



Diary Dates:

11/2/19	Parents' Evening 8E/8H 4pm-6pm
11/2/19	Quin Y7/Y8 Fun Swim Rewards afternoon
12/2/19	Y6 Parent in school Workshop
13/2/19	Parents' Evening 8K/8T 4pm-6pm
25/2/19	Parents' Evening 6H/6W
25/2/19	Quin Y5/Y6 Fun Swim Rewards afternoon
27/2/19	Parents' Evening 6J
4/3/19	Parents' Evening 7C & 7F 4pm-6pm
6/3/19	Parents' Evening 7R & 7S 4pm-6pm
7/3/19	World Book Day
12/3/19	Y6 Parent in school Workshop
25-28/3/19	Y8 Normandy Residential Visit
19/3/19	Joint Concert at Freman
3/4/19	Sex Education Workshop - 7pm-8:30pm
13/5/19	SATS Week for Year 6
26-28/6/19	Y6 Residential visit to Norfolk

How do I report my child's absence?

To report a student absent please use the direct attendance email:

attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Thank you.

Robotics Club – Wednesdays 3:20pm – 5pm

Only a few places available if your child wants to attend Robotics Club on Wednesdays from 3:20pm-5pm. Details on how to sign up are attached to last week's Newsletter.

Fullness Day – Kerala Floods

In support of one of our children's family members, a group of Year 7 students have planned and organised a fund raising day. We hope you forgive us, but following a discussion with student, we agreed to increase the non-uniform day to £2 per child to raise almost a £1000. We hope to have a cake sale, and will be calling on our amazing family of bakers to support by baking cakes for Wednesday 13/2/19. Lessons 3 – 5 will take place in vertical groupings of 24, and students will circulate, exploring the scale of the flood devastation. This will be a great opportunity to remove the myth that this flood caused damage due to poverty. By using our value of Humility, we will explore the main cause of the devastation. Students will also have an opportunity to marvel at the capacity of Kerala and the Indian population to survive and recover.

Quin House fun swim

Please make sure that if your child wishes to attend the Quin House fun swim they have

returned their permission slips and remind them to bring their swimming kit.

Concert – 19/3/19

The Joint Edwinstree / Ralph Sadlier / Freman College Spring concert date has been moved to Tuesday 19th March and will take place at Freman College, further details to follow.

Year 5

Thank you to all year 5 parents who supported their child make their 'Jars of Wonderful'. During Easter these will be turned into 3D classroom displays, we hope to return them to your child on their Year 8 exit. Will they remember which one is theirs?

Swimming groups are changing - please ask your child to check if their name is on the list in their classroom if they are unsure. Students who are in the RED Group will be swimming from 14/2/19 until 28/3/19 during games lessons every Thursday. Please ensure your child brings their full swimming kit: swimming costume, towel and swimming cap to each swimming lesson. Goggles are not compulsory.

Year 6

SATs Parent Workshop 12th February 2019

Congratulations to Year 6 on a very calm SATs week and some really positive mock SAT results. We hope you enjoyed reading your children's letters inviting you to attend the SATs workshop on 12th February 2019. In case you missed it, here are the key details. At the workshop you will learn the areas your child needs to work on following analysis of the mock SATs. Your children's English and maths teachers will be on hand to teach you the methods we are using at school so you will be confident in your knowledge and better able to support your child's revision at home.

Timings for the sessions are as follows and will take place in the hall: 6W 8:50-9:50am, 6J 9:50-10:50am and 6H 11:10am-12:10pm.

Please return the reply slip attached to the letter you received, or email

hoy6@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk to let us know which session you will be attending.

Miss Devonshire

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Production News

Thank you to all the students who have auditioned over the past couple of weeks. Every student who auditioned is in the cast. However, we need to spend some time making sure we've allocated all the speaking parts, so the cast list will be up before the end of this half term. The first rehearsal will take place after half term so **there is no rehearsal next week.** Not all the cast will be needed every week so we will create a rehearsal schedule that will show when students are needed.

Finally, we've had a lot of queries from students about helping backstage. We will be starting to think about this after the half term and will let students know how they can get involved then - Mr Rowlands.

Recycling Project

Following the successful manufacture of recycled mats for the homeless, Edwinstree is now on its next recycling venture. An amount of waste was created from the unwanted parts of the plastic bags used to make the mats. A small group of 'Plastic Warriors' are now attempting to re-use this waste to create plastic bottle bricks that can then be sent to the relevant charity. These are called eco bricks and are used to create sustainable houses. (Really we are not making this up!) We would be grateful if any old/used plastic 2 litre bottles could be sent into school via your child. A collection box will be available in the main hall. Thank you for your support

Parents' Evenings

Year 7: Monday 4th March 2019 7C and 7F;
Wednesday 6th March 2019 7R and 7S; 4-6pm – an informal opportunity to look at your child's foundation subject books with them and discuss their learning (all the subjects apart from maths, English and science). Subject teachers will be on hand for conversations about learning or to answer questions. Please bring your child to the evening.

Year 8: Monday 11th February 2019 8E and 8H;
Wednesday 13th February 2019 8K and 8T; 4-6pm - an informal opportunity to look at your child's foundation subject books and discuss their learning (all the subjects apart from maths, English and science). Subject teachers will be on hand for conversations about learning or to answer questions. Please bring your child to the evening.

During Tuesday's Collective Worship, Y8 will begin to discuss how we transition students to Freman. We will outline our procedures and the basics of what we have told your child via our Newsletters.

Parental Workshop 'Talking about sex and relationships with your teenager'

You may be aware that sex education has now returned as a compulsory part of the national curriculum. All students take part in sex education during the summer term as part of the PSHCE programme. If you would like help and support in how to talk to your child about this topic, we have arranged for an expert to provide advice and guidance. The workshop will take place on 3/4/19 from 7pm-8:30pm. Please read the attached letter for more information. Year 7 and 8 parents take priority in booking. Invitations to follow.

GDPR Reminder

Please can we remind parents not to publish names of students on Edwinstree's Facebook page, this is a breach of Data Protection. Please contact the school if you have any queries. Thank you.

Jo Gant Headteacher

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As a community we support one another to flourish and live life in all its fullness.*