



Edwinstree Middle School
A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School
NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS
Week Ending: 4/2/2022

Diary Dates – Week A

School day – 8:40am – 3:05pm	
9/2/22	KS3 2 nd Covid Vaccine - Pfizer
10/2/22	Y8 Wellbeing Day postponed
11/2/22	Fullness Day for whole school – non-school uniform
14-18/2/22	Half Term
21/2/22	Textile Club cancelled
22/2/22	Year 8 Foundation Subjects Virtual Parent Consultation 4pm-7pm
28/2/22	Y6 Mock SATS week
14/3/22	Y6 Lancaster Model
15/3/22	Y6 Lancaster Model
9- 12/5/22	Y6 SATS week
24/6/22	Occasional Day
27/6/22	Day in lieu of Queen's Jubilee

What is the latest COVID update?

We are currently a Covid 'outbreak' school. Yesterday, we had to send another teacher home with COVID like symptoms. Therefore, following advice from Public Health, we made the decision to close the three Year 8 classes with the highest number of cases. This decision was not taken lightly and we are working hard to find a solution to get students back in school.

We plan for all students to return to school on Monday and we will **Parentmail by 6pm on Sunday to update you on the situation. Please check your emails.**

Year 8 students: Please support your child to continue to test daily and in the event of a positive test, please notify us via covid@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Class 7D students: A high number of students in 7D have tested positive for the virus, therefore following guidance from Public Health England, we have given students additional testing kits today, in order that they can test daily. Thank you

Classes 7A, 7B and 7C – please continue to test on a Wednesday and Sunday. Thank you.

Year 5 and Year 6: There are currently have fewer cases in these year groups

When are the next Covid-19 vaccinations taking place?

We have received notification from the NHS Immunisation team that the second Covid-19 vaccination for **Year 8 [and children aged 12 and above]** will take place on 9/2/22. They have confirmed it will be a Pfizer vaccine. To complete the electronic form you will need this **unique code number EE117554** which identifies your child's school. The electronic link will close at **Noon on February 08, 2022.**

Should you have any questions, please contact the office.

Parents who have previously given consent but now need to decline, please resubmit the online form and select 'decline' at the end to overwrite the original form. The form is still available online. Contact details for the Nursing Team 0300 555 5055.

How do I report my child absent?

To report your child absent for all other reasons other than COVID, please email: attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

What clubs are cancelled next week due to our outbreak?

Textile Club

Cancelled on Monday 7/2/22 and 21/2/22

Computing Club

Cancelled until after half term

Community Police

Club – cancelled until after half term

Filmmakers Club

Cancelled until after half term.

Currently, all internal clubs continue to run as normal, if the situation changes, we will notify you by Parentmail.

When will students get their new timetable?

As you are aware, we were making some significant timetable changes for after half term. The new timetables are now available to view on our website. We will spend time next week going through this with students to prepare them for after half term. Please could we ask you do the same at home, particularly noticing when PE is being taught? The Learning Zone Team will help prepare our more vulnerable students with the forthcoming timetable changes

Year 8 Well-being Day – postponed, we hope to reschedule before or after Easter.

They will be taking part in a yoga lesson so their clothing will need to be flexible. Further information to follow.

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Year 6 SATS update

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. However, if you were unable to join us, please find the link for the recording and the PowerPoint attached.

Video of the meeting: <https://youtu.be/QCEErlieQjs>

If you have any specific questions relating to English or Maths, please email Miss Devonshire:
k.devonshire@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk
Mrs Earnshaw:
a.earnshaw@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

This information can be found under the **Year 6 SATS tab** on our website.

Year 5 Music Opportunities

Please see the Parentmail we sent earlier today about the opportunity for Year 5 students to start music tuition with Hertfordshire Music Service. The venue will be at Edwinstree and at the moment we are not sure what day or time the lessons will take place.

How can you help your child prepare for Fullness Day?

We will be exploring COP26 and climate change. Please can you make sure that your child brings in the following:

- An old t-shirt for upcycling, any old jewellery or clothing you would be happy for them to use to upcycle
- Baked goods from the selected carbon footprint reduction recipes if they wish. These will be sold on the day to help us raise extra funds.
- Non-school uniform if they wish to, with a £1 to contribute towards the purchase of the zero waste compost bins. These will help us to reduce waste and contribute toward the building of our pond and forest school.

Jo Gant
Headteacher

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