



Diary Dates

7/6/21	Change to School entry and exit times Y8: 8:45am - 2:50pm Y7: 8:45am - 2:50pm Y6: 8:50pm - 2:55pm Y5 8:50am - 2:55pm
25/6/21	Inset Day – School closed
7/7/21	Y8 Online Parent Consultation for Foundation subjects
8/7/21	County Transition Day - TBC Y8 to Freman Y4 visit Edwinstree
15/7/21	Y5 Celebration Event – TBC
16/7/21	Y8 Celebration Evening – TBC
22/7/21	End of Term
1/9/21	Inset Day
2/9/21	Inset Day
3/9/21	Induction Day for New Year 5 ONLY
6/9/21	Autumn Term begins

Timetable - Week B available on our website:
www.edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

What impact is the new Delta variant having in Hertfordshire and in particular in schools?

Following Boris Johnson’s recent announcement for the release of lockdown to be delayed, **our plan to hold Celebration Events for Year 5 and Year 8 are at risk of not going ahead.** Over the last year, we have learnt to wait for further guidance before making any final decisions. However, HCC have published advice for Parents, which is attached for your information.

If your child shows any Covid-19 symptoms, please do not send them to school. It is important that you seek a PCR test and do not rely on the LFT as confirmation that they are negative.

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 or has to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case, please notify the school via:
covid@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Should we continue testing for Covid?

Yes please, continue to test at home on Wednesday and the weekend and log with the Government we know this can be time consuming but it is providing an additional safety check from COVID. The Government has just provided us with access and released the data on who of our students are testing and we will now be able to track this.

Where is Miss Bustard going and who will replace her?

We are pleased to announce that after a two-year search, Miss Bustard has been matched with a child and is planning to take adoption leave for the year. While we expected this to start at the end of July, the process has moved swiftly and she will now be leaving us on the 23rd June. Her replacement for this term is Mr Higgins, who has been covering Humanities supply and has integrated well with both students and staff. He is a trained Humanities teacher who has been working alongside Miss Bustard to provide a smooth handover. The Head of Year role will be shared between Ms Van Wyk, who returns from supporting Freman College fully in September, but will be working with us on Fridays, Mr Rowlands and Mrs Gant. The HOY email will be redirected to the team.
hoy7@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Will Mr Higgins be teaching Year 8?

No, Staff have agreed that Year 8 would benefit from some time at Freman so they can meet their new teachers. Freman have kindly agreed to support this. Students will be escorted to Freman for what would have been their history lessons and instead will be completing health and fitness sessions with the staff at Freman. Please note on their new timetables, where they have a history lesson, they need to wear PE kit to school. The timetables can be found on our website.

Who will be available at the Year 8 Parents Consultation evening on 7/7/21?

There will be a virtual online parental consultation event for Year 8 parents with the opportunity to talk with the Science Team and teachers of foundation subjects. We encourage you to book appointments with those subjects that you know your child is interested in pursuing further into GCSE. This event will be held on 7/7/21 from 4:30pm to 7:30 and the booking system will be released a week in advance of the event.

Who is swimming next week and will all students get the opportunity to swim?

22/6/21 5D - Fun Swim
24/6/21 7D - Fun Swim

We no longer send home paper reply slips. If your child’s class has won a fun swim, we need your permission. Please complete the simple form in the link below in order that your child can attend:

<https://forms.office.com/r/FzkAPV18eS>

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We will be setting mini challenges for those classes that have not yet had a swim reward, as we want to provide all students with the opportunity for some fun.

Will we get another school report?

You will receive an end of term report outlining your child's progress and achievements for this year, including a summary of their wellbeing.

What is the update on Summer school?

We are frustrated to announce that the latest guidance published is clear that the money set aside should focus on Year 6 and Year 7, as the money spent is ring-fenced to secondary students, not primary. Despite the Middle Schools Forum arguing that middle schools would greatly benefit from supporting **all students**, especially as there is no transition in Year 6, this has not changed the Government stance. We are disappointed to inform you that we will not be funded to support Year 5 with a summer school this year, as the Government's key priority is to support Year 6 into Year 7.

Invitations will be sent out next week via Parentmail, offering students in Year 6 and Year 7 the opportunity to attend a Literacy and Numeracy summer school. This will involve morning study and afternoon enrichment activities from 23rd – 27th August. The purpose of summer school is to support students to maintain their learning and push forward ready for the new Year 7 curriculum.

From 16th – 20th August, we will offer an enrichment programme of learning to support students to capture some of those lost memories from the last two years. Firstly, this will be offered to Year 6 and Year 7, but if the places are not accepted, it will be broadened to offer a place to Year 8.

Please be aware that if you receive a Parentmail with the link to sign up for summer school, we need a swift response, as places are limited, if your child is unable to attend, we would like to offer this opportunity to others.

What enrichment clubs are up and running?

It has been great to see so many people get involved in the enrichment we are now able to provide during lunchtime and after school. We have over 100 students signed up and taking part, which is fantastic! A big thank you to those staff who are running these.

Attached to the newsletter is a confirmed list of clubs and their start / finish times if after

school. There are still some places available for those who have yet to sign up. As we are no longer using paper reply slips, if you wish your child to take part in a club, please sign them up using the link below. Not only is this so we know names of who to expect (and to keep numbers at a safe level), but also to have your permission for them to stay after school. – We will only contact you if your child does not have a place. **Year 7 football club is now full.**

<https://forms.office.com/r/vsfmx4sUVk>

Please note, if your child does not have PE that day but plans to stay for a PE club, they are able to wear their PE kit to school.

When do I need to return the laptop to school?

All school issued laptops will need to be returned to school by **Friday 16th July 2021**. Please ignore this letter if your child has already returned their laptop. They will be reissued at the start of next term but need maintenance work during the holidays.

Golden Broom Winners

8D – non uniform – Tue 22/6/21

6A – non uniform – Wed 23/6/21

Jo Gant

Headteacher

Public Health update

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