



NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS
Week Ending: 26/10/2018

Diary Dates:

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| 29/10-2/11/18 | Autumn Half Term – No Film Club |
| 5/11/18 | 6J Parents’ Evening 4pm-7pm |
| 7/11/18 | Robotics Club 3:30pm – 5pm |
| 7/11/18 | 6W Parents’ Evening 4pm-7pm |
| 8/11/18 | House Film Reward – Benson Hall |
| 12/11/18 | Y7/Y8 Lea House Swim Session |
| 13/11/18 | 6H Parents’ Evening 4pm-7pm |
| 20/11/18 | Sounds of French for Y7/Y8 Parents 7pm – 8pm |
| 22/11/18 | Year 5 Influenza (Flu) Immunisation |
| 26/11/18 | 7C & 7R Parents’ Evening |
| 28/11/18 | 7F & 7S Parents’ Evening |
| 30/11/18 | Image Musical Theatre KS2 |
| 30/11/18 | Light of Love Service at 6pm |
| 7/12/18 | Occasional day – School closed |
| 12/12/18 | Joint Concert at Freman 7pm |
| 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 |

Ofsted Section 5 Inspection

The Ofsted inspection will now go through a quality insurance process and as soon as we have an official judgment we will make sure parents and students are informed of the outcome. This may take up to a month to confirm.

Reminder about Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not permitted in school, if you wish your child to travel with a mobile phone, please put it in writing to the school. All phones must be handed in to the school office on arrival at school and collected at the end of the day. The school does not accept responsibility for loss or damage and we advise you purchase your child the cheapest, basic model.

Amazon - https://www.amazon.co.uk/SIM-Free-Mobile-Phones-Smartphones-Under-%C2%A315/s?ie=UTF8&page=1&rh=n%3A356496011%2Cp_36%3A138893031

argos - <https://www.argos.co.uk/browse/technology/mobile-phones-and-accessories/pay-as-you-go-phones/c:30146/>

Tesco - <https://www.tescomobile.com/shop/pay-as-you-go/tesco-mobile/mobiwire-aponi-3g-without-camera>

Record of Achievement

The new ROAs have now been distributed to students. Please, please make sure you complete and sign all sections of the Permission/Consent form on Page 3 for your child.

Concert at St Mary’s Church, Standon

Thank you to the Choir who took part in a joint concert with choirs from Roger de Clare, Ralph Sadleir and Little Munden at St Mary’s Church

on Saturday. There will be a write up in their Parish magazine

All Souls’ Day 22/10/18

Thank you for supporting this event. We spent an afternoon reflecting on the people and animals in our lives whom we have loved and have made a difference to us. Memory catchers will be on display after half term.

Half term Book Share

Students will be bringing their books home to share with you what they have been learning this half term. This is a good opportunity to see what they have been studying, please take the time to congratulate them on their efforts. Please ensure all books are returned on Monday 5/11/18.

School Meal Charges 05/11/18 – 21/12.18

5th – 30th November 2018 – 20 days

3rd – 21st December 2018 – 15 days

Occasional Day – Friday 7th December 2018

Total school meal charges for half term – 34 days
@ £2.55 = £86.70

Wednesday and Friday only – 13 days @ £2.55 = £33.15

Friday only – 6 days @ £2.55 = £15.30

Attendance

If your child is absent due to illness please email: attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Do you expect students to complete homework over half term?

Please keep your child reading for 20 minutes a day, but no other homework should be set. We will encourage students to take their books home so they can share their learning and progress with you. This is a good opportunity to see what they have been studying, please take the time to congratulate them on their efforts. Please ensure all books are returned on Monday 5/11/18.

Music News – Young Voices at the O2

We will be taking part in Young Voices at the O2 again next year. The date we have been allocated as a school is Monday 4th February 2019 and we have been allocated 50 places. We have made the decision to rehearse the music as part of the music that the choir is practicing, starting after half term. Choir is after school on **Thursdays** and therefore, if your child wishes to take part, they will need to attend the rehearsals. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact Miss Devonshire or Mr Rowlands.

French Homework Challenge

All students from Year 5 to Year 8 will be taking part in the ETwinning French homework challenge. There are twenty challenges and one winner per class. This is an opportunity for students to test their knowledge of the French language. Deadline for completed challenge forms will be the first French lesson week commencing 12/11/18. Please see the attached Homework Challenge.

Sounds of French 20/11/18 7pm-8pm

The French Department will be holding a one hour session for parents/carers of Y7 and Y8 students. Parents will have the opportunity to learn how to pronounce French words, learn some memory techniques and the skills to support your child right up to GCSE in Year 11. Further details to follow after half term

Normandy 2019 Payment Plan Year 8

The final payment of £25 for the Year 8 Normandy Visit 2019 is due on 5/11/18. To date there are still a number of outstanding payments. After half term we need to provide final numbers to the hotel. I hope you can appreciate that this is a substantial visit to organise and we are dealing with an outside travel company, and therefore, need to ensure that payments are made on time. Any students with monies outstanding may have to be removed from the visit. Should you need more time, or you need to alter your payment plan, please contact the school office immediately, otherwise we will assume that your child is no longer interested in attending. Thank you for your understanding.

Lost Property

Whilst we endeavour to return **named** lost property to owners, we have a large amount of unnamed clothing including shirts, jumpers, trousers and rugby shirts. Other items include:-
Pink/black Regatta waterproof jacket size 11/12
Black/blue Karrimor Weatherlite Jacket size 11/12
Blue/black Bench waterproof jacket (large)
Green/black Kaprun Hoodie (small)
If your child has lost items of clothing and you would like replacements from our lost property collection, please contact the school.
All unclaimed lost property will be donated to the local Air Ambulance clothing bank.

P.E activity changes and kit requirements

Following half term, the students will be moving on in the PE programme of study to their next activities. The attached information details the activity and kit requirements

Buntingford Film Club

Saturday 10th November at 2.30pm - "Wreck It Ralph" and in the evening at 7.30pm a charity performance of "Journeys End" in aid of the Royal British Legion. For further information: info@buntingfordfilmclub.org

Do have a restful half term we look forward to seeing you soon!

**Jo Gant
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French Homework Challenge
PE Kit**

*As a Christian school we recognise the unique and wonderful in everyone.
As a community we support one another to flourish and live life in all its fullness.*