



Diary Dates:

29/5-2/6/17	Half Term
5/6/17	LA Review
6/6/17	Final Shropshire Payment £75 due
14/6/17	Year 5 Visit Kew Gardens
23/6/17	Winston Churchill Day
26/6/17	Inset Day – school closed
28/6/17	Summer Concert
29/6/17	Y5 Parents' Evening
30/6/17	Galactus Jack workshop
7/7/17	Action Aid
11/7/17	Y5 Whipsnade Zoo visit
13/7/17	County Transition Day
13/7/17	Y8 Visit Airspace - 6pm-7pm
14/7/17	Sports Day
20/7/17	Y8 CELEBRATION EVENING
21/7/17	End of Term – School finishes 2:30pm

School office opening hours:

Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:00pm.

School Meal Charges

This half term 5/6/17 – 21/7/17

34 days @ £2.45 = £83.30

Wednesdays & Fridays only

14 days @ £2.45 = £34.30

Fridays only – 7 days @ £2.45 = £17.15

How did we deal with the Manchester bombings?

Advice tells us that when terrible news hits, to stay calm and keep everything normal. However, where students wanted to talk about what happened our Head of Humanities downloaded advice from the PSHEE society in order to give us a structure, and frame to any discussions. Where appropriate, tutors and teachers took the time to do this and it was predominantly Key Stage 3 who were interested in discussing what happened. As a mark, of respect a minute's silence was observed on Thursday 25/5/17.

Summer Uniform

Students are expected to wear summer uniform however, if there is another hot spell we will notify you by Parentmail that PE kit can be worn to school.

Community Service

Sadly, just a few boys let us down in the week with regard to their behaviour on the way to school. Thank you to the parent body who stepped in and helped students to stop and correct their behaviours. We very much appreciate your support. However, we would advise 'honking a horn' tends to escalate a

situation, not reduce it. As part of our restorative justice approach to behaviour and in order to make reparation, these students participated in a litter picking exercise out in the community this week.

LA Review

The school will have its third LA review since September on the first day back after half term. These are the mini inspections that the LA has carried out for us, in order to secure and confirm that we are on track to return to 'Good'. As always, we will publish the finding of the Review for you to see our progress and students will be informed at school.

Elections at Edwinstree.

Students will be given a student friendly version of the manifesto from our parties and encouraged to take part in a vote on the 8th June. Dummy polling booths will be available for students to use before school at break and lunch. Year 8 will be involved in manning these and the final count.

Citizens Advice

Buntingford is currently expanding and we would like to make you aware that there is a permanent office in the town who can give free advice on most subjects.

Advice line: 03444111444.

Year 7 Science

Please be aware that as part of the science curriculum, Year 7 students will be covering reproduction next half term.

Year 8 Airspace Event

Mr Carter and the Year 8 team have booked an evening at the Airspace trampoline park in Stevenage on Thursday 13th July from 6-7pm. This is on a reward basis for students who have demonstrated a safe, caring and positive attitude throughout the year. As a potentially large group, Airspace have given Edwinstree a discounted price of £10 per student, which also includes the socks. This £10 payment is unfortunately non-refundable and Mr Carter urges parents to discuss with their children what the terms and conditions are for the evening before paying the deposit. All students are aware this rewards evening is based on good behaviour. A letter will follow after half term, illustrating the evening in more detail. This is an extra event and not to be mistaken for the Year 8 Celebration evening on 20/7/17.

Class Changes for September.

We are contemplating a change to classes as Year 5 transfer into Year 6 and Year 7 transfer to Year

8. Year 6 data currently tells us that there is an even spread of students and abilities, so only minor changes will be made with both parent and child agreement. Our process will be to consult students on a friend they would like to remain with, but be aware we reserve the right not to put them with that child if they are not good working partners as well as friends. We will shuffle the classes so Year 6 and Year 8 return in September to new form groups. If, as a parent you have any concerns about the changes taking place ie Please don't put my child with..... because, please email your Head of Year before the end of term. New classes will be considered and collated during the first couple of weeks of the term.

Lost Property

We have a considerable amount of unlabelled school uniform and lunch boxes. Please remind your child to check in lost property. Any unclaimed items will be recycled.

School Stationery and Equipment

Please could I ask parents and carers to refrain from sending students to school with items of expensive equipment? This is creating a divide between those that can afford and those that cannot and the school cannot be held responsible for loss or damage of such items.

Thank you for all your continued support, we hope you have a restful half term holiday.

Jo Gant
Headteacher

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