highest points during the House 'Service' competition and will have the privilege of a cinema visit to Benson Hall. A letter will be sent home next week requesting

permission for your child to attend. Any parent willing to help support this afternoon visit, please contact the school office on 01763-271446 or email: [admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

### **How can you help the school to avoid supply cover and disruption to lessons?**

Thank you again to the significant number of parents who supported the Year 7 and Year 8 visits this term. Your support minimised the supply cover for those students still in school and reduced our costs. We really appreciate it. Do you or a family member have time to spare? We are desperate for more volunteer readers who are willing to read with one child on a weekly basis. Please contact the school office or email [admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk) Thank you

### **World Book Day Plus One on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

We will celebrate one day later due to an extra-curricular day for Year 7 and Year 8. 'Show Racism the Red Card' will be visiting and the planned activities will be unsuitable for students in costume. Please accept our apologies. Please encourage your child to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character to celebrate on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. All students will receive a World Book day token. KS2 please bring in one of your favourite books, we would especially like to see some of your old picture books!

### **Positive Passports**

To assist our students, we have changed our school report. Students will now carry a Positive Passport which will record improvements and actions in all areas of school. This will help raise self-esteem and allow student ownership at all times, within school to show achievement. The document allows students to select their best daily comments, and be proud of their Top Five positives by the end of each week. Negative behaviour continues to be sensitively and separately recorded on Behaviour Watch, and Parents informed via text. The Positive Passport will allow holders to achieve, and feel in a better place during their improvements. This will lead to a whole school progression in behaviour and raise student's performances in all areas.

### **Non Uniform Days**

The Watoto non-uniform day raised £341.40 and the J K Rowling Day raised £286.69 for the Lumos Charity. Thank you for your support.

**Jo Gant**  
**Headteacher**

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