



Edwinstree Middle School

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School

NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS

Week Ending: 7th July 2017

Diary Dates:

10/7/17	Peacechild Cowo
11/7/17	Y5 Whipsnade Zoo visit - postponed
12/7/17	Scarecrow Festival 3:30pm-4:30pm
13/7/17	County Transition Day
13/7/17	Y8 Visit Airspace - 6pm-7pm
14/7/17	Sports Day 9:00am -3pm
14/7/17	Scarecrow Festival 3:30- 4:30pm
17/7/17	Action Plan Meeting for Parents - 5pm
20/7/17	Y8 CELEBRATION EVENING
21/7/17	End of Term - School finishes 2:30pm

Peacechild Collective Worship

On Monday 10th July pupils from Year 5, 6 and 7 will be presenting a Collective Worship from 'Peacechild'; a local organisation which aims to empower young people and give them a voice with which to change their world. This performance is a teaser trailer to prepare and engage pupils for a bigger production which will hopefully take place in the autumn term."

Sports Day

You should have received a letter this week regarding Sports Day on Friday 14th July. We hope for good weather and to see as many of you as possible to support our students. Please enter the school via the main entrance and follow the directions to the school field.

Rib Valley Family Support Worker

The Rib valley Family Support Worker, Jane House will be hosting a drop in session at The Bramble Hill Children's Centre on Thursday 13/7/17 from 8am-12pm. If you are seeking advice or support with a problem or issue and/or need signposting to what services are available, please take the opportunity to see her. All visits are treated with care and confidentiality. I will be supporting the drop in visit with her. She is available term time only and can be contacted on 01763-271446 via:

jane.house@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

SATs Results

What do our SAT results look like? Do they indicate that the school is making rapid and sustained progress? How will we inform the students ?

Our SAT results are out and show a hugely significant improvement. These results can be accessed from our website in due course.

As we have said, this remains a journey and while we pleased to see such a dramatic turn- around in our performance, the school will not rest until our students are achieving above the national average in all scores, not just reading. SATs results and our SIAMS Inspection results, which are due at the end of term, will provide when Ofsted return, very strong evidence that the school's progress is rapid and secure.

We will continue to track progress and further interventions will take place for any students that did not achieve their SAT results. The results will be given to you as standardised score for Reading, Writing, Grammar Punctuation and Spelling and Maths. A standardised score of 100 places the child at a Pass; below means they did not quite reach the grade at that moment in time. Each child will receive their results next week with a personal letter from the Head, to let them know how proud we are of the effort and progress they have made. We will explain that these results will have no impact on their future; we will continue to make sure they achieve their potential. If your child is one of the children who did not quite reach the pass mark, please support them to see this as of very little importance at this time in their education. This is not a final judgement on their ability and or progress.

At the end of June we have a legal requirement to publish a set of results including the Teacher Assessments. We can see a further uplift in student's performance in both Maths, and Reading. All students not making the 100 standardised score will have intervention support available to them during term 1, and their progress will be tracked rigorously.

Action Plan meeting for Parents 17/7/17

The Action Plan meeting will explain our progress and the areas for development for the next academic year, we welcome your attendance.

Breck Foundation

Thank you for supporting the non- uniform day yesterday to help us pay for the Breck Foundation talk to students. Lorin is an amazing speaker, who was able to tell us about her family and Breck's compelling story and how grooming can occur over the internet. At times this was tough to hear, but students listened attentively. We all came away having learnt that we must stay safe when using the Internet, by not trusting strangers. We also couldn't help but admire the bravery of Lorin who lost her son Breck just three years ago. We will be writing letters and saying prayers in COWO today, to thank her for the time she spent with us.

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Please click on the link for more information
<http://edwinstree.herts.sch.uk/downloads/content/2016-17/24042017ICTLET.pdf>

Jo Gant
Headteacher

The Record of Achievement planners for the next academic year will contain updated helplines for students and parents, including the CEOPs website, where anyone can report an internet crime at any level.

Sports Day 14/7/17 9am-3:15pm

You should have received a letter this week regarding Sports Day on Friday 14th July. We hope for good weather and to see as many of you as can make it to support our students. On the day, please enter via the main school entrance and follow the signs to the school field.

Class changes for Year 5 & Year 7.

Students and Parents will be informed next week of class changes and their new tutors. The remainder of the school will be informed in the last week of term. All classes have been checked by the Head of Year, SENCO, and the Head of Maths and English to make sure there is an even distribution of pupils of all abilities. We have taken account of friends and productive working relationships as you would expect.

Reminder

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance. It will then be referred to the Head of Year if they are unable to help.

Mobile Phones and Iwatches in Year 8.

Having consulted staff, students will not be able to bring their mobile phones in during the last weeks of July. I have apologised to the students for getting their hopes up. Please ensure your child does not bring a mobile phone to school. It has also come to our attention that some Year 8s are wearing Iwatches; I would like to remind you they are not permitted in school. If we see them, they will be removed and put in our safe and parents will be contacted to arrange collection.

Year 8 at Freman College Transition Day

Transition day at Freman College will be from 8:45pm to 2:30pm. Student will be expected to wear normal school uniform. Meal of the day is £2:50 or students can take a packed lunch. Mobile phones are permitted at Freman College on Transition Day next Thursday. Please be aware they should be switched off during lessons and Freman College will not be held responsible for any loss or damage.

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