



Edwinstree Middle School

A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School

NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS

Week Ending: 23rd June 2017

Diary Dates:

26/6/17	Inset Day – school closed
28/6/17	Summer Concert 6pm
29/6/17	Lea House Rewards Activities 2-3:15pm
29/6/17	Y5 Parents' Evening
30/6/17	Galactus Jack workshop
5/7/17	Breck Foundation visit students
7/7/17	Action Aid
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
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

No Art Club this week

Weather

We continue to track the weather daily and where it is predicted that temperatures are rising to 25 degrees and over, students have the choice to wear their PE kit we will notify you via Parentmail the day before if this choice is available to them.

Scarecrow Festival 12/7/17

Students will be invited to make a competition scarecrow which will be displayed in the school grounds from 12/7/17 until 14/7/17 and parents will be invited to view exhibits from 3:30pm to 4:30pm on both days. Please visit our 'letters home' page on the website for details.

Reminder - Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please check your bags and purses, we are still collecting the Active Kids vouchers, please send them into school so we can exchange them for sports' equipment for students. Deadline for vouchers by 30/6/17 – thank you

Year 6 Magistrates Visit

Following the successful Magistrates visit to Year 7, the three Hertfordshire magistrates returned on 22/6/17 to work with Year 6 as part of their PSHCEE entitlement, to support them to understand how the magistrates work, the decisions that have to be taken and what happens if someone commits a crime. Students had the opportunity to act out a trial.

The Young Filmmakers Club

The Young Filmmakers Club will be running an afterschool club activity each Wednesday commencing 20th September 2017 from 3.20pm - 4.20pm for 10 weeks, with a break for half term. The Young Filmmakers Club teaches children how to storyboard their ideas, write scripts, and build on confidence & literacy skills. The children learn to use the camera, set up the green screen so we can add the special effects when editing, rotate roles of Director,

Camera Operator, Clapperboard Operator as well as Cast on some exciting missions such as BBC news, Britain's Got Talent, Pokémon Go, Superhero School, Minecraft Advert, It Came from the Stars (Star Wars), Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find them. The club cost is £6 per hour. £60 for the ten weeks. If you would like your child to attend. They will be holding a meeting with students on the 5th July and details of how to book and pay for places will follow this meeting. There are 15 places available, but if the demand is great we can run two sessions.

Homelearning Sessions

Please be aware there will no early and lunchtime extra homelearning sessions next week. After school homelearning club will run as normal students have also been informed.

Collective Worship

This half term our students are presenting the Christian values within the school. Any Parent is welcome to join our COWO session please just let the admin team know you would like to visit email: admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Winston Churchill Day

A huge thank you to the students and staff that jointly planned the day and the 'Edwinstree Strictly Come Dancing'1940's style. We hope your child enjoyed the day and took away an empathy for what it must have been like during the Second World War.

Active Learning

Although our students received good conduct from the LA Review it was picked up that a small minority would benefit from listening skills. Next week, we introduce the 'big five listening' strategy to support student to actively listen in lessons. Alongside, we will be rebooting our presentation strategy to ensure that all students are presenting their work to the highest standard.

SIAMS Inspection 28/6/17

We will be inspected on Wednesday 28/6/17 by the Church of England. The inspection will identify the answers to the following:

- How well does the school through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all its pupils?
- What is the impact of collective worship on the school Christian community?
- How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a Church school?

We are looking forward to working with our inspector to record our journey of school improvement and steer us towards the next steps. As always results will be published for you to see our external journal

Our faith supports each individual to flourish and challenges us to live life in all its fullness

Year 5 parents' evening appointments

We are very sorry for the confusion surrounding the booking system for Year 5 appointments that was caused this week. As you are aware we are trialling the online booking system this year and it has proved to raise questions surrounding the communication around two different computer systems. We hope that we have now managed to iron out the problems. As a reminder, to make the evening available to all and for it run smoothly, we have allocated a five minute appointment for all parents to meet with their child's Y5 tutor, who will discuss all of the subjects that they teach to your child. If you would like a further appointment with a different subject teacher, they will be available to see on an adhoc basis on the evening – you do not need to make an appointment to see them.

Thank you for your patience. Mrs Allan

Jo Gant
Headteacher