



Diary Dates

7/6/21	New Entry and exit times Y8: 8:45am - 2:50pm Y7: 8:45am - 2:50pm Y6: 8:50pm - 2:55pm Y5 8:50am - 2:55pm
30/5/21	Half Term
7/6/21	Students return to school
8/6/21	Fun Swim 6B
10/6/21	Fun Swim 8B
8/7/21	County Transition Day
22/7/21	End of term

Timetable first week back - Week B available on our website: www.edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

What are the new times to the school day?

Key Stage 3 - Y7 & Y8 : 8:45am - 2:50pm

Key Stage 2 - Y5 & Y6 : 8:50pm - 2:55pm

Year 8 and 6 will enter and exit via bottom gate (normal entrance)

Year 5 and 7 will enter and exit via the pedestrian gate, adjacent to the main school gate and follow the cones.

Bus students will **exit first at the end of the day**. Richmond 899 bus students will be escorted to Freman to collect their bus at 3pm. All other students will collect their bus from outside school and they will leave first prior to the other students.

What homework is expected over half term?

Students have worked hard this term and are tired, they are getting used to being back in school and living and working together. There will be minimal work set, but please continue to support your child to read 5 times a week for 20 minutes. You can do this together or individually. Please take an interest in what they are reading and have a conversation about what they have read. What do they think will happen next, how is the character feeling, why are they reacting like this do you think?

Reading At Home Survey

Supporting students to read in school and at home, is a significant part of our recovery curriculum and our focus for intervention and Summer school (more details to follow) In order to get a picture of how much reading goes on at home, here is a link to a questionnaire about reading at home. We would appreciate if you could take a few minutes to complete. Thank you to those parents who have already completed the questionnaire; we have already had some fantastic responses and comments.

Thank you for your continued support - Miss C Bailes

<https://forms.office.com/r/ZTcNTgin6S>

Should we continue to COVID test?

Yes, students have been issued with more COVID-19 testing kits for over May half-term. Thank you for your support. Further testing kits have been issued today.

What is the advice from County to support schools to stay open?

Please read accompanying information from County on lockdown release and advice.

Attached is our draft PSHE Policy for a second read.

This will go to the Full Governing Body for ratification next half term. If you have any queries or concerns please contact Mr Galanides via hoy8@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

When will the data reports be with us?

The end of April data collection reports will be ready after half term will be sent home via your child and you will be notified via Parentmail. Next half term we will publish the first calendar outlining our forthcoming events.

Who will be our next Parent Governors?

Please see the attached letter regarding our Parent Governor election. Please read the biographical details of the four candidates and vote for the **three** candidates you would like to represent you on the Governing Body. Deadline for voting is 9am on Friday 11th June. Thank you to the four parents who have volunteered to support the school.

<https://forms.office.com/r/seszivEmAy>

Would you like to support the ESA?

We are currently looking to recruit new members to join our Edwinstree School Association. If you are interested in supporting the school in key school events over the next half term and beyond, or help with fundraising, please contact the school on admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

What does Edwinstree School Association involve?

Half-termly meetings and a willingness to participate, engage in fundraising and support our calendar of events that normally take place throughout the year. The ESA has been invaluable in helping to support educational school visits, visits to the church, school discos, school productions and formal

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events. It is also a great opportunity to meet other parents.

Pond Project update:

Thank you to those parents and families who have been in touch to offer help with sourcing resources or who have already donated items. It is very exciting to see this project begin. Here is a reminder of some of the items we are still looking to source for after half term that you might be able to help with:

- Hire/Borrow of a mechanical digger to break ground and begin the job of digging out the pond.
- Gardening gloves
- Micro spades and shovels
- Tarpaulins
- Sun shades
- Tarp clips

We have added some of these to the school's Amazon Wish List but there are some items that we cannot source from Amazon.

<https://amzn.eu/fbbM315>

We will keep you updated with details as the project progresses, but we would love to hear from any parent who can help us. Perhaps you have links to a company who could donate items or reduce the cost of items to us?

What enrichment clubs are up and running?

As we are no longer using paper reply slips, if you wish your child to take part in a club, please sign them up using the link below. Not only is this so we know names of who to expect (and to keep numbers at a safe level), but also to give your permission for them to stay after school. – Thank you

<https://forms.office.com/r/vsfmx4sUVk>

Please note, if your child does not have PE that day but plans to stay for a PE club, they are able to wear their PE kit to school.

If your child's class has won a fun swim after half term, we do need your consent, please click on the link below so they can take part:

<https://forms.office.com/r/qAdEhJfTJP>

National online Safety have published a useful guideline to which parents and carers need to know about EMAIL Scams.

Click on the following link to download the guideline or copy and paste and search on your browser.

<https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk/download/16d1aba41abd5bccde1bdbf5a152ccd1tw0ftc2xymxbd sjm1kf8aah2gudz6rqev2moy9tobcg2b48vjspinld>

e8y5fo6vo9txiz4llqf5e51ccl4ox2eytds07dstocl.pdf

For further guidance and useful information please go to www.nationalonlinesafety.com

If you need to reply regarding this message, tap on this email address: wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk

Terry Morris Watch Liaison Officer

Email: wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk Tel: 01707 355807

We do hope that you manage to find time as family to have some fun this half term. Hopefully, the weather will improve and provide some much needed sunshine. Thank you for your continuing support.

Jo Gant

Headteacher

Governor Election

New TT A/B

SRE Policy

HCC advice for parents

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