



Diary Dates:

26/11/18	7C & 7R Parents' Evening 3:30pm-7:30pm
27/11/18	ECP ONLINE SAFETY DAY - Non-uniform £2
28/11/18	Rescheduled Y5 Influenza Immunization
28/11/18	7F & 7S Parents' Evening 3:30pm-7:30pm
30/11/18	Image Musical Theatre KS2
30/11/18	Light of Love Service at 6pm
30/11/18	School Hall Christmas Decorations 3:30pm
3/12/18	7C & 7S Visit Museum of London
6/12/18	Antarctica Day
7/12/18	Occasional day - School closed
12/12/18	Joint Concert at Edwinstree 6:30pm
13/12/18	Y5 Christingle
14/12/18	Y5/Y6 Charity Disco
14/12/18	Christmas Jumper Day
17/12/18	Deadline for OAP Christmas Boxes of Joy
17/12/18	7R & 7F Visit Museum of London
20/12/18	Big Christmas Knit
21/12/18	Service at St Mary's Church Aspenden
21/12/18	End of term 2:30pm finish
7/1/19	Spring Term
4/2/19	Young Voices at the O2
13/5/19	SATS Week for Year 6

Keeping Children Safe Internet Training 27/11/18

ECP Ltd will host year group internet safety training sessions on 27/11/18 for students and staff. The Company will also be offering parents/carers a one hour training session at 5pm, covering a vast range of topics including:

- * Introduction to the CEOP, [thinkyouknow](http://thinkyouknow.org) website and why children would use the report abuse button.
- * Popular apps
- * Most concerning apps
- * Gaming - awareness of 'Fortnite' being one example and parental controls
- * Stages of Grooming
- * Sexting
- * Cyber bullying
- * Content covered with children from my work in the day regarding personal information etc.
- * Making things safer - discussing parental controls and useful websites and apps

In order to fund this training we will hold a non-uniform day and ask you to contribute £2 to support this event. The link to the web site is www.ecplimited.com Thank you for your support.

Visitor Ayesha Hazarika the comedian and political commentator visited Key Stage 3 and spent time talking to and then being asked questions by our students. The questions were fantastic and we could not stop them asking more! She almost missed her taxi because of their enthusiasm. Here is her tweet on her experience of the day. *Watch out - over 15 quote as swearing involved!*

<https://twitter.com/ayeshahazarika/status/1065622562284150784>

What is happening in the Advent season and how can parents help?

During Collective worships from the 3rd December we will be introducing the four themes of Advent leading up to Christmas and the birth of Jesus. These are **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. We spend significant time celebrating the Christian meaning of Christmas and as part of the Advent we will asking for support from parents for the following:

Can you help with our Christmas decorations for the hall?

Our decoration team will be putting up decorations in the hall on Friday 30th November after school, students will also be given the opportunity to volunteer to help. Parent volunteers are very welcome to join us from 3:30pm-5pm, please contact the school office if you would like to help.

Would you be willing to support the end of term walk to St Mary's Church Aspenden?

On the last day of term, we will be walking the school to St Mary's Church in Aspenden for our annual Christmas service with Reverend Ian Hill. If you are available, we would very much appreciate parents' support by walking the students to and from St Mary's Church. On the way back we will be offering students a break at St Peter's Church for hot chocolate and a Christmas biscuit. Like last year, we are calling on the huge array of bakers to help support us in providing biscuits for the day. Bakers can drop these off at reception either the day before or on the last morning of term by 9am.

Christmas Jumper Day 14/12/18 - No donations necessary: this is a fun day!

How do we support our local community during this time?

As well as visiting the local hospital and retirement homes with our choir to provide some Christmas cheer, we will be asking each year group to bring in a 'something special' treat for an elderly person. We will then create Christmas 'Boxes of Joy' which will be delivered to our local community. We encourage students to bring in something really yummy, something their family love at Christmas and for once, yes, this can be booze! We will start collecting for these from next week and students will be introduced to this in next week's Collective Worship.

