



**Edwinstree Middle School**  
A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School  
**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS**  
**Week Ending: 15/10/21**

### Diary Dates

School day – 8:40am – 3:05pm	
19/10/21	Parent Consultations 6A,6C,6D,8B,8D
22/10/21	NHS Y6 Height & Weight check
25/10/21	Half Term
1/11/21	Students return
2/11/21	Y8 Covid Vaccinations
11/11/21	Remembrance Day
17/11/21	Influenza Immunisation – Y5 & Y6
3/12/21	Friday Occasional Day – School Closed
17/12/21	End of Term
4/1/22	Inset Day
5/1/22	Spring Term begins
27/6/22	Occasional Day

### Homework - Week A

#### Enrichment activities

There are no extra-curricular activities next week but Homework club, Film and Drama club **will** be running as normal

#### What is the latest update regarding COVID?

As of Thursday, we have reached 9 positive COVID cases across all year groups. **We will alert you if your child has been in close contact with a child who has tested positive, so you can be extra vigilant with your testing on Wednesdays and weekends.** Please be aware of the three symptoms and if your child develops a temperature, cough or loss of taste and smell, please seek a PCR test. If your child presents as unwell, please be cautious – Thank you Please be aware KS3 have been issued with new Testing Kits so they can continue to test on Wednesday and at the weekend. Please continue to log your results on the Government website Thank you.

#### How can I find out how my child is doing in school?

We will be send the majority of your child's books home at half term, so you can spend a little time with your child, finding out what they have been learning in their lessons. However, in Technology, students have not yet finished their project so their books will come home when the project has been completed which should be the end of November. Please make sure that all books are returned after half term. We will send books home again for Christmas.

Thank you to all parents who made the effort to book the online Parent Consultation sessions with our core teachers, the next set of parents meetings take place on Tuesday 19/10/21. Teaching staff were pleased to hear your positivity, your willingness to continue to support your child with home learning will help make sure their recovery curriculum is successful.

**A big thank you** to the significant number of Year 5 and Year 8 students who volunteered to tour our prospective

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As a community we support one another to flourish and live life in all its fullness.*

parents around the school, (outside) this week. They enjoyed explaining to them what school life was like at Edwinstree. Next week, we look forward to meeting the Year 4s from our closest partner schools, who will also be given tours from our team of guides.

#### Why was Sir Oliver Heald in school on Friday?

Our MP kindly agreed to come and meet some of our students passionate about making a difference. This gave them the opportunity to raise their concerns about the impact of climate change and talk about how they could help to make a difference. The Rt Honourable Sir Oliver Heald met with 15 students who asked him the following questions:

- What do you think about climate change?
- Should we be worried?
- What are the best things we can do to stop climate change?
- How are the Government planning to help reduce/ limit climate change?
- What do you think of Greta Thunberg?
- Do you think people take enough action? How can you persuade them?
- How will COP 26 help?
- What are you doing as an individual to make a difference?

Next week we will report back on what they found out!

#### Are you missing any items of clothing?

We have a selection of lost property, including many metal water bottles. All items will be on display on the stage if you would like to look for something your child is missing at the end of the school day. All unclaimed items will be recycled after half term.

#### Occasional Day in June

Schools have been allocated an Occasional Day to mark the Queen's Jubilee. Freman College and Edwinstree have agreed on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**.

#### Do you have time to complete a questionnaire to find out what trips to offer students this year?

Apologies, it has taken us a while to collate all the students' ideas to share with you, the questionnaire will be out next week!

**No class achieved 100% Attendance this week.**

**Jo Gant**  
**Headteacher**