



Diary Dates:

- 14/12/16 **Christmas Concert – 6pm-7:30pm**
- 15/12/16 **Christmas Concert – 4:30pm-6pm**
- 16/12/16 **Christmas Jumper Day**
- 21/12/16 **Pupils’ Christmas Dinner & Church Service**
- 21/12/16 **End of Term 2:30pm finish 2017**
- 4/1/17 **Inset Day**
- 5/1/17 **Pupils return to school**
- 9/1/17 **Parent Homework Forum 5pm-6pm**
- 9 & 16/1/17 **Y5 Parents’ Feedback Meeting: 12:15pm-4:30pm 1:1 appointments 15 minutes**
- 19 & 26/1/17 **Y6 Parents’ Feedback Meeting 12:15pm-4:30pm 1:1 appointments 15 minutes**
- 2/2/17 **Y7 Parents’ Evening Eng/Maths/Sci only 3:45pm-6:30pm**
- 7/2/17 **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**

Edwinstree has donated £90.55 to the Children’s Society and also received £90.55 commission from funds raised by the sale of Christmas cards designed by pupils.

What is happening over the advent period and how are we celebrating the festive season with your child.

Attached with this newsletter is an advent calendar outlining the various events. Please take particular note of the last day of term as we finish at 2:30pm. We will be walking the students to Aspendon in their year groups for a Christmas service and then returning to school for Christmas dinner. Students will need to have a warm and water proof coat as we will be walking, whatever the weather. They will also need outdoor shoes for the walk and a carry bag with indoor shoes for when they get to the church. We will provide a snack for them either before or after the Christmas service to sustain them on their walk! If you would like to join us please contact the school office.

Celebration of Christmas

We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you all. Tickets are still available for both nights, please send in money in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and indicate which performance. Ticket price £2

Year 7 Parents

The first cohort of Year 7 students and parents will receive an invitation to attend the first catch up sessions. Maths sessions will take place after school

and English on a Saturday after Christmas. Letters will be posted home in the last week of term. However, places are limited, if you wish your child to attend you must return the slip in the first week back in January. If the slip is not returned, your child will forfeit their place to the next child on the register.

Homework diaries

We have a sneaky suspicion that a minority of students have been forging their parents’ signature. Can you please check with your child that the signatures they are presenting are yours?

Mrs Quorn

Mrs Quorn has decided not to return to work late in December. If your child is vulnerable and needs extra support we have employed Mrs Eustace and Ms Surrey to support.

Your said - we did

You said	In response
Should a red card be used for a child that is misbehaving in Collective worship?	I am clear we are a Church of England school and Collective Worship is a period of reflection that should be respected. I am also aware that time for reflection is precious in the 21 st century and something we hope to teach the students to find and treasure. All students are aware of the expectations in Collective Worship. It remains at a RED if they are unable to show respect for their peers and others who are presenting.
Why do you put children on report what is its purpose?	We now monitor each child at each data collection to check their effort. If a child is given 2 Cs unsatisfactory effort, they are placed on a tutor report. If they have 5 Cs, they will go on a Head of Year report. If a child also presents 1 st yellow card in a week the tutor, in discussion with the HOY, may choose to place the child on report. All reports are monitoring tools to identify issues & regulate student behaviours. They are here to help, please support us by making sure that you engage and sign the reports.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16th December is non-uniform day and all pupils are asked to wear a Christmas jumper. Pupils may wish to decorate their own jumpers in the Christmas theme! Any issues please let the HOY know and we will support.

Online Parents’ meeting bookings

Many thanks to all of the Year 5 parents who have already taken the opportunity to book their appointment to see their child’s tutor in January. **Year 6** appointments are also now open, so please do check your email/text for an invitation to log into the system. If you experience any problems with the system, please do contact the admin team at school who will be happy to support you.

School Meals

Please ensure all school meals are paid for in advance. The school no longer accepts cheques so payment can be made via the online service 'School Gateway' or with cash in a sealed, named envelope to the school office. School meals are charged at **£2.35** per day.

Scholastic Book Fair

We would like to thank everyone who supported our recent Book Fair. The total sales resulted in an amazing **£316.50** commission, which will be spent on new books for the school library.

Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership

We have been asked by The Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership to advise you that it is launching a new campaign to **'put it away'** as many drivers are continuing to use their handheld mobile phone while driving. However good your driving is, checking a text, browsing, scrolling through your music means you are not paying attention to the road, things happen that you cannot react in time to. Remove the temptation and put your mobile away – it is not worth the risk www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/putitaway Soon penalties for using a handheld mobile phone while driving are doubling to £200 fine and six points on your licence – an immediate ban for new drivers.

Important Reminder regarding Social Networking

Please may I remind all parents that the minimum age for most social networking websites including **Facebook** and **Instagram** is 13 years. Please remind your child about the importance of this age limit. We are currently investigating an incident on Instagram!

Jo Gant
Headteacher

Incl – Parent Advent activities