



**Edwinstree Middle School**  
A Voluntary Controlled Church of England  
School

**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS**  
**Week Ending: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

#### **Diary Dates:**

- 17/10/16** **ESA Meeting 6pm – All welcome**
- 20/10/16** **Homework Forum 5pm-6pm**
- 20/10/16** **Inset Staff Training Day**
- 21/10/16** **Inset Staff Training Day**
- 31/10/16** **Inset Staff Training Day**  
**5pm-6pm Parent Volunteer Training**
- 24-31/10/16** **Half term**
- 1/11/16** **Pupils return to school**
- 2/11/16** **SAT Information Event**  
**Y6 Parents/Carers 5pm**
- 10/11/16** **Anti-bullying week**
- 14/11/16** **Action Plan meeting for Parents**  
**6pm – 7pm**
- 15/11/16** **Y7 Catch-up Parents' Evening**

#### **Ofsted Action Plan Meeting**

**14/11/16 from 6pm-7pm**

If you would like to hear an update on our progress towards 'good', we invite you to our next Ofsted Action Plan meeting. Can I also reference the Parent Action Plan attached with this newsletter outlining our progress. Red indicates no progress, Amber the action is in progress, Green is advanced and secure action. Please note as of the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016, we are still awaiting the final letter from the HMI visit. As soon as it is available it will be published on our website.

#### **Parent Survey**

We would appreciate if you could take the time to complete the attached survey and return as a hard copy via your child's tutor in the first week of term.

#### **Y6 - How to support your child during their SAT year**

All Year 6 Parents/Carers are invited to meet with the Head of English and Head of Maths to hear how the school is planning to support Y6 pupils. They will explain the work that needs you to be completed at home in order to secure their basic learning, in particular with spellings, reading and mental arithmetic. We encourage all Y6 Parents & Carers to attend.

#### **Data Reports**

Due to collapsing photocopiers today, we were unable to print out pupils' Data Reports; they will now be posted home. Please take time to read the accompanying letter which will explain the new assessment process and what each grade means.

#### **Have you taken the opportunity to review your child's books?**

Pupils have been encouraged to take books home this week. Please take the time to sit with your child and review their learning and progress with them. They are proud of their work and it will begin to give you an idea of the changes to the curriculum and the hike in expectations. Please make sure the books are returned for the start of term.

#### **Inset Days**

Thank you for your patience with regard to the Inset Days. If you would like to see in detail what we are planning to do on these days, please visit our website where the calendar of staff learning has been published.

#### **Homework Forum**

Thank you to those Parents who have volunteered to attend the Homework Forum, I look forward to hearing your views on what makes effective homework and how we can adapt our policy to support Parents/Carers with home learning.

#### **Volunteer Training – 31/10/16 from 5pm-6pm**

Any parent volunteers willing to help at Edwinstree are invited to attend the volunteer training session – all welcome.

#### **Tuck shop for break time**

The school Canteen hope to provide a Tuck Shop facility for pupils the second week after half term, further information to follow.

#### **ESA**

The Edwinstree School Association met this week to discuss fundraising events. They have commissioned the recently elected School Council representatives to find out from pupils what they would like the ESA to fund raise and what events pupils might enjoy seeing at Edwinstree. In the first instance the ESA will be funding and supporting a rewards afternoon for those pupils who have achieved a set number of merits this term. More about this next term.

Thank you for bearing with us this half term as we have begun to embed significant change. Please continue to talk to us, if you are worried, concerned or there is a problem. Nothing is too small.

We look forward to seeing pupils further their progress next half term and thank you for your support.

#### **Jo Gant**

**Headteacher**

Parent Questionnaire  
Parent Action Plan