



Edwinstree Middle School
A Voluntary Controlled Church of England
School
NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS
Week Ending: 29/03/2019

Diary Dates:

31/3/19	British Summer Time-clocks forward 1 hour
3/4/19	Town Council AGM 6:30pm at Edwinstree
	Plastic Awareness
3/4/19	Parent Workshop – Sex & Relationships 7pm
3/4/19	No Basketball Club
4/4/19	Action Aid Fete – Non-Uniform £2 donation
5/4/19	Easter Service at St Peters
5/4/19	End of Term 2:30pm
23/4/19	Summer Term
23/4/19	School Meal Increases to £2.65 per day
13/5/19	SATS Week for Year 6
27-31/5/19	Half Term
w/c 3/6/19	KS2 Science Assessments
20/6/19	Bugsy Malone – 7pm-9pm
21/6/19	Bugsy Malone – 7pm-9pm
w/c 24/6/19	KS3 Science Assessments
26-28/6/19	Y6 Residential visit to Norfolk
28/6/19	Inset Day
19/7/19	End of Term 2:30pm
23/4/19	Summer Term

How do I report my child's absence?

To report a student absent please use the direct attendance email:

attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Thank you.

What clubs are cancelled next week?

- No Basketball Club on 27/3 or 3/4/19**
- No after school Science Club on 3/4/19**
- No film club on 3/4/19**
- No homework club on 3/4/19**

When do clubs begin after Easter?

Robotics Club resumes on 24/4/19 and all other clubs will begin the second week after the Easter holiday, week beginning 29/4/19. You are not too late to sign up for **FilmMakers Club**: The term commences after the Easter break & runs for 10 weeks. We focus on confidence, script writing, planning costumes and planning the set. Spaces are limited to 14. Please **contact Gillian on 07341305131 or to book, visit the website**

www.northhertsyounghfilmclub.webstarts.com.

Year 8 Normandy Visit 2019

We hope that the students have had a chance to tell you all about their visit to Normandy. We have had the most amazing time and for the most part, behaviour was impeccable. It was lovely to see such wonderful comments on the Facebook page. We have many more photographs that will be uploaded to the Website over the next week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children who made the trip so enjoyable, their parents for their continued support, the office staff for all the 'behind the scenes' work they do to make this trip possible, for the staff at school who covered our lessons while we were away, the staff members who supported the visit and our two

wonderful parent helpers, Mr Eveleigh and Mr Webster and our fantastic and super energetic grandparent helper Mr Lemay.

Thank you all so much and roll on the planning for Normandy 2020. Miss Bustard
Staff really appreciate the 'thank you comments' posted on our Facebook page.

Congratulations also to the Year 8s who arrived in school all week and supported classes with their learning, they have been a delight to work with and surprised themselves in how much they enjoyed it. Oh dear, one interesting outcome during their absence was that the caretaker's litter picking duties went from 30 minutes each day, to picking up only 4 pieces of litter in the entire school. This has crystallised for us which year group our litter problem lies with!

Food and Nutrition

Please could the following classes remember their ingredients for their cooking practical this week:
8Y3 - Monday - Stir Fry ingredients (or alternate as discussed)
6J - Thursday - Chicken Pitta Pocket ingredients
5P - Thursday - Dippy Diver ingredients

Are you struggling to find the words to answer those difficult questions your child might be posing about relationships and sex?

You may be aware that sex education has now returned as a compulsory part of the national curriculum. All students take part in sex education during the summer term as part of the PSHCE programme. If you would like help and support in how to talk to your child about this topic, we have arranged for an expert to provide advice and guidance. **The workshop is free and will take place on 3/4/19 from 7pm-8:30pm at Edwinstree.** Please contact the school if you would like to attend.

Starlight Stars Drama Club

Congratulations to all the children who took their LAMDA Acting Exams last Saturday. We would like to invite parents to watch some of the examination work on Monday 1st April at 4pm in the school hall. The usual drama class will take place at the usual time for the students to prepare. We look forward to seeing you.

