



NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS
Week Ending: 8/03/2019

Diary Dates:

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| 11/3/19 | Second Mock SATS paper |
| 12/3/19 | Second Mock SATS paper |
| 12/3/19 | Y7 Maths Team |
| | Maths Challenge at Marriotts School |
| 12/3/19 | Y6 Parent in school Workshop 5pm-6pm |
| 14/3/19 | Y8 Big Bang Fair - 7am start |
| 19/3/19 | Y8 Maths Team |
| | UK Maths Challenge, Cambridge |
| 21/3/19 | KS2 French Play [Y5 & Y6] |
| 19/3/19 | Joint Spring Concert at Freman 7pm |
| 25-28/3/19 | Y8 Normandy Residential Visit |
| 3/4/19 | Town Council AGM 6:30pm at Edwinstree |
| | Plastic Awareness |
| 3/4/19 | Sex Education Workshop - 7pm-8:30pm |
| 4/4/19 | Action Aid Fete |
| 5/4/19 | Easter Service at St Peters |
| 5/4/19 | End of Term 2:30pm |
| 23/4/19 | Summer Term |
| 23/4/19 | School Meal Increases to £2.65 per day |
| 13/5/19 | SATS Week for Year 6 |
| 27-31/5/19 | Half Term |
| 26-28/6/19 | Y6 Residential visit to Norfolk |
| 28/6/19 | Inset Day |
| 19/7/19 | End of Term 2:30pm |

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.

School Meal Increase - Hertfordshire Catering Ltd have informed us that the costs of a school meal will increase to £2.65 with effect from 23/04/19. If your child wishes to stop school meals, written notice must be given, otherwise you will be charged for prepared meals.

Why might I receive a letter with regard to my child's absence?

During the last two weeks of term, a significant number of students suffered illness in the form of a flu like virus that also caused sickness. Despite this, we are still following County guidelines and letters have been issued this week regarding students' attendance.

Please note that if your child's attendance falls below 93%, you will receive a request for a medical note for all further absences. If you have taken your child out for a holiday without authorisation, you will receive a notification of potential fines. If your child's attendance is below 93% we will contact you for an attendance meeting to find out what we can do together to secure your child's recovery from poor

attendance. Please remember, above all other measures, the amount of time your child is in school is the number one indicator of their likelihood of success. 90% attendance is the equivalent of one day off every two weeks.

What are we doing for Comic Relief?

As a Church of England school, we are aware that we ask a lot of our students and parents in terms of fund raising. Due the fact we have a Year 7 Action Aid week before Easter, we are proposing to just run a non-uniform day for £1 to support Comic Relief on 22nd March 2019. Thank you for your support.

Punctuality

Thank you to the vast majority of Parents who go above and beyond in making sure their child arrives at school for 8:40am. However, we have noticed a small increase in the number of children arriving late to school outside of registration time. We would like to emphasise the importance of arriving to school on time, their registration is full of information and updates for the day and the week ahead and, without this start to the day, students can feel a little lost. Individual parents will be contacted to agree a plan of action to get the few into school on time. Thank you for your support.

Year 5 English Homelearning

Year 5 English Homelearning is now on our website in the Homelearning Section Please visit our website to find out what your child is studying. Select a subject, click onto the 'Subject Overview' link and the topics covered can be found in this section.

Instagram and WhatsApp use.

It has come to our attention that some Year 5 students are currently using websites that have an official age way above that of a 10 year old. We are also beginning to see the onset of poor behaviour and communication on these sites. Can we please steer that you monitor your child's mobile phone use daily. If you would like further information on how to keep you child safe online please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers-whose-children-are-using-social-media>

Year 5 and Year 6 - You might be interested...

'Squeebles' is a fun, interactive app that supports children with their spelling. There are a selection of spelling lists available, which can be selected and downloaded to suit your individual profile.

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The lists are linked to the national curriculum and students can spend time learning the words and then take a spelling test. The score and progress is tracked over time and success earns rewards and prizes, which can be used in the 'Squeeberang' game! This is a fun way to help support your child in learning the statutory spelling word lists. Squeebles also offer a similar range of maths games.

Year 6

A second set of mock SAT take place on Monday and Tuesday of next week. After these results, we will be inviting parents in to school to discuss what to do, in the final lead up to the SATs in May. There will be a meeting for parents on 12/3/19 from 5pm-6pm
Student should arrive at the normal time as breakfast will not be provided on these days.

Year 7

Will be beginning to get their plans ready for their Action Aid stalls that will take place on the last Thursday before the end of term. They will need to discuss their ideas with you.

Year 8 Big Bang – 14/3/19 7am

Students need to arrive in the school hall for 7am for a prompt departure at 7:15 am.

Students to wear normal school uniform and comfortable shoes. A packed lunch and a drink in a bottle is advisable [no fizzy drinks or cans]and a small rucksack to carry everything in. Food may be available at the NEC, but it will be expensive and this is not guaranteed. Please make sure that any medication, including travel sickness pills, are handed into school by Tuesday 12/3/19. We are hoping to be back at school by 5:30pm. You will be notified by Parentmail of any delays. Other schools will be attending this event. Please remind your child they are ambassadors for our school and the usual behaviour expectations will apply. Please read the information attached with this newsletter.

What is happening in COWO?

We have been exploring the value of 'Justice' this half term and we were pleased to welcome Pastor Joseph Jones from Therfield Chapel who captivated the students with his humour and storytelling based around this theme.

Football Sporting News

Y8 at Birchwood 28/2/19
Edwinstree 0 – 1 Boys High
Edwinstree 3 – 1 St Marys
Edwinstree 1 – 0 Bishops Stortford College

Y5 -7-a-side tournament at Ralph Sadleir 28/2/19
Edwinstree 1-0 St Mary's
Edwinstree 0 – 1 Greneway
Edwinstree 0 – 1 Ralph Sadleir
Y5
Edwinstree 0 – St Mary's 6/3/19
Edwinstree 0 – 1 Greneway A
Edwinstree 3 - 2 Ralph Sadleir
Edwinstree 0 – 4 Greneway B
Edwinstree 1 - 2 Greneway B
Edwinstree 0 – 0 Ralph Sadleir (RS win 5-4 on pens)

Year 7 - 01/03/19

Edwinstree 0 – 4 Boy's High
Edwinstree 1 – 0 Birchwood B
Edwinstree 1 – 2 JFAN
Edwinstree 0 – 1 Helena Romanes

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Big Bang Map etc**

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