



**Diary Dates:**

13/3/18	<b>Unilever Visit – Science</b> <b>Happy Puzzle Company Y5/Y6 Maths</b>
14/3/18	<b>Joint Concert at Freman 6pm</b>
15/3/18	<b>Y7 Parents' Evening 7G/7T</b> <b>NO ART CLUB</b>
21/3/18	<b>Homework Policy Review meeting for parents at 6pm</b>
26-29/3/18	<b>Y8 Normandy Visit</b>
26/3/18	<b>Y6 Parents' Evening 6C – 4pm-7pm</b>
27/3/18	<b>Y6 Parents' Evening 6D/6PD 4pm-7pm</b>
29/3/18	<b>End of term 2:30pm finish</b>
16/4/18	<b>School Meal increases to £2.55 a day</b>
17/4/18	<b>ESA Meeting</b>
20/4/18	<b>Y8 visit Tate Modern in London</b>
w/b	<b>Y6 SATs</b>
14/5/18	

**How was World Book Day plus 1?**

Apart from the fact that on Friday we were the only school dressed up, while others returned to normality, the array of costumes continues to be outstanding, students love sharing their favourite books and characters – thank you for helping them to have fun!

**Attendance**

School attendance will continue to be closely monitored in 2018 as we continue to make progress and improvement. This has such a positive impact upon pupil progress. To report a student absent please use the direct email: [attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

**Which is the most important homework?**

Please continue to ensure that your child is reading 5 times a week for 20 minutes. It is absolutely vital that they continue this into Year 8 and Freman College. All learning stems from their ability to read. Please remember that their passports include a reading detective set of questions, to help you to make sure what your child has read, has been understood and interpreted. Thank you for your support.

**Year 5**

If you have not had a look at the Year 5 writing, please stop and do so! Their books in English and humanities are showing significant improvement in this area. Please congratulate them!

**Year 6**

Congratulations to Year 6 on completing their mock SATs in a calm but determined manner. Nearly all papers are already marked and we will give feedback via your child, whether they

achieved the AT, WT or AB in their exam. You won't receive the actual pass mark, as this changes each year and we will not have this information until the actual SATs take place, so we are working on our best guess. Please remember, your child is the last cohort to have a raise in the SAT exam expectations. Our messages to students this week, and for the future, is that the most important thing is to try your best and to know on results day that you did. The actual results are not important for their future and they are not to worry at all about them. To celebrate their mature attitude, we gave them a cinema treat period 5 on Thursday.

Before Easter, we will publish an amended timetable to support Year 6 in the lead up to the SATs, to increase their English and maths lessons. Science, PE, art and design technology will continue, but Humanities will fold for the four weeks prior to the SATs. We will also be offering four fun afternoon sessions, to keep them fit and entertained and to put everything in perspective. We ran a similar timetable last year, which really helped students to prepare for their exams. As for revision, we will carry out most of this in the classroom, in the build up to the actual exams. However, we do recommend the SAT busters, which your child received earlier in the year. 10 minutes of reading, writing and maths questions regularly in the month before, will really help. Do keep a note of their ROA, as we will guide you through what your child should be doing.

**Year 7**

Please be vigilant and pick your child up if you see the mobile text language creeping into their everyday writing. Do not let them get away with '2 or luv' etc

**Year 8 Visit to Normandy**

Thank you to all parents who attended the Normandy information event. Students not going on the visit will have a collapsed timetable and the one class will continue with learning. However, we will also build in some support time for our Year 8's to work with our Year 5 & Year 6 students, as they make fantastic role models in the classroom.

**Have you received confirmation of your child's place at Freman College?** Please make sure you have all the documentation returned promptly. Handover meetings will begin after Easter. Please make sure your final payment and consent forms are returned for the Year 8 Art visit to the Tate Modern, which takes place on 20/4/18.

### **Can you help us?**

Could you spare the five minutes to complete the online Parentview for us, outlining your views on the school? Currently there are not enough parent questionnaires completed for Ofsted to use this information.

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Our Spring **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!**

Students have been given a Book Club magazine.

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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. **Please visit:**

<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/edwinstree-cofe> to browse the latest books and place orders. **All orders must be placed online.**

### **Year 8 Parents Questionnaire feedback.**

Feedback from the Y8 Parent Questionnaires is that while the overwhelming majority of parents are happy with Edwinstree, a small, but important minority, expressed concerns in Year 8. We always encourage parents who 'strongly disagree' in the questionnaire to talk to us, let us know your concerns and give us the opportunity to address them.

As a school, we cannot get it right all of the time, but unless we know the problem, we are unable to address it. Please contact the school office to speak to me, my Senior Leadership Team or the Head of Year:

[hoy5@edwinstree.hert.sch.uk](mailto:hoy5@edwinstree.hert.sch.uk)

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[hoy8@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:hoy8@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk) or email

[admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

I have noted that a very small minority disagreed that we set an appropriate amount of homework, communicate effectively about progress or felt we did not communicate effectively as a school. We will be holding a Parent Feedback meeting on our reporting system, homework and our communication after Easter. Please look out for these events, as we would appreciate you taking the time to attend to help us improve. If you are unable to attend, we would welcome your suggestions via email or telephone, we will always listen

### **Homework Policy Review**

Parents are invited to take part in a homework review meeting, to discuss current practice and explore the use of "show my homework " at Edwinstree on 21/3/18 at 6pm. If you are unable to attend, please email your comments or suggestions to the school office via:

[admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk) .

### **Happy Puzzle Company & Unilever**

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Unilever and the Happy Puzzle Company will be visiting the school. The Puzzle Company will be selling their products, which range from 75p to £20 at 3:30pm. Parents and students are welcome to browse the shop if they wish to purchase. Unilever will be working with Year 6 in the laboratories and will lead our Collective Worship.

**Jo Gant**

**Headteacher**

*Our faith supports each individual to flourish and challenges us to live life in all its fullness*