Inspiring Stars Team 01763- 287691 inspiring@examstars.co.uk

Are you interested in the Town Council's plan to reduce plastic in Buntingford?

Our Town council will be holding their AGM meeting in Edwinstree at 6pm on 3/4/19. Our students will be presenting their plans to reduce plastic in our school by creating eco bricks. Buntingford Town Council will be launching their big plan to get us really thinking about reducing this waste. If you are interested in supporting or participating in this movement, please attend the hour-long session from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. We would love to see you there.

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Are you available to support the last day of term walk to St Peter's Church?

If you are available to support us in escorting students to our Easter Service at St Peter's Church on the morning of Friday 5/4/19, please contact the school office for more information.

Service at St Peter's Church 5/4/19

It would be really helpful for those students who are in the Cowo Planning Group, the Worship Group and the Orchestra to go straight to St Peter's Church on the morning of Friday 5th April. A member of staff will be there from 8:30am. If your child gets a bus, then another member of staff will walk those students down at 8:40am.

School Production – 'Bugsy Malone'

Rehearsal on 2/4/19 is for the whole cast from 3:20pm to 4:20pm.

Music news

Choir and orchestra will start back the first week after Easter. We are always looking for new members, particularly in choir - please come along and give it a go! Choir is on a Thursday and Orchestra on a Friday: both run until 4:20pm. To join Orchestra your child needs to have been playing their instrument since at least September. After Easter, a group of Y8 students are starting a Ukulele club for Y5 and Y6 students on a Thursday lunchtime.

What is happening during Action Aid on Thursday 4th April?

Edwinstree have been supporting Action Aid for about 35 years and have sponsored many children, mainly from India. We have raised almost £30,000 during this time and we currently sponsor a boy and a girl from the country of Myanmar. Their names are Min Khant Soe and Thu Zar Maw. Action Aid will take place on Thursday 4th April and we are planning to hold a cake sale in the morning. Please drop off any donations to the office the day before or on the morning. Thank you to our amazing bakers. Students will be asked to bring £2 in for a non-uniform day on the Thursday and also a little bit of money to spend at the Year 7 fete, which will take place at lunchtime. Most activities will be 20p or 50p with a maximum charge of £1.00. Thank you for your support with this.

Are you a great baker and available on 13th April?

The French town of Luyne (Buntingford's twin town) have challenged us to a 'bake off'?

We are planning to grow our support and links with the Buntingford's twin town, courtesy of the Buntingford Town Twinning Association. To begin with, we have a number of French families visiting over the Easter period. A group of these visitors will be attending Edwinstree from 9:30am – 11:00am to judge a 'bake off' between volunteer families from Edwinstree who will be set a French baking challenge. Bakers will be given, the recipe and the ingredients on arrival and then bakers will have one hour to complete the challenge. The winning prize will be Easter themed! Do you have crazed bakers in your family who would

be willing to take on the challenge? You will need one Edwinstree child and at least one adult or sibling. Please contact the school office for more information. Please note a letter is going home with keen bakers who are hoping to take part.

Year 5 important information

We would like to make you aware that some of our Year 5 students have allegedly been approached online by a Youtube individual who goes by the name of Jake Paul and offered the student vouchers to meet up. We have no way of verifying who this actually is. Please note, the Year 5 student was using Instagram, which has an age restriction of 16 years. Please check your child's Privacy settings,

Year 5 Swimming

Swimming groups are changing - please ask your child to check if their name is on the list in their classroom if they are unsure. Pupils who are in the Blue Group will be swimming from the 4th of April until 23rd May during games lessons every Thursday. Please ensure your child brings their full swimming kit: swimming costume, towel and swimming cap to each swimming lesson. Goggles are not compulsory. Many thanks

Year 6

Please see below a comprehensive guide to revision strategies and activities we have provided for your child to get the most out of their Easter break.

