



Diary Dates:

4/6/18	Students return to school
6/6/18	Just Talk Campaign Y8 boys pm
7/6/18	Happy Puzzle Company Y7/Y8
8/6/18	Just Talk Campaign Y7 boys pm
11/6/18	Y5 – Waste Aware
14/6/18	7G/7T Computer Museum Visit
15/6/17	7B/7C Computer Museum Visit
22/6/18	Y8 Robotics Day
25/6/18	Inset Day
26/6/18	Y5 Kew Gardens Visit
5/7/18	Y7 Big Bang Fair
6/7/18	Sports Day
12/7/18	County Transition Day
13/7/18	Non Uniform Day
19/7/18	Y8 Celebration Evening
20/7/18	End of Term 2:30pm finish

Police Letter

The police have serious concerns regarding the safety of students at the start and end of the school day. Please see the attached letter outlining the possible dangers and how to keep our students safe.

Hertfordshire Music Service

Students that attend music lessons will receive a letter detailing the minimal increase to music fees from September 2018. Further information is available on our website on the letters home page.

ESA Disco for Year 5/Year 6

Thank you to the parents who attended the Year 6 disco to support the ESA and teachers. Students had a great time and were well behaved throughout. We will make a few tweaks to the next disco by requesting that students do not bring their mobile phones – too much time was spent worrying about them and losing them from their pockets when they were dancing. Heelies will not be permitted in the future, as our hall floor can't cope!

Year 8

As part of their personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education lessons, Year 8 will take part in a series of sex and relationship education (SRE) lessons. These focus mainly on explaining and preparing students for the physical and emotional changes associated with puberty. They also consider the changing nature of a range of relationships, including friendship, family relationships, intimate relationships and the dangers of unprotected sex.

The purpose of SRE at Edwinstree is:

- to prepare students for the physical and emotional changes of growing up
- to give them the knowledge and skills to make informed and healthy choices
- to build their confidence and skills to deal with situations they may encounter
- to help them to stay safe and know where and how to ask for help if needed.

At times, carefully chosen external visitors and speakers may contribute to the programme. In these cases, lesson content will be agreed in advance and visitors will always be supervised by a member of school staff.

As part of this year's SRE, students will have a lesson which explains female genital mutilation (FGM). They will be taught that FGM, also known as female circumcision, cutting or sunna, is illegal in the UK and that it is also a criminal offence to take a UK citizen abroad for the purpose of FGM (whether or not it is lawful in the country the girl is taken to). This will be taught in an age-appropriate way, in the context of knowing about bodily changes during puberty, being able to use the correct language, keeping safe and feeling confident to ask questions and discuss in a mature and appropriate way. We believe that this will be an important addition to the Year 8 SRE programme. If you have concerns, or would like to discuss the matter further, please contact the school. Thank you - Miss Bustard

Are you aware of the IMVU site?

As parentmailed out this week, we have discovered one Year 8 student who has been approached via this website by adult males, engaged in explicit sexual talk and potentially propositioned on several occasions. The police are involved in supporting the family, but we want to make you aware this website's chat is explicit and sexual in nature; we recommend this site be blocked! The 'think you know' website has some useful advice for keeping your child safe online www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Can you help us to reduce the squishies?

We have been inundated with the squishy phase in the last couple of weeks. After half term, please encourage your child not to bring them into school.

Why are there so many new students?

We are continuing to gain a number of students mid-term and more will be starting after half term. This is positive step for the school: as we increase numbers, each child provides us with additional money to support the school. The

students who are arriving settle swiftly and are made to feel really welcome by our students; they are shown compassion and care.

What is next half term's COWO theme?

Our next half term theme is the value of Compassion.

New PE Kit from September 2018

After the meeting with parents and discussions with students, Edwinstree will update the school PE kit from September. Price & Buckland are developing the webpage so parents can buy PE kit direct, via a link on our website. Further details to follow. However, if your child needs a new polo shirt before the end of this academic year, they can purchase the old style for half price from the school office.

When are Ofsted coming?

Still waiting, but as soon as we receive the phone call you will be informed. If you haven't already done so, please support the school by taking a few minutes of your time to complete the online Ofsted questionnaire – Thank you

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Attendance

If you wish to report a student absent, please continue to use the direct email below:

attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Reminder

Any forgotten items delivered to school via the school office should be clearly marked with your child's name. It is a very busy office and, whilst the office staff endeavour to make sure items and messages are delivered, on some occasions, this is not possible.

Jo Gant

Headteacher

Police Letter