



**Diary Dates:**

- 21/12/16 Pupils' Christmas Dinner & Church Service**
- 21/12/16 End of Term 2:30pm finish 2017**
- 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**

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at the normal start of 8.40am. Thank you for your support in helping to move the school forward.

**Christmas Hampers**

Thank you for all the donations towards the Christmas Hampers. These were given to ex Edwinstree pupils, now our local senior citizens. They enjoyed a matinee concert performance, followed by afternoon tea. The Christmas Hampers were greatly appreciated!

**Homework over the holiday?**

Please make sure your child is reading for 20 minutes, five times a week, but also remember to give them a break. The majority of students have worked really hard this term, both in school and at home.

**Advent**

As described last week, on the last day of term the whole school will be walking to St Mary's Church in Aspenden for our Christmas Service. Please make sure students have walking shoes and or boots that you don't mind getting muddy and a carrier bag with indoor shoes to change into at the church.

**Christmas Concert**

Thank you to all involved in helping make our Christmas Concert such a success. It was lovely to see so many students taking part in the telling of the Christmas story. Our special thanks to the ESA for providing the festive refreshments. We look forward to entertaining you again in the summer term.

**When can I see my child's books?**

A number of Parents have asked for books home again, however, I am aware not all books were returned after half term. We have decided that rather than sending books home over the festive season, we will send them home at the beginning of next term. Please do make sure all the books are returned to school.

**Uniform**

Can I please ask if Santa is choosing to buy new uniform we would appreciate removing all black jeans and leggings from the school? We have included a few photos of appropriate reasonably priced school trousers, which can be purchased from Asda, Tesco and Sainsbury. While this will not be an enforced rule this year, I hope you can appreciate that after much consideration, there is no merit in allowing jeans in school. Jeans signify relaxation and out of work time for many (I respect not all), and I worry that leggings can be too tight, constricting and revealing for girls.

**Welcome**

I would like to welcome Mrs Earnshaw, who is returning to Edwinstree to replace Mrs D Sibley as teacher for 5G, she will also be taking on the role of Head of Year 5.

**Can you Help?**

Following a recent visit to the Tate Modern by some Edwinstree pupils we are trying to build a tower of mobile phones! If you have any old phones that you don't want, no matter how old they are, please send them into school for Mr Galanides or Mrs Chipperfield.

**Data Reports**

Data Reports will be sent home by pupil post before the end of term.

**Jo Gant  
Headteacher**

- Incl – Letter re Breaktime snacks
- Chair of Governors item
- Trouser pics