



**Diary Dates:**

29/1/18	7C & 7G – London Visit – 8:45am
31/1/18	Watoto Choir Concert 6pm
	Non-uniform Day £1
1/2/18	Running Club Cancelled
1/2/18	Parents Evening 8D & 8R 4pm – 7:30pm
2/2/18	7B & 7T – London Visit – 8:45am
5/2/18	Young Voices at the O2 Arena
5/2/18	Parents Evening 8B & 8C 4pm – 7:30pm
7/2/18	Technology Tournament
8/2/18	Y6 SATs information Evening 5pm
9/2/18	£1 Non-uniform - J K Rowling Day
w/b 5/3/18	Y6 Mock SATs
13/3/18	Unilever Visit - Science
14/3/18	Joint Concert at Freman 6pm
w/b 14/5/18	Y6 SATs

**YEAR 7 VISIT REMINDER – All Year 7 students and helpers to be at school at 7:45am on Monday 29/1/18 and Friday 2/2/18 for a prompt departure at 8am.** Students will require a packed lunch, school uniform, sensible shoes, a waterproof coat and a pen. **Mobile phones and electronic devices are not permitted on an educational visit**

**What is my child learning about this term? How can I find out?**

The website will be updated with the latest information on each subject and the learning that is taking place this term. We will also publish articles, books, websites and places to visit that will help to enrich and support the learning that is taking place in the classroom.

As half term approaches, we will be providing parents with the opportunity to view their child's progress in their books. Students will be encouraged to take their books home. Wherever possible, please take this opportunity to look through and talk to your child about what they have been learning.

**Year 8 Parents' Evenings:**

We hope that you are finding the booking process straightforward for the Y8 parents' evenings. This is for the following subjects only: Art, French, Geography, History, Music, PE and RE. Please make appointments to meet with the teachers of those subjects that you wish to see, particularly focusing on those subjects where your child is making Limited Progress according to their December report.

**Thu 1st February 4pm-7.30pm is for 8D and 8R.**  
**Mon 5th February 4pm-7.30pm is for 8B and 8C.**

**What's happening in Year 7 next week?**

The Humanities team are looking forward to our visits to London next week, please make sure that students dress for all weathers and have a substantial packed lunch. After visiting the History Museum they will be outside for the majority of their stay in the Olympic

Park and it could be snow, sleet, hail or rain and we know it will be cold by the river.

**What's happening in Year 6?**

We will be holding a SATS preparation meeting for parents on 8/2/18 at 5pm. We encourage all Year 6 parents to attend. There will be advice and information on how to support your child in the build up to SATs, how to reduce stress and manage their anxieties, as well as the key curriculum preparation and what happens in the exams.

**Saturday Sessions**

A huge thank you to the parents supporting their child's additional learning on Saturday mornings. The most successful students were those who attended each session.

**How can you help the school prepare for Ofsted?**

We are beginning the countdown to our next Ofsted Inspection and we encourage you to share your views on how the school is progressing by visiting Parent View and following the link below:

[Parent View](#) This link can also be found on our website. This is vital information that the Ofsted team collect and review, prior to any Ofsted Inspection. Thank you for taking the time to support us.

**Watoto Choir 31/1/18**

We are pleased that the Concert is now sold out. The Ugandan children will be returning on Thursday to spend the day with selected students to experience 'a day in the life at Edwinstree Middle School'.

**Buntingford PCSO Visit**

PCSO Waddington and PC Wardell will be visiting us at lunchtime on Tuesday 30th January to meet our fantastic students. This is a positive opportunity for the students to build and establish a good relationship within the community. PCSO Waddington has already been pro-active in her support to monitor and highlight issues of road safety outside the school. Your continued support, as parents is much appreciated

**Reporting a Student Absent from School**

Please report your child absent via the direct email [attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk). Thank you

**A gentle reminder from last week**

Jam jars and Dominoes gratefully received!

**Jo Gant**

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