English

- Work through CGP reading paper- this can be done 'test style' in one hour, or broken up into smaller chunks for revision. Use the mark scheme provided to check your answers.
- Work through CGP GPS paper, as above.
- Choose a few spellings a day from the ones we've covered this year to go over- are there any tricky rules you can fix?

Maths

- Pupils will be given their 2017 practise papers which they completed in class. Work through, following the worked example (to follow) and make corrections.
- Where there are areas of weakness, make some revision flashcards or posters to stick up around the house. This is an excellent strategy to remember multiplication tables or properties of shapes too.

Tips

- Start getting into a good bedtime routine. This means limiting screen time before bed (reading a book is an excellent alternative), and getting to bed at a good time.
- Eat well- plenty of protein will make your brain grow!
- Finally, and most importantly, remember to take time to relax. The ideal revision strategy is to do a little bit each day, which will leave plenty of time for fun and relaxation.

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Year 6 Swimming

Swimming groups are changing - please ask your child to check if their name is on the list in their classroom if they are unsure. Pupils who are in the Green Group will be swimming from 2nd April until 21st May during games lessons every Tuesday. Please ensure your child brings their full swimming kit: swimming costume, towel and swimming cap to each swimming lesson. Goggles are not compulsory. A reminder to Red group that their last session will be on Tuesday 2nd April at the same time as the Green group. Many thanks

Year 7

Year 7 have spent the week learning about Myanmar and the challenges facing street children; it has helped us to use our value of 'humility' as we have seen the daily struggle that these children face. It has also spurred the year group to raise as much money as possible for Action Aid. It is the first chance the year group have had to take on a leadership challenge. We look forward to seeing what stalls they lay on for the lunchtime fete. Thank you for your support.

Year 8

Please be aware that a few students in Year 8, have been using the App 'Tic Toc', which used to be called Musically. In the safeguarding training provided for students and parents this year, it was highlighted that this App is extremely vulnerable to adults accessing it as students. It poses as a music and photo sharing site, but has very little privacy settings available. We advise you check your child's Apps and find an alternative if they are using this site.

How safe is TikTok app? | Internet Matters

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

East Herts Community Safety Partnership

East Herts Community Safety Partnership has launched a Facebook page to allow for further engagement with local residents. The page will feature regular updates from police and East Herts Council around joint work to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and to keep people safe. Neighbourhood Sergeant Mark Collins said: "We are keen to make the most of any opportunity to engage with the public. Most people have an online presence and use the internet for daily things such as online banking and shopping, so this is a great way to communicate and raise awareness of the work we are doing. Our presence as part of the East Herts CSP Facebook page will allow us to reach an audience who might not otherwise receive it. "We are particularly interested in interacting with social media users around issues such as setting our local policing priorities and demonstrating how we work together with our partners to keep East Herts a safe place to live. "We also welcome comments that local people may want to post on the site and, while we will do our best to answer questions and reply to posts, the site isn't monitored 24/7. It is not intended as a means for reporting crime or anti-social behaviour and people are encouraged to continue to use the usual contact

information to report incidents in their area, or dial 999 if there is an emergency."

A spokesperson for East Herts Council said: "The CSP page is a way of showing the community that we all work collectively to address issues in the district. It will help promote local and national campaigns, signpost people and provide a new way to engage with our communities."

If you would like to find out more about the work of the community safety partnership, you can 'like' the page at f <<http://www.facebook.com/EHertsCSP>>

If you need to reply regarding this message, click on this email address:

mark.collins@herts.pnn.police.uk<[mailto:mark.collins@herts.pnn.police.uk?subject=RE:%20\(OWL\)%20East%20Herts%20Facebook%20Page](mailto:mark.collins@herts.pnn.police.uk?subject=RE:%20(OWL)%20East%20Herts%20Facebook%20Page)>

Lost Property

We have a variety of expensive unnamed coats in Lost Property. If your child has lost a coat, please contact the school office asap as all unclaimed items will be donated to the charity shop at the end of term. It is important that all items of your child's clothing is named so if it is misplaced, we can return it to the owner.

Jo Gant
Headteacher
Town Council Flyer

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