



Edwinstree Middle School
A Voluntary Controlled Church of
England School

NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS
Week Ending: 5th May 2017

Diary Dates:

- 5/5/17 **Normandy 2018 3rd Payment £50 due**
- 8/5/17 **Year 6 SATS Week**
- 8/5/17 **Report Feedback Meeting 5pm with Mrs Allan**
- 12/5/17 **Y5 Shropshire Payment £75 due**
- 17/5/17 **Report Feedback Meeting 11am with Mrs Allan**
- 25/5/17 **E-Safety Presentation by the Breck Foundation at 6pm**
- 29/5-2/6/17 **Half Term**
- 6/6/17 **Final Shropshire Payment £75 due**
- 14/6/17 **Year 5 Visit Kew Gardens**
- 26/6/17 **Inset Day – school closed**
- 28/6/17 **Summer Concert**
- 13/7/17 **County Transition Day**
- 18/7/17 **Y8 Celebration Evening**
- 21/7/17 **End of Term – School finishes 2:30pm**

ESA Big Band Event

This event has been postponed.

Reminder –

Breck Foundation Presentation – 25/5/17

Informative Presentation on how to stay safe on the internet. Please click on the link for more information

<http://edwinstree.herts.sch.uk/downloads/content/2016-17/24042017ICTLET.pdf>

Assessment, Reporting and Parents' Evenings

We are very keen to hear what you think of the different parents' evenings we have offered as well as our reporting system. In order to review and improve our practice, you are invited to attend a meeting with Mrs Allan on the **8th May at 5pm** to give you the opportunity to give us your feedback. We are also reviewing the Record of Achievement as they currently stand. If you have an opinion about how they could be improved, we would also welcome your comments, please email us via admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

County Transition Day - 13th July 2017

Year 4s visit Edwinstree and our Year 8s will visit Freman College.

Year 8 Celebration Evening

Our Celebration Evening for Year 8 will be held on Thursday 18th July, further details to follow.

SATs

Good luck to all our Year 6 students, who have been working really hard in preparation for the SATs. Booster breakfasts will be served from 8:20am to 8:50am in the Hall from Monday to Thursday.

PSHCE

Over the next two weeks Year 5 and Year 6 will receive a letter outlining the sex education course they will complete this term.

Year 8 PSHE is currently looking at mental health, what it is, and how to help students become resilient. There are five case study lessons based around, sleep deprivation, depression, anxiety, self-harm and eating disorders. At the end of each session students are given leaflets from the MIND charity with information on where they can get support.

I would like to take the opportunity to flag up a film on Netflix called '13 Reasons Why' The first episode was rated a '12' by the BBFC, subsequent episodes are either rated '15' or '18'. It contains very graphic images of self-harm and almost a glorifying edge to the film. Please be aware, it has caused significant controversy, and mental health experts advise that watching graphic images can encourage impressionable students.

Sporting News

Year 6 students Finlay Walker and Joe McKinley concluded their very successful District Football season on Friday in the Semi-Final of the tournament against Dacorum. Both boys proudly represented Edwinstree and performed with great sportsmanship. They showed commitment towards all training sessions and matches, and have earned the respect of new friends from other local schools. Finlay was Team Captain and Joe led the defence with outstanding performances. Well done boys!

Mr Baines



Collective Worship

This term your child will be exploring the key Christian values and working with their tutor in depth, in order to present a whole school assembly after half term. Our core values as a faith school are: Reverence, Wisdom, Thankfulness, Humility, Endurance, Service, Compassion, Trust, Peace, Forgiveness, Friendship, Justice, Hope, Creation and Koinonia (community). Our values will be mapped across our curriculum and explored during Collective Worship throughout the year. If you would like to attend a COWO please email admin, our whole school events take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays (hymns) at 2:45pm

School Gateway

We are still trying to resolve problems with meal payments showing the correct balance on the School Gateway, thank you for your patience. Any queries please contact the school office on 01763-271446.

Year 8 visit to Normandy 2018

Third £50 payment for Year 8 visit to Normandy 2018 is due; payment can be made via the School Gateway or cash in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child's name.

Road Safety

A member of the public has reported her concerns regarding students crossing the road without looking. Fortunately, an accident was avoided. Please remind your child about road safety and the dangers in crossing the road.

Jo Gant
Headteacher