



NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS
Week Ending: 25/01/2019

Diary Dates:

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| w/b 28/1/19 | Mock SATS for Year 6 |
| 4/2/19 | Young Voices at the O2 |
| 5/2/19 | Y8 Normandy – Meeting for Parents @ 5pm |
| 6/2/19 | Technology Tournament |
| 11/2/19 | Parents' Evening 8E/8H 4pm-6pm |
| 11/2/19 | Quin Y7/Y8 Fun Swim Rewards afternoon |
| 12/2/19 | Y6 Parent in school Workshop |
| 13/2/19 | Parents' Evening 8K/8T 4pm-6pm |
| 25/2/19 | Parents' Evening 6H/6W |
| 25/2/19 | Quin Y5/Y6 Fun Swim Rewards afternoon |
| 27/2/19 | Parents' Evening 6J |
| 4/3/19 | Parents' Evening 7C & 7F 4pm-6pm |
| 6/3/19 | Parents' Evening 7R & 7S 4pm-6pm |
| 12/3/19 | Y6 Parent in school Workshop |
| 25-28/3/19 | Y8 Normandy Residential Visit |
| 3/4/19 | Sex Education Workshop – 7pm-8:30pm |
| 13/5/19 | SATS Week for Year 6 |

How do I report my child's absence?

To report a student absent please use the direct attendance email:

attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Thank you.

Why has there been a police car outside

Edwinstree? Please be aware we have been offering the hall to our local police team to support their training programme for a police dog who was recently wounded in action. Hence the regularity of our local constabulary cars being parked within our reception area!

Production news

It has been great to see so many students come to the lunchtime sessions this week. The auditions for the main parts takes place after school on Tuesday 5/2/19. We may ask some students to come at a lunchtime as well following Tuesday's audition. Anyone who auditions, but is unsuccessful in gaining a lead part, will automatically be part of the cast if they choose to be. There are smaller parts with spoken roles that we will allocate once we've seen everyone.

Chorus auditions take place after school on Tuesday 5th February. We ask that everyone who auditioned for a main part also attends this rehearsal as it will involve learning a small piece of choreography. Finally, we will be looking for students to help backstage and with sound and lighting after half term.

Mr Rowlands, Head of Expressive Arts

Winter PE kit: During this term all pupils are encouraged to bring trainers, studded boots and

warm, additional clothing, incl. hat, gloves, and a sport's coat, (not their day to day coat) to all lessons; base layers are also appropriate. Indoor facilities are used as appropriate to weather conditions, but outdoor lessons will continue, particularly when multiple classes have PE together. Please assist pupils to be warm and safe with all the necessary kit, so that they can continue their enjoyment during this time.

Year 5

Thank you to all Parents who attended our Parents evening and were patient enough to wait beyond their extended time slot. We hope you found the evening informative. This week, Year 5 students took the brave step of leading a whole school Collective Worship, inspired by the theme of 'creation' and based around the debate to remove palm oil from our food stuffs and reduce the rapid destruction of the rainforest and animal habitats. They were able to link this value to our exploration of humility, reminding us that, although this seems such a big problem, if we all make one small move by buying more products that don't have palm oil, we can affect change. As part of their campaign, we will be publishing a list of non-expensive items that you might wish to replace in your shopping basket!

Year 6

Mock SATs week begin on Monday for our Year 6 students and runs until Thursday. The hall will be open from 8:15am for students to arrive and have a 'power snack'. Please ensure that students arrive before 8:40am.

Students will not require any specific equipment for tests but if they have a preferred pen for writing, they may bring it; it cannot be an erasable pen. They will have their usual lessons for the rest of the day and should bring the necessary equipment for this. Once registered, the students will complete their SATs papers in their form room or in an access room with adults on hand to support them. This is an opportunity for us to check our procedures and support arrangements and for students to experience a week of testing. Best wishes to our students. On Friday afternoon, students will be treated to a film and popcorn as a treat for their hard work.

Year 7

Attendance in Year 7 has improved the most in term by term comparisons with last year. Thank you to all parents involved in supporting your child to get into school. Please note, attendance is the key driver to school success.

Mr Galanides continues his pull out Collective Worship sessions with the second group of Year 7

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boys: they are exploring the theme “*what does it mean to be man in the 21st century?*” This week they debated the pros and cons of the Gillette advert campaign; you may find they wish to debate this with you.

Parents’ Evenings

Year 7: Monday 4th March 2019 7C and 7F; Wednesday 6th March 2019 7R and 7S; 4-6pm – an informal opportunity to look at your child’s foundation subject books with them and discuss their learning (all the subjects apart from maths, English and science). Subject teachers will be on hand for conversations about learning or to answer questions. Refreshments will be available. Please bring your child to the evening.

Year 8 – Normandy Visit

Due to the large number of students attending Normandy this year, we have the opportunity to invite some parents/carers helpers on the visit. You will be responsible for helping to look after the students and with the organisation throughout the day. If you would like to join us on the visit, please contact the school office via e-mail on admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk. Miss Bustard will get back to you by the end of next week. Parents/Carers attending the visit will need to be DBS checked. Thank you in advance.

Year 8: Monday 11th February 2019 8E and 8H; Wednesday 13th February 2019 8K and 8T; 4-6pm - an informal opportunity to look at your child’s foundation subject books and discuss their learning (all the subjects apart from maths, English and science). Subject teachers will be on hand for conversations about learning or to answer questions. Please bring your child to the evening.

Parental Workshop ‘Talking about sex and relationships with your teenager’

You may be aware that sex education has now returned as a compulsory part of the national curriculum. All students take part in sex education during the summer term as part of the PSHCE programme. If you would like help and support in how to talk to your child about this topic, we have arranged for an expert to provide advice and guidance. The workshop will take place on 3/4/19 from 7pm-8:30pm. Please read the attached letter for more information. Year 7 and 8 parents take priority in booking. Invitations to follow.

Quin House

Quin House won the Millennium Garden project design, they will have an afternoon fun swim session at Ward Freman Pool. **Y7/Y8 on Monday 11/2/19, Y5/Y6 on Monday 25/2/19** Permission letters will be given out this week. Reply slips need to be returned by Monday 4th February if they wish to attend.

GDPR Reminder

Please can we remind parents not to publish names of students on Edwinstree’s Facebook page, this is a breach of Data Protection. Please contact the school if you have any queries. Thank you.

Jo Gant Headteacher

County Letter – Parent Workshop

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