



**Diary Dates:**

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
22/10/18	All Souls Day event
23/10/18	School Photographs
23/10/18	Road Safety
24/10/18	School Photographs
25/10/18	Music Concert at Freman 7pm
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
13/5/19	SATS Week for Year 6

**School Uniform**

Thank you to the majority of parents who support the school uniform policy; however, if your child is not wearing the appropriate uniform please can this be corrected? Thank you for your support.

**Attendance**

If your child is absent due to illness please email:  
[attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

**Y8 Parent Volunteers 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Oct**

We are still looking for volunteers, if you are able to support the Y8 visit to Oliver Cromwell House in Ely, please contact the school office asap.

**Open Evening**

Thank you to the significant number of students who turned up to represent the school at our Open Evening. The school was full to the brim with over ¾ of our students wanting to show Parents and the Community all the good work they are achieving. The atmosphere was terrific!

**What has happened in COWO this week?**

We have continued to celebrate the theme of Creation and recognising that what was created was **'good and we need to look after it'**. As part of this theme we have taken time to celebrate difference, and this has involved looking at perspectives and black history, as Black History Month launched on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**What is happening on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October?**

Pupils were introduced to our first Fullness day which is celebrating 'All Souls Day' a week early as this will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November when we are on half term. Your child has been asked to come to school representing a member of the family and or friend, who has passed away. This is based around the Church of England's tradition of celebrating our loved ones. It provides an opportunity for us as a community to enjoy our memories and keep the spirit

of our loved ones alive. As part of the day, Period 4 and 5 will be devoted to creating memory rings which will combine our desire to recycle plastic. Examples of these are below. Could you help by providing the following:

- A plastic bottle.
- A photo if possible.
- A set of scrap material, wool, lace, etc that can be woven around the ring to create a design.

Students will also receive their new planners without the plastic front cover and have an opportunity to design their own front cover during this day. A small group of students will be visiting our local parish churchyards with candles and wreaths, to celebrate the memory of our loved ones. Please note some children have asked if they can celebrate the life of a pet which is absolutely fine!

**Year 8**

Our Chair of Governors has been in talking to our Year 5s and we have also been carrying out a survey on how they are feeling about the school. We still have significant numbers wanting to tell us how grateful they are to Year 8s, they are so kind and helpful. Well done! A huge thank you to Freddie, Ruby and Lewie, who ran the homelearning breakfast club this week during Mrs Arnold's absence.

**Year 7**

Year 7 boys took part in a COWO about the importance of moving away from being physical with each other to finding other ways of playing or resolving issues as they move into KS3. Year 7 girls spent time going through what happens if they start their periods in school: who they can go to and what support they can get. Don't forget their homework is all up on the website for the next two weeks if they forget to bring it home.

**Year 6**

Thank you to those parents who attended the Year 6 Parents' Evening to find out about the SATs process at the school, and how we support students through this period. There will be a follow up meeting in the Spring Term. We encourage all Year 6 parents to attend as this can be a difficult year for your child.

**Year 5**

Year 5 were introduced to the Learning Zone as a space for students to seek support when something difficult is happening in their lives. Confidentiality was discussed, and sadly, we found out that almost all students in the school will need the support of the Learning Zone at some point. Please remember if you have a worry or concern you can email the Learning Zone on: [learningzone@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:learningzone@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

**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

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photograph of our display to be sent off to the appeal. Please look on this site for FAQ. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EAhH97g114>  
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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**

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