



Diary Dates:

10/11/16	Anti-bullying week
14/11/16	Action Plan meeting for Parents 6pm – 7pm
15/11/16	Y7 Catch-up Parents' Evening
1/12/16	Y8 Parents' Evening 3:45pm-6:30pm
14-18/11/16	Children in Need
18/11/16	Non-Uniform Day – Wear Something Spotty
14/12/16	Christmas Concert – 6pm-7:30pm
15/12/16	Christmas Concert – 4:30pm-6pm
16/12/16	Christmas Jumper Day
9&16/1/17	Y5 Parents Evening: 12:15pm-4:30pm One to One appointments
19&26/1/17	Y6 Parents Evening 12:15pm-4:30pm One to One appointments

Ofsted Monitoring Visit

Parentmail delivered the letter from Ofsted; this is also published on our website and is attached to this email. We are pleased that the Inspector could see progress, but continuing to push and strive hard to return the school to 'good' as soon as possible. The next inspection is due in twelve months time.

However, our SATs results must show improvements to support our pupils and indicate that progress has had impact.

Homework Forum

Please see information attached

Year 6 SATs

Thank you to the significant number of Parents who attended the SATs evening to find out how to support your child at home this term. The last two slides of the presentation give succinct advice on how to support your child. The Powerpoint and resources are available on our website.

Y6 English and Maths Revision Guides are now available to purchase, an order form and further information is on our website. Payment can be made by cash or via the School Gateway

Please bring back the books! Thank you to all Parents who have supported their child in looking at their books over half term and making sure they are returned to us. We still have a small, but significant number of books that have not been returned. We really want to send the books home, but we need to be able to guarantee that they will be returned. Please support us!

Reports, Assessment and Calendar

The next Data Report will be sent home at the end of term and will include all the Behaviour Data, including numbers of positive and negative cards, plus a statement explaining what your child needs to improve on in English and Maths. To accompany these data collections we have now agreed the parent meetings this year for Y5, Y6 and Y8 – Year 7 will be confirmed shortly- see Diary Dates above. Collective worship themes for November – *'What does it mean to be a good friend?'* We will then move to the Advent build up to Christmas

Break-time Snack Provision

Healthy savoury snacks to support the long break until lunch. We are currently in negotiations with Herts Catering and we hope to be able to provide this facility to pupils after Christmas.

Volunteers to support the school

Thank you to the volunteers who attended the training. We did have a number of other interested parties, however, if you were unable to attend the training and are still keen to help, can you please contact Mrs Matthews on

admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk so that we can organise another training session.

The basic training involves

- Basic Safeguarding
- Our Behaviour Policy
- Reading for Meaning training – supporting pupils. (for those helping with reading)

It is not too late to help, if you are a grandparent or parent and are willing to offer one morning or afternoon a week, this can really make a difference.

Staffing

Ms Quorn is currently unwell and has made the decision to stand down from her post at Christmas. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours. Our most vulnerable pupils will now be under the care of the SEND Department and we will provide our SENCO with significant additional time to lead on this. We will be recruiting from within the SEND team two LSAs to support within school and to gatekeep the external services. Mrs Eustace and Mrs Surrey are currently working with those pupils who need additional support.

I am pleased to confirm that we now have two counselling services in operation within the school for those pupils in need of more specialised support. Please pass on any concerns to the Head of Year, the Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Allan or myself.

School Council

Our Year 8 School Council met last week to decide on the first house competitions to take place this term. We will be hosting a variety of events for Children in Need, a Football event, a Spelling Quiz and a Strictly Dancing event, plus a 'Wear Something Spotty' non uniform day on Friday 18/11/16

Sergeant Wallace and Constable Page from Buntingford Police Station visited Edwinstree to discuss how to support pupils in the future to succeed and how to make the correct choices. We look forward to working with the police community this year.

**JO GANT
Headteacher**

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