Year 5 Christingle

As part of our Christmas celebrations at Edwinstree, all of our Year 5 will take part in a Christingle, led by Mr Rowlands and Reverend Ian Hill on Thursday 13th December during P5. This is the first time that the school has run a Christingle service and we are looking forward to celebrating this event with hundreds of schools and churches around the country.

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Year 5

Year 5 have settled well and are beginning to really embody the Christian values and spirit of Edwinstree. A small number of students, however, are not choosing appropriate learning behaviours. In order to help them re-focus, from Monday 26th November any pupil that has received three or more cards, of any variety in the last week, will attend a lunchtime session with their HOY. Within this session they will discuss what went wrong and how it can be changed. These will take place every Thursday, allowing students to put their positive actions into place on Friday, before the end of the school week. We look forward to this helping students re-determine their behaviour and creating a positive learning environment for all. We appreciate parental support on this matter and thank you in advance.

Year 6

Year 6 Maths & English Revision Guides for the SATs have been snapped up by parents. If you happened to be one of the few that has not made a purchase to support your child, they are still available to purchase from the school office at £2.50 each. Payment can be made in cash or via the School Gateway.

Year 7

Reminder – Y7 parents' evenings next week – please see diary dates above

As part of our humanities enrichment programme, Year 7 have the opportunity to visit the Museum of London

- 7C & 7S – 3/12/18
- 7F & 7R – 17/12/18

Deadline for payment and reply slips to be returned is Friday 30th November - Thank you.

Year 8 - Sporting News

Well done to our inclusive KS3 football team this week. Trailing by a goal 0-1 down. Edwinstree students rallied to win the match 3-1. This was an excellent game, bringing a mixed KS3 team together. It was played with great competition and sporting conduct between many future Freman College friends.

Well done Team Edwinstree: Freddie, Bear, Archie, Oscar, Oliver, Tate, Oliver M, Finlay, Luca, Ollie, Danny, Joseph, Callum and Isla

Winter PE Clothing Warmth

Please ensure that students have warm clothing, as well as their polo shirts and shorts? Lessons will continue outdoors, appropriate to the conditions. All students have shown their resilience and endurance since half term, to improve their Cross-Country. Next week all students require MOUTHGUARDS, TRAINERS and SHINPADS for HOCKEY activities.

Antarctica Day

The Science Department are very excited to announce that, after registering with the British Antarctic Survey (BAS), the students of Edwinstree have been allocated a polar expert to talk to them. These places were highly sought after with over 200 schools vying for a few spaces. We have been allocated Susie Grant who

is a marine biogeographer. You can find out more about her on the BAS

website: <https://www.bas.ac.uk/profile/suan/>

Susie is currently working in Antarctica but, on Thursday 6th December, she is giving up an hour of her time to speak to the whole school via satellite phone. During this time, the students will be given an opportunity to ask their own questions about her life and work in Antarctica.

To get ready for this event students will have a lesson about Antarctica, what the BAS is and its importance to the global scientific community and, ultimately, to us. They will also learn about the work that Susie does. Students will then have an opportunity to write down questions that they would like to ask. The best of these will be presented on the day by the students themselves.

If you would like to help prepare your children and enthuse them about this event, the current BBC program Dynasties, episode 2 focused on the Emperor penguins living in the Antarctic. That can be found on the BBC i-player. You can also find information, videos and games on the BAS educational website <https://discoveringantarctica.org.uk/>

Sounds of French

The French Department held a very pleasant evening session this week, when some Year 7 and Year 8 parents came back to school to learn and practice "the sounds of French". They were given a few tips on how best to remember them. Well done to everyone who took part!!

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant for one hour a day during the lunchtime session. Please contact Mrs P Cox the School Business Manager for further details on 01763-271446 or email :

admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

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