



Edwinstree Middle School

A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School

NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS

Week Ending: 30th June 2017

Diary Dates:

- 5/7/17 Breck Foundation visit students
- 7/7/17 Action Aid
- 11/7/17 Y5 Whipsnade Zoo visit - postponed
- 12/7/17 Scarecrow Festival 3:30pm-4:30pm
- 13/7/17 County Transition Day
- 13/7/17 Y8 Visit Airspace - 6pm-7pm
- 14/7/17 Sports Day 9:00am -3pm
- 14/7/17 Scarecrow Festival 3:30- 4:30pm
- 17/7/17 Action Plan Meeting for Parents – 5pm
- 20/7/17 Y8 CELEBRATION EVENING
- 21/7/17 End of Term – School finishes 2:30pm

Pupil Safeguarding

In order to comply with safeguarding procedures, we have introduced a new signing in/out system for students who leave the site during the day to attend appointments. When you arrive at school to collect your child, you will be asked to complete the signing out register and when your child returns, you will be asked to sign them back in. Thank you for your support.

Peacechild Collective Worship

On Monday 10th July pupils from Year 5, 6 and 7 will be presenting a Collective Worship from 'Peacechild'; a local organisation which aims to empower young people and give them a voice with which to change their world. This performance is a teaser trailer to prepare and engage pupils for a bigger production which will hopefully take place in the autumn term."

Sport Update

Well done to our boys who won the local football tournament last week. They were unbeaten in their 6 games. The squad included J Lemay, F Walker, O Kennedy, J McKinlay, C Brett, A Prior. and T Cretton All our EAGLES are looking forward to showing their speed, as they currently prepare for Sports Day

Galactus Jack – PSHCEE Day

Today our students will have had an opportunity to meet a National Christian charity to explore how individuals have used their faith. There was a concert during Period 5 for all students who received no behaviour cards this year.

Breck Foundation

As requested by you, we will be hosting the Breck Foundation on the 5th July, KS3 at 11:05am and KS2 at 12:05pm. In order to cover the cost of this event we will host a non-uniform day which costs £1.

SIAMs Church of England Inspection.

This week the school was inspected by the Church of England. The results will be published within the next three weeks. The inspector was impressed with your children's singing, engagement in RE lessons, ability to discuss deep and meaningful questions about life and their Collective worship. If you do have a chance to attend your child's tutor group Collective worship, please take it. They are presenting very reflective and creative Collective Worship.

During the inspection a number of Parents came in to talk to the inspector and as part of that discussion she reported back that you said:

You said	We did
You recognise that the school is treating each child as an individual. You felt we listened to you.	Good that is exactly what a Church of England should be doing. Our Christian faith demands that we look at each individual and help them to be the best that they can. We are working really hard to listen to you. No problem is too small, always tell us please.
A small minority were a little worried that there was low level disruption in a few classes.	This surprised us as this was not borne out in the tours. Our data shows us that on a first yellow warning the majority of students stop any silly behaviour. Although we are not complacent, this needs to move to no yellow cards. A quarter of the school celebrate today, having received not one single yellow card! However, we do have students who choose to misbehave and the system does deal with it. The area I am now going to investigate is supply lessons, my data identifies that these are the lessons most likely for behaviour to escalate to 2 nd yellow cards. Please can you make sure, if your child reports a poor lesson of behaviour, you let us know, either email the admin team and or telephone the office so that we can follow up.
Some homework takes a long time to be marked.	This will be addressed with all staff in our newsletter and Monday briefing. However, if you have a concern, don't leave it, email your child's Head of Year and they will chase down for you. Please let us know where and when this is occurring.

The Inspector also asked us to regularly make it clear to you as a Parent Body, that our Christian faith is not exclusive but 'inclusive'. Christian beliefs encourage schools to support all individuals to make their own choices as to a faith, but at the heart of the school, know that we are here to support students to flourish as individuals.

Our faith supports each individual to flourish and challenges us to live life in all its fullness

All are very much welcome and difference is something we strive to celebrate, not shy away from. The SIAMs Report will be published as soon as we receive it.

Sports Day

Information about Sports Day on Friday 14th July will be sent home in a letter next week.

Lea House Rewards Sport Activity 6/7/17

Lea House Sporting Activity afternoon for students who chose this option will take place on Thursday 6th July.

**Jo Gant
Headteacher**