



Diary Dates:

1/5/17	Bank Holiday Monday
5/5/17	ESA Big Band Night at Edwinstree 7:30pm – 10pm
8/5/17	Year 6 SATS Week
8/5/17	Report Feedback Meeting 5pm with Mrs Allan
12/5/17	Y5 Shropshire Payment £75 due
17/5/17	Report Feedback Meeting 11am with Mrs Allan
25/5/17	E-Safety Presentation by the Breck Foundation at 6pm
29/5-2/6/17	Half Term
6/6/17	Final Shropshire Payment £75 due
14/6/17	Year 5 Visit Kew Gardens
26/6/17	Inset Day – school closed
13/7/17	County Transition Day
21/7/17	End of Term – School finishes 2:30pm

It is with absolute joy and (a small amount of trepidation, as Headship holds great responsibility) that I look forward to working with you, to continue supporting your child's learning and to challenge them to be 'the best that they can be' whilst at Edwinstree.

Thank you for the support and honesty that Edwinstree parents have shown me since September 2016. I look forward to building further trust and a working relationship that is open and transparent. The capacity for the school to improve and return to 'Outstanding' is significant and although the school is moving forward, we are not complacent in acknowledging there is still more to do. The students are exceptional, the staff determined, and the Governing Body understand and carry out their duty with challenge, they are our critical friends. We are also privileged to have the support and wisdom of Freman College to help guide us.

This term we see the Year 6 take their SATs and the Year 8's will leave us. In continuing our journey of school improvement, we have another Local Authority review (mini inspection) in June, as always we will publish our results and the Diocese will carry out a further SIAMs inspection this term. We then await the return visit of Ofsted during the Autumn term.

As I start my permanency, can I please remind you that as a school, no problem is too small, we are here to help and I hope to see your confidence grow further over the next year. We work in partnership with you to see your child succeed and we will challenge them, as we believe their potential is exceptional.

Please help the ESA raise funds for the school and support us with the Big Band Event next Friday. Freman College Band is playing for free and they are fantastic! Tickets are £10 and include a Ploughman's Supper. The ESA is looking to support the school by raising funds to increase the play equipment that we have for break and lunch. (Even Year 8 are not too old to play!) If you could spare us an evening and £10, we would love to see you. Currently tickets sales are slow, I am aware we have not pushed this very much due to the headship interviews if we can't raise the numbers we will cancel this event and think again!

Year 6 Preparation for SATs week

Week beginning 1st May, all Year 6 students will be on a preparation timetable involving English, maths followed by rest and relaxation exercises during the afternoon. Thank you for your support.

Pupil Reports

Over the past year we have been working hard to ensure that your child's reports that you regularly receive are clear and meaningful. At school we have introduced a whole new assessment scheme and marking scheme to support pupil progress; this has been praised by external agencies who have visited the school to evaluate how we are making the necessary improvements since our Ofsted inspection last year. As we are now into the final term, we would like to invite some parent feedback to the current reporting system and ask for suggestions of how you might like to see the end of year report. To this end, Mrs Allan will be running two parent meetings – the first on Monday 8th May at 5pm and the second on Wednesday 17th May at 11am. If you are unable to make these meetings and would like to provide some feedback, please email it to admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

ESA Big Band Event – Friday 5th May 2017

We would love to fill our hall and raise money for Edwinstree students, please come along and join us. Tickets are now available from the school office, please return your requests as soon as possible as tickets are limited.

Reminder – We are collecting Sainsbury's 'Active Kids' Vouchers, please donate your vouchers by 30/6/17 deadline. Thank you for your support.

School Meal Charges 18/4/17 - 26/5/17

Total charges for this term	28 days @ £2.45	£68.60
Wednesday & Friday only	12 days @ £2.45	£29.40
Friday only	6 days @ £2.45	£14.70

E-Safety Presentation 25/5/17 at 6pm

We would like to recommend your attendance at the above E-Safety Presentation. This is a really effective and engaging talk about how to ensure your child stays safe when using the internet. It is presented by a parent whose child wasn't and her honest and

informative account is well worth an investment of your time.

Data Reports

Your child's Data Report will be due out next week and should come home with your child.

Recruitment

We are currently advertising for a temporary Learning Support Assistant to start June 2017.

Jo Gant

Headteacher

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