



Diary Dates:

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| | No Homelearning Club last week of term |
| 27-30/3/17 | Normandy Visit |
| 28/3/17 | Y6 Parents' Feedback Meeting - Eng & Maths 12:15pm-4:30pm |
| 30/3/17 | SATS Parents' Information Evening 5pm |
| 31/3/17 | End of Term – School Finishes 2:30pm |
| 3-17/4/17 | Easter Holidays |
| 18/4/17 | Summer Term- students return |
| 19/4/17 | Y6 NHS Measure Height & Weight |
| 5/5/17 | ESA Big Band Night at Edwinstree |
| 8/5/17 | SATS Week |
| 29/5-2/6/17 | Half Term |
| 21/7/17 | End of Term – School finishes 2:30pm |

REMINDER: Clocks go forward this weekend and British Summer Time begins.

End of Term 31/3/17 School finishes at 2:30pm

The plan for the day is to attend an Easter Service at St Peter's Church. Y5 & Y7 will attend at 10am and Y6 & Y8 will attend at 11am. Any parents willing to escort students to and from school and join us for the church service, please contact the school office. We will also be hosting an 'Edwinstree's Got Talent' competition and auditions will take place during the last week of term. Y8 auditions took place today due to next week's Normandy visit. Thank you to Mr Rowlands and the House and Sport Captains for organising this event.

School Meals

The price of a school meal will increase on 1st April from £2.40 to **£2.45**. Please notify the school in writing any change to your child's meal pattern so that we can update our records accordingly.

Five Star Kitchen

We would like to congratulate our Catering Manager; Mrs Bray and her team, on once again achieving a Five Star rating following a recent Environmental Health visit. This is a considerable achievement that demonstrates the high standards that are maintained, through their hard work and proficiency. We would like to thank Mrs Bray and her catering team for their continued commitment to ensuring that school meals enjoyed by the students, are both healthy and delicious. The introduction of the breaktime snacks has been a great success.

Residential Visit to Normandy 2018

Reminder to Year 7 parents: Deposits for Normandy 2018 must be paid by the end of term at the very latest. If we do not receive a deposit we will assume your child does not want to go. Please contact Miss Bustard, via the school office if you have any queries in regard to payments.

Year 6 Parents

Thank you for the useful conversations at Parents' Meetings - we are looking forward to the next session on Tuesday. Many parents were asking how you could best support your children over the Easter break; the key message here is 'little and often'. Your child will learn best by doing short bursts of learning regularly. Students will be bringing home their test papers from the mock SATs week - you could work with them on a few questions each session. They will also have spellings to learn and they should continue to read. Discuss their learning with them and encourage them by praising their successes and supporting them with their next steps.

The two week break should definitely be a time for rest and relaxation. Play games, get outside, spend time together, have conversations and catch up on sleep ready for the term ahead!

As we continue to provide you with as much information and as many resources as we can, we would like to remind you that on **30/3/17** you are invited to join us at school for a final SATs preparation meeting. This will be an opportunity to hear further ideas on how to support your child and to receive **FREE books and resources** for you to take home! We hope you will be able to attend.

Mrs Kitchener & Mrs Mayne

Summer Uniform

Summer uniform can be worn from the start of the summer term.

BOYS: White open-neck tailored shirt, long or short sleeves, grey/black trousers, grey/black knee length shorts. Navy jumper is optional

GIRLS: White reverse open-neck blouse, long or short sleeves, dark navy/black/grey skirt, dark navy/black trousers, dark navy black knee length shorts. Navy jumper is optional

Y8 Normandy Visit 2017

Bon voyage – Updates will be posted on the website on Thursday regarding the return journey and their ETA back in Buntingford.

Year 6 Student SAT Survey

A survey was completed by Year 6 students on how they felt about the SATS.

Year 8 Transition

Freman College have begun the process to support the transition of our most vulnerable students. Parents of students in need of extra support will be contacted by letter. This year we will use our internal assessments to mark students' progress instead of the CAT scores.

Funding Letter from Local Heads

Attached is a letter from the local area heads, expressing our concerns at the possible funding cuts if the new national funding scheme is imposed. It is asking for your support by contacting your MP to express all our concerns.

Collective Worship

This term we have been reflecting on the Christian Values of Endurance. We have collectively run the mile to the distance of Buntingford to Nuuk, the capital of Greenland. This week has been somewhat slower due to the weather. We will have a final push to the North Pole next week!

After Easter we will be looking at the importance of religion around the world. We will be working on the Christian values of 'Love' and an individual's right to be 'different'. At the beginning of the term we will think about 'thankfulness' all the wonderful things we have to be grateful for and we will complete our 'Thankfulness Tree'. The little prayer room will also be launched after Easter which will be somewhere students can book to go and reflect.

Big Band Night 5/5/17

We are delighted that the ESA have been able to book the Freman College Band. They will be hosting an evening of Forties and Fifties style music for us to dance to! Tickets will go on sale next term.

Jo Gant Headteacher

Enc Funding Letter
Survey results