



**Diary Dates:**

4/10/18	Open Evening for Prospective Parents
15/10/18	8H & 8E Parents' Evening 4pm-6:30pm
15/10/18	8E & 8T Educational Visit
16/10/18	8H & 8K Educational Visit
16/10/18	Y5 Road Safety Presentation
17/10/18	8T & 8K Parents' Evening 4pm-6:30pm
23/10/18	School Photographs
23/10/18	Road Safety
24/10/18	School Photographs
29/10-2/11/18	Autumn Half Term
7/12/18	Occasional day - School closed
21/12/18	End of term 2:30pm finish
7/1/19	Spring Term
13/5/18	SATS Week for Year 6

**Health & Safety** – Aerosol deodorants are not permitted at Edwinstree due to allergies, a stick or roll on deodorant is acceptable.

**When is Open Evening and what is it about? Is my child involved?**

Students will be bringing letters home with regard to our Open Evening on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October. We have had a really good response to requests for volunteers. Year 5 & Year 8 volunteers will act as guides to show parents around the school. Year 6 and Year 7 will be located within the school in different subject areas. If your child has kindly volunteered to take part please make sure they are at the school for 5.30pm and collected at 8pm from the main entrance.

**Are Enrichment Clubs up and running?**

Please check the club finish times closely **Brass Band finishes at 4.00pm**. Attached with this newsletter is a leaflet advertising the new Robotics Club, how to sign up and payment. We planned to begin this after half term, but the start-up requires 16 students. If your child is Pupil Premium or Looked After we are able to divert a small amount of money to support this.

**How can I help the school reduce supply and yet increase the enrichment opportunities for students?**

We are looking for volunteers for the Year 8 educational visit to Oliver Cromwell House in Ely on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October. By signing up, you help to reduce the number of staff we take out and, therefore, save the school money by limiting supply cover keeping teachers in the classroom. If you are able to support the visit, please contact the school office Thank you

**What is the COWO theme for the next few weeks?**

Collective worship continues with the theme of Creation that the world was made and it was 'Good' and that we were given a role to look after it. With

Black History month launching in October, the school will be celebrating the part of 'Good' which celebrates our diversity and how important this is within the school and within the UK. We will also be launching the 'All Souls Day' event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October. (please read last week's newsletter available on our website)

**Is the Merit Text home working?**

Thank you for letting us know that you are really enjoying the positive conversations you are having with your child about their merits. In reviewing our behaviour data this month, we can see that there are over ten times as many merits as negatives in our first month. Please congratulate your child on their positive start to the term.

**If I am buying a winter coat and shoes what do I need to think about?**

Following our stay safe training last year, it became abundantly clear that asking students to have a dark coloured coat meant they were difficult to see when exiting the school. We are very supportive of children wearing a bright coat through the winter months. We are worried that there are still a small minority of students wearing canvas type black shoes, as we come to the rainy season we look forward to seeing them move to a more appropriate footwear.

**Year 8**

Year 8 have made a positive start to the year and it is lovely to hear the Year 5s explain how relieved they are that the older year groups are kind and considerate to them around the school.

**Year 8 Girls HPV**

50% of the HPV consent forms have not been received. Deadline is Monday 1/10/18, please complete the online consent form. The link is on the attached letter

**Year 7**

A positive start for Year 7 with lots of merits. They have shown compassion to our Year 5. Next week in their year group COWO, we will be looking to separate boys and girls to talk about moving away from physical behaviour to solve problems. Girls will be talked through what happens if they get a period in school, what to do, where to go etc. Congratulations to 7C for winning the non-uniform day for the best attendance over the last two weeks. Year 8 Leaders will be planning a 'pull out day' for Year 7 this term, based on staying safe online, with a particular focus on mobile phone use.

**Year 6**

Thank you to the significant number of parents who attended the SATs' evening to support their child during this next year. Please remember, this is about keeping them calm and helping them to do their best. The most important thing for your child is that they finish SATs with a sense of pride that they gave it their best shot. This is the important learning that will support them later in life.

