



Edwinstree Middle School
A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School
NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS
Week Ending: 11/06/21

Diary Dates

7/6/21	Change to School entry and exit times Y8: 8:45am - 2:50pm Y7: 8:45am - 2:50pm Y6: 8:50pm - 2:55pm Y5 8:50am - 2:55pm
15/6/21	6A – Fun Swim
17/6/21	8C – Fun Swim
22/6/21	5D – Fun Swim
25/6/21	Inset Day – School closed
7/7/21	Y8 Online Parent Consultation for Foundation subjects
8/7/21	County Transition Day Y8 to Freman Y4 visit Edwinstree
15/7/21	Y5 Celebration Event – outside event within school grounds
16/7/21	Y8 Celebration Evening – outside event within school grounds
22/7/21	End of Term
1/9/21	Inset Day
2/9/21	Inset Day
3/9/21	Induction Day for New Year 5 ONLY
6/9/21	Autumn Term begins

Our calendar has increased as we attempt to lock in events in the hope that the lockdown continues to release – all events are subject to change dependent on Covid and Government guidance.

Timetable - Week A available on our website:
www.edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

What are the new times to the school day?

Thank you for supporting the new timings of the school day. The exit from the reception area with coaches and cars is challenging. However, the side gate off the playground, which leads to the park, has now been repaired and students in Year 5 and 7 will exit from this point.

Parents and siblings can wait safely in the park.

KS3 - Y7 & Y8 : 8:45am enter via bottom gate - 2:50pm exit via bottom gate

KS2 - Y5 & Y6 : 8:50pm enter via pedestrian gate, main entrance - 2:55pm exit via pedestrian gate from the playground

We will make this change next week. Bus students will continue to **exit first at the end of the day**. Landmark buses pick up from the school gate, all other bus students will be escorted to Freman College. Please support your child to remember their mask, they are still expected to wear a mask when travelling by bus – Thank you.

Reminder: During the hot weather please remind your child to bring their water bottle, it is important that they stay hydrated; they can refill their water bottle at school. Please remind your child to apply sunscreen before school, do not send sun cream in to school. Thank you
PE Kit can be worn at the start of the week due to the warm weather; we will review the forecast mid-week.

Please note: If your child suffers from Hay fever, please administer medication before school, as we are unable to close windows due to Covid regulations.

When is our Inset Day?

We have calendared in this year an **Inset Day for Friday 25th June**. During this challenging COVID year, the Government said that Inset Days would have to be used if the school closed early. We finished one day earlier than planned at Christmas, due to the increase in COVID-19 cases. However, we have heard nothing since, and are clear we really need this day. We are aware a number of parents have booked visits and family gatherings to capitalise on this opportunity, so we plan to go ahead with the day as published on our website.

What happens on Inset Day?

Following our April data and formative assessment collection, we have pushed forward with your child’s learning and we will continue to do so throughout June. We will use the Inset Day to review our curriculum maps for next year and develop a recovery plan from September. We will have met again with Freman to coordinate our KS3 approach, information on our reviews and curriculum recovery plan will be published on our website.

How should I read my child’s data report and what should I do if I have a concern?

You will have received your child’s data report for our Core subjects this week. Please read the bottom section of the report, which outlines how to understand your child’s attainment and progress during this challenging year. If you have a concern or worry about the report, please email the school office at admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk and they will direct your concern to the relevant member of staff who will respond within 48 hours, wherever possible.

An end of year progress report will be sent home in July. Year 8 parents will have an opportunity for an online Parent Consultation event with their child’s foundation subject teachers before the end of term. We are suggesting that you

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focus on the subjects that you already know your child is keen to take at GCSE.

Will Edwinstree be offering a Summer school?

Further information to follow in due course - Our focus will be based around recovery for Catch-up and primarily PP students and the proposed dates are from 16th to 23rd August. The Summer school will offer students the opportunity to recover and or maintain their reading and numeracy skills and create some memories through enrichment activities. Please be aware that if you sign up to Summer school we need your child to commit to attending. All schools will fund the summer school and claim the money back from the Government in October. If your child does not attend after making a commitment, we are unlikely to receive the full funding!

Who are the new parent Governors?

Our new Parent Governors will be announced next week, thank you for taking the time to vote.

Who is swimming next week and will all students get the opportunity to swim?

15/6/21	6D – Fun Swim
17/6/21	8C – Fun Swim
22/6/21	5D – Fun Swim

We no longer send home paper reply slips. If your

child's class has won a fun swim, we need your permission. They will not be able to go unless you have given consent. Please complete the simple form in the link below in order that your child can attend:

<https://forms.office.com/r/FzkAPV18eS>

We will be setting mini challenges for those classes that have not yet had a swim reward, as we want to provide all students with the opportunity for some fun.

Should we continue testing for Covid?

Due to an increase in the Delta variant of Covid-19, we have been advised that the testing programme should continue for KS3 students and all members of staff. We appreciate your support in helping to keep our community as safe as possible.

Reading Survey

Thank you so much to those of you who have completed our parent voice survey about reading at home. I have updated the link so you should be able to access it here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BTrlzduqZ0-r9r2eTDmg8BOYJEFZ-NBHUEIIAIWw_DZUOVFVSDcxT1pDR1ZQR0JBWkM4Uk5DTINJV4u

For the remainder of this term and looking forward to September, you will see reading becoming more of a priority at school. With this in mind, I wanted to share some research, conducted by the Education Endowment Fund and to communicate how you can support your child's reading at home and the importance and benefits that reading can have on your child's future.

GOV.UK research – see attached Miss Devonshire, Head of English

What enrichment clubs are up and running?

It has been great to see so many people get involved in the enrichment we are now able to provide during lunchtime and after school. We have over 100 students signed up and taking part, which is fantastic! A big thank you to those staff who are running these.

Attached to the newsletter is a confirmed list of clubs and their start / finish times if after school. There are still some places available for those who have yet to sign up. As we are no longer using paper reply slips, if you wish your child to take part in a club, please sign them up using the link below. Not only is this so we know names of who to expect (and to keep numbers at a safe level), but also to have your permission for them to stay after school. – We will only contact you if your child does not have a place. **Year 7 football club is now full.**

<https://forms.office.com/r/vsfmx4sUVk>

Please note, if your child does not have PE that day but plans to stay for a PE club, they are able to wear their PE kit to school.

What is topics are being taught in PSHE Sex and Relationships this term?

Please see the attached document, which outlines the topics that each year group will be covering this term.

Clothes Collection for Wullinkamma School in The Gambia

Edwinstree is looking to collect brand-new (or almost brand-new) clothes for [Wullinkamma Basic School in](#) The Gambia. The school also runs aside a nursery school and also a small health clinic. Mr Galanides has visited this school and knows they are particularly in need

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of clothing for children between 8 to 12 years, although clothes for younger children would also be welcome. Please see attached for more information.

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Reading for Pleasure

After school clubs

SRE info

Clothes collection

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