



Edwinstree Middle School
A Voluntary Controlled Church of
England School
**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS &
CARERS**
Week Ending: 06/10/2023

Homework week: B

Diary Dates

School Day – 8:40am – 3:10pm	
09/10/23	ESA meeting 7pm Venue TBC
13/10/23	Flu Vaccinations – All Years ESA Stargazing
16/10/23	KS2 Aspenden Walk and Roll 1.45-3.00pm
17-18/10/23	Year 6 Lancaster Model
18/10/23	KS3 Aspenden Walk and Roll 1.45-3.00pm
23-27/10/23	Half Term
01/12/23	Occasional Day – School Closed
20/12/23	End of Autumn Term 1:20pm
04/01/24	Start of Spring Term 08:40am

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school please inform us by emailing:

attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Thank you to all the parents who allowed us to borrow your children for the evening to represent the school at Open Evening, it was lovely to see them talking confidently to parents and providing advice and guidance on life at Edwinstree. The Year 8 students in particular showed real compassion when working with the Year 5's as guides and together they made a great team. I apologise if I caused a little confusion at the end of the night as I had not explained clearly on the guides letter for Year 5 and 8 where to pick up your child, we held on to them until you finally found them.

School Photographs

School photos have been taken and we are hoping to have them ready for distribution before half term. Thank you to our photographer Phil Lynch for his gentle manner and professionalism. The students looked fabulous!

Can you help us with Autumn walk?

Post Covid the school has become even more passionate about the importance of the outdoors and nature in helping us to stay well physically and mentally. As part of this strategy we follow the National Trust 50 things to do before you are 11 and ¾. One of our favourite things to do is a walk to Aspenden to roll down a very large hill and we are looking to do this on Monday the 16th October with KS2 and Wednesday the 18th October with KS3. Can you help? We are looking for volunteers to walk with us, this reduces the amount of cover in the school. If you can help please contact us via email admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk arrive at the school for 1.30pm. We are looking to depart at 1.45pm to 3.00pm.

What staff absence is there in the school?

Despite hopes of a return, Mrs Hill is still unwell. We continue to use our regular supply team to support her tutor group along with Mrs Kelly the Head of Year.

What have we been exploring in COWO?

Our daily Collective worships explore 15 Christian values over their time at Edwinstree. In the course of the four years your child/children are with us, they will cover these values twice. This term we have been exploring the theme of Justice and this week students thought about the quote most attributed to Gandhi, "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind".

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Attendance Award

Congratulations to the Year 5 student who achieved 100% attendance last week and was randomly selected for an early lunch pass. The student and two friends enjoyed eating their lunch ten minutes early and using the whole lunch break to play. This week a Year 8 student has been drawn and we hope they enjoy using the early lunch passes next week.

Flu Vaccinations

Vaccination UK will be visiting on 13th October to deliver the Flu Vaccination Nasal Spray or IM Non-porcine alternative to all year groups. Please find attached a letter and link below to give consent.

Deadline is 11th October.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/hertfordshire>

Freman College Vacancy

Exam Invigilator Required, Casual contract

Hourly rate: £10.42 / hour

Closing date for applications: Monday 16th October 2023

See details attached.



Edwinstree School Association

ESA meeting including AGM

Everyone is welcome at our next meeting on Monday 9th October 7pm. This will include our AGM where we will review the past year (please see our Chair's report attached) and plan our next year. We have succeeded in providing an outdoor classroom. The mini wind turbine and solar panel will soon be fitted to it which will complete this project. Why not come along and help decide what our next big fundraising project should be? What do you think we should provide to enhance our children's experience at Edwinstree? The meeting will be held at a member's home in Buntingford so please contact us or the school office for details.

EdwinstreeSchoolAssociation@outlook.com

Friday 13th October Stargazing.

Pupils and their families are invited to attend for a relaxed evening of stargazing on the field 6pm - 8pm. You are encouraged to bring your own telescopes, binoculars and mobile phones with star gazing apps on. By bringing picnic blankets or similar you can enjoy the darkness of the school field and gaze at the stars. The science staff will be available to support and offer guidance on getting the best from gazing at the stars. The main purpose is carving out some quality time together to observe what is around us every night, but we so rarely get to stop and wonder at. As Year 5 are currently learning about Space and this would be a great enrichment activity to support their learning. The ESA will be selling hot drinks and marshmallows. In the event of wet weather, we will gather in the hall for some Space and Star related quizzes. Spaces are limited to 100, please complete the consent form below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/kcgenkuALz>

Pre-Loved Uniform

Just to let everyone know that the ESA has an online shop selling pre-loved uniform. You can order anytime and the item will be delivered to the school office for you or your child to collect, usually on a Thursday. Orders can be placed in the school holidays and we will try to arrange a delivery time and place suitable for all. School branded PE T-shirts, hoodies and rugby tops (for year 7 and 8 only) are £3. Being pre-loved quality does vary. Good quality trouser and skirts are individually photographed and listed at £1 each. We also have plain black hoodies and jogging bottoms suitable for PE, along with rain and winter coats which are not listed online but make appearances at our pop-up events at school parent evenings and some High Street community events. Donations are always welcome.

[Edwinstree School Association Online Shop \(sumupstore.com\)](https://sumupstore.com)

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We also recommend (if you haven't already done so) naming everything - there are already 4 brand new school jumpers unnamed in the lost property cupboard, there are also a dozen pencil cases and swimming bags. Stikins name labels are great for sticking onto everything. If an item is named, staff will do their best to get it back to your child. If you order from Stikins please use our fundraising number 6671 and the ESA will get 30% commission.

[Clothes Name Labels. Stick on School Name Labels, Name Tags: Stikins®](#)



Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered to a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Eventbrite page:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-school-nursingservice-hertfordshire-33494371787>

Please see attached for further information.

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