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## Year 5

We have been working with Year 5 on what it means to be a Church of England school. Sadly over the last two weeks, we have had four incidents of racism within the year group. In Collective Worship this week, we explored the importance of celebrating us and individuals and helping to find our 'wonderful'. We considered diversity and equality as key themes that thread not only through British society but through the Christian Church. We are currently securing the 'Say No to Racism' group to support Year 5 to celebrate diversity and not to fear it.

Members of GIST Limited, will provide a Road Safety Presentation to Year 5 next month to support our emphasis on staying safe when crossing the road. As part of the visit, students will have the opportunity to sit in an HGV lorry and experience what it is like to see pedestrians from a driver's viewpoint.

Attached with the newsletter is our feedback from the Year 5 Parents' Evening and we are pleased that so many of the children are settling well into Edwinstree. One area of concern is that 10 people 'did not know whether the school dealt with bullying effectively'.

Please can I stress, if you have any concerns or worries for your child about repeated poor behaviour, please do not hesitate to get in touch the email address of the head of year is in your child's ROA.

Don't leave even the smallest niggle, let us know. To reassure you, my Senior Leadership Team take lunch with Year 5s and one of the questions we ask is 'what surprised you about Edwinstree?'. One of the most common answers is the upper year groups "who have been really kind".

Three parents identified a concern over whether students from different backgrounds get on with each other and we will be tackling this issue during this term, to make sure that students are clear why, Edwinstree as a Church of England school, welcomes and celebrates diversity and why this is important. Three parents didn't know whether students behaved well in school. Our current behaviour data tells us that they do behave, and where they make a mistake, almost all are learning from it and not repeating.

## Year 5

Next week, Year 5 will be nominating a member of the school community they have seen embody our Christian values. The nominees will be announced each week in Year 5 Collective Worship, published in the Newsletter and given a Merit. These nominations can be to anyone in the school volunteers, visitors, students or staff.

This is part of their student voice so please encourage them to discuss with you after it has been introduced. We look forward to seeing our cohort embody the 'spirit' of Edwinstree and our Christian values. Thank you

## SAA's Paint a Poppy Challenge

In art lessons for the next two weeks, students will be painting or drawing a poppy, Home learning this week for parents too!

I am challenging all staff, parents and students to paint or draw a poppy or poppies for our display in the school hall by **12<sup>th</sup> October** for a photograph of our display to be sent off to the appeal. Please look on this site for

FAQ. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EAhH97g114Y>

Mrs J Chipperfield Leader of Art

## Robotics Building and Coding Club

There will be a new robotics building and coding club at Edwinstree starting in November. This is an exciting opportunity for any child from Year 5 to Year 8 to learn how to construct and program Lego Mindstorm robots. This will help students consolidate their knowledge of how to program in a new, exciting and fun way. The club will be entirely run by PrepareRobo Ltd and will be hosted by the school. The club will start on 7/11/18 from 3.30pm to 5pm and will last for 10 sessions as shown on the attached leaflet. The cost for these 10 session club will be £79.50.

If you would like your child to join in then please contact **PrepareRobo directly on 07482446318** or email on [clubs@preparerobo.com](mailto:clubs@preparerobo.com). Applications can be made by printing the enclosed form, signing it, then scanning and emailing it to the email address. Alternatively any copies of the form can be given to the school office and they will be dated and passed through to the company. In the event of the club being full, it will be first come first served. Any queries please contact PrepareRobo directly. The school will be unable to answer any questions themselves as this is an external club.

## Parentview

Parentview is the main route for parents and carers to give their views to Ofsted. It also offers a simple way for those who lead and manage the school to find out what parents think of the school. Please visit:

[www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk).

## Scholastic Book Club is up and running!

Leaflets will be going home with Year 5 & Year 6 students today. Please follow the link below

<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/edwinstree-cofe>

to browse the latest books and order online. For every **£1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 25p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by Friday October 12<sup>th</sup> 2018**.

## Jo Gant

Headteacher

Robo club

Questionnaire

HPV Letter

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