



**Diary Dates:**

- 14/12/16 Christmas Concert – 6pm-7:30pm
- 15/12/16 Christmas Concert – 4:30pm-6pm
- 16/12/16 Christmas Jumper Day
- 30/11/16 Scholastic Book Fair till 7/12/16
- 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 – 15 minutes
- 21/12/16 Christmas Dinner
- 21/12/16 Data Reports to Parents
- 2/2/17 Y7 Parents' Evening Eng/Maths/Sci only  
3:45pm-6:30pm
- 7/7/17 Y7 Parents' Evening Eng/Maths/Sci only  
3:45pm-6:30pm
- 2/3/17 Y8 Parents' Evening 3:45pm-6:30pm All  
subjects
- 14/3/17 Y6 Parents' Feedback Meeting - Eng & Maths  
12:15pm-4:30pm
- 21/3/17 Y6 Parents' Feedback Meeting - Eng & Maths  
12:15pm-4:30pm
- 27-30/3/17 Normandy Visit

Thank you for your support with the spotty dotty day! We have had a lot of fun this afternoon. Thank you to the House and Sport Vice Captains for their work in organising our first house events of the year. The pupils have genuinely planned and organised the activities, which has been an interesting, and at times hair-raising opportunity. Yet we got there in the end!

**Remembrance**

We were so sad to hear that the event speaker at the Remembrance Memorial service had made an error in announcing that Edwinstree had not participated in laying a wreath on Sunday. After discussions with the Head at Freman, we had agreed to return to the previous arrangements whereby Freman represents all the Rib Valley schools in the laying of the wreath. This had been communicated.

**Christmas presents that help your child to learn!**

If you have read the homework timetable and or attended any of the recent events:

- Year 6 how to help your child prepare for SAT
- Year 7 how to support your child to catch up
- Action Plan meeting
- Parents Forum on homework

You will be aware that the focus of homework is returning to English and Maths, and in particular all years 5 – 8 are expected to read for at least 20 minutes, this should be at least twice a week and be out loud to an adult. You should question your child to check they understand what they have read. In order to help you stimulate their interest we have included the list of good reads that pupils voted for with the Librarian last year. Please note there are several supermarkets on line at the moment offering a third off childrens' book purchases.

If your child is struggling to read an analogue clock (not digital) or needs help to reach the expectation that they can complete 100 mixed multiplication times tables within 3 minutes, we can recommend 'The Power of 2 Company', or websites such as 'Maths is Fun' and BBC Bitesize. Please don't forget a dart board present, pack of cards, scrabble, or boggle all support pupils learning. Monopoly is

great for place value. Great Christmas presents can support learning! Honestly!

**Scholastic Book Fair**

The Scholastic book fair will visit Edwinstree from 30/11/16 until 7/12/16. There will be a wide range of books available for parents to view after school on 7/12/16 and all books sold result in commission for the school. The following titles are some of our favourites:

Tom Gates: Dog Zombies Rule	Liz Pichon
The Giant's Necklace	Michael Morpurgo
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down	Jeff Kinney
The Midnight Gang	David Walliams
Beswitched	Kate Saunders
Young Bond: Strike Lightening	Steve Cole
Ellie's War Where Poppies Grow	Emily Sharratt
Poppy Pym & the Double Jinx	Laura Wood
The Inventory: Gravity	Andy Briggs

**District Cross Country**

Nine schools took part in the District Cross Country, BSHS, Hockerill, Saffron Walden, Leventhorpe, Joyce Franklin Academy, St Marys, Herts and Essex, Newport, Birchwood.

Results:

- Y7 boys came 4th
- Y7 girls came 4th
- Y8 boys came 4th
- Y8 girls came 4th

Overall Edwinstree came 4th

Congratulations to the following:

- Beca Ford best Y7 girl finishing 12th/ 98 pupils
- Keira Draper best Y8 girl finishing 8th/ 89 pupils
- Noah Gibson best Y7 boy finishing 31st/ 97 pupils
- Tom Hughes best Y8 boy finishing 8th/ 91 pupils

**You said we did.**

Thank you to the Parents that returned the parental questionnaire. We are collating your responses. I thought I would publish **the responses that had concerns** and let you know what we are doing about them.

**Parents' Evening meetings with tutors and teachers**

There are now dates in the calendar for all years' parents' meetings in the Spring term. For the upcoming Year 8 parents' evening on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, we will be introducing an online booking system. More details will follow, and you will receive an invitation to log into the system to book the times to see the teachers at a convenient time for you. Please be aware, as before, we have some teachers who teach the whole of Year 8. We will endeavour to see as many parents as possible during the evening, but it is inevitable that there may be some parents who we may not be able to see. If this is the case, we are very happy to have telephone conversations, or rearrange a time to meet with you. Please look out for details about how to log into the booking system, which you will receive early next week via Parentmail.

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Incl IT Flyer  
Questionnaire Responses