



Diary Dates:

17/3/17	Normandy Deposit due
20/3/17	Y6 Preparation for SATs 5pm-6pm
21/3/17	Y6 Parents' Feedback Meeting - Eng & Maths 12:15pm-4:30pm
27-30/3/17	Normandy Visit
28/3/17	Y6 Parents' Feedback Meeting - Eng & Maths 12:15pm-4:30pm
30/3/17	SATS Parents' information Evening 5pm
31/3/17	End of Term - School Finishes 2:30pm
3-17/4/17	Easter Holidays
19/4/17	Y6 NHS Measure Height & Weight
5/5/17	ESA Big Band Night
8/5/17	SATS Week
29/5-2/6/17	Half Term
21/7/17	End of Term - School finishes 2:30pm

End of term

On the last day of term school finishes at 2:30pm. The plan for the day will include a visit to St Peter's Church for the Easter festival. Any parent who would like to attend and support the school walking students to and from the church, please contact Mrs Matthews in the school office. We will also be hosting an 'Edwinstree's Got Talent' competition. Auditions will take place in the last week of term, except for Year 8, which will take place next week due to the residential visit to Normandy. Thank you to our house and sports' captains, who will be supporting Mr Rowlands in organising this event.

Residential Visit to Normandy

Thank you to all parents that attended the information evening. We confirm that we are happy to accept disposable cameras on the visit; however, Miss Bustard will collect them in for safekeeping at night and return them in the morning.

Congratulations to Year 6

Please commend your Year 6 child on their excellent behaviour during the Mock SATs. The school breakfast allowed them some chatter time, which was followed by a pre SAT preparation meeting. They behaved impeccably. We are now busy marking! REMINDER - Year 6 students who are almost there to attend Year 6 lessons on Saturday.

As promised the recommended reading list for Year 5 students that the Year 8's talked about on World Book Day involved the following:

- Several Percy Jackson books (adventure and history)
- Harry Potter (no surprise but still may be a little early as you follow the series)
- Tracey Beaker & Hettie Feather – Jacqueline Wilson
- Tom Gates
- David Walliams

Year 8 letters from Freman College

Please return Year 8 letters to Freman College – thank you

Year 7 Progress

We are currently trawling our latest data and triangulating this with 'book looks' and lesson observations. This week I have been looking at Science in Year 7. If you have time, take a look at your child's Science book, there is evidence of strong progress and this is backed up in the data.

Mobile phones

Thank you to parents who responded to my comments regarding mobile phones last week. Please, if you have an opinion let me know? The responses were universally in favour of a strict 'No Mobile Phone' policy, safeguarding issue are the only exception. One Parent has kindly steered me to a new mobile phone with no internet connection that texts only, priced at £1.99 that we could recommend from September.

Sleep Patterns and Mental Health.

Year 8 are currently studying mental health and how to stay healthy of mind. This is a scheme designed by the PSHE foundation. As part of this study my class completed a survey. All students were found to use a mobile, Ipad or equivalent device within the hour before bed. One student admitted to receiving only 4 hours sleep a night due to their use of an Ipad and games. He was unaware till completing the course that this was an issue. It is well worth watching the Panorama documentary on sleep if you missed the reference to it last week. [Sleepless Britain](#)

Law changes for using a mobile phone whilst driving

It is illegal to use a hand-held phone or similar device while driving, or riding a motorcycle - this is still the case stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic. Did you know? It is also illegal to use a hand-held mobile when supervising a learner driver or rider. New penalties now mean that motorists and motorcyclists caught using a phone while driving and riding will receive six penalty points on their licence and a £200 fine. This means that new drivers, within two years of passing their test, run the risk of losing their licence for a single offence.

Keepsafe

<<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/putitaway>> – put your phone away in the glove compartment.

Year 6 SATs Information Evening 30/3/17

Please be aware of the date change to the Year SATs information evening. The reason for the change is so that we can provide you with the mock SATS results and ensure the evening is as purposeful as possible. We will provide you with help and guidance on how to help your child over Easter, how to manage stress and anxiety and additional support with English and maths.

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