



Edwinstree Middle School
A Voluntary Controlled Church of
England School
**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS &
CARERS**
Week Ending: 10/11/2023

Homework week: A

Diary Dates:

School Day – 8:40am – 3:10pm	
14/11/23	Maya Workshop for Year 5 Cost £2
15/11/23	Open Morning 10am booking via School Office
16/11/23	Maya Workshop for Year 6 Cost £2 8A Academic review via SchoolCloud
17/11/23	Non – Uniform Children in Need £1 donation
21/11/23	8C Academic review via SchoolCloud
22/11/23	Open Morning 10am booking via School Office 7A & 7C Academic review via SchoolCloud
23/11/23	8B Academic review via SchoolCloud
24/11/23	Non-Uniform Day – Chocolate donation to ESA
28/11/23	8D Academic review via SchoolCloud
29/11/23	7B & 7D Academic review via SchoolCloud
01/12/23	Occasional Day – School Closed
04/12/23	Year 5 Science trip to Duxford Cost £15
05/12/23	Year 6 Parent SATs Information Day 6A: 9:55- 10:55 6B: 11:10 - 12:10 Year 5 Christingle
06/12/23	Year 6 Parent SATs Information Day 6C: 9:55 - 10:55 6D: 11:10 - 12: 10
07/12/23	Christmas Concert 6pm
13/12/23	Festive School Lunch cost £3.20
15/12/23	Year 7 & 8 Christmas Service - 11am to 1pm
19/12/23	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Service - 11am to 1pm
20/12/23	End of Autumn Term 1:20pm
04/01/24	Start of Spring Term 08:40am
15/01/24	5A & 5C Academic review via SchoolCloud
22/01/24	5B & 5D Academic review via SchoolCloud
26/02/24	6A & 6C Academic review via SchoolCloud
29/02/24	6B & 6D Academic review via SchoolCloud
18/03/24	Year 5 Foundation Evening in person
22/04/24	Year 6 Foundation Evening in person
20/05/24	Year 7 Foundation Evening in person
17/06/24	Year 8 Foundation Evening in person

To support you to manage the Christmas season costs we have placed these in our calendar and we hope this helps.

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school please inform us by emailing: attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk



Remembrance Sunday

Buntingford's War Memorial is located on Market hill outside the Alms-houses. It is constructed of Portland Stone and is looked after by the Town Council. It lists not only those who died in the two World Wars but also those that gave their lives in later action. A Town Parade is held at 10.45am on Remembrance Sunday with a full service.

Students will observe a 1-minute silence just before break on Monday.

Parent Questionnaire

The Governors have asked us to ask you if you would take part in a questionnaire to ascertain your thoughts about the school and its work.

The questionnaire takes no longer than 5 minutes and will help the Governing body to ascertain your views on the school and what we need to improve on. Thank you for taking the time to do this. <https://forms.office.com/e/z0QpqE5Gyp>



Children in need

On Friday 17th November we will hold a non-uniform day for a donation of £1. If your child prefers to stay in school uniform this is always fine. Payment will be available via School Gateway.

Academic Reviews and Foundation Evenings 23/24

At Edwinstree we have two different types of Parents Evenings: Academic Reviews for Core subjects and Foundation evenings for the other subjects. The Academic Reviews take place online via SchoolCloud, with the Foundation evenings being in person. Attached is the schedule for this academic year.

Year 8 Academic Reviews

Due to Mr Galanides not being at school at present, we have had to delay his maths appointments until he is back and recovered. All other appointments will go ahead. Once we have an idea of replacement dates, we will let you know.

Year 5 & 6 Maya Workshops

As part of our new topic on the ancient Maya, Past Productions will be running workshops for all Year 5 and 6 on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November 2023. The workshops will provide the children with a real insight into the ancient Maya and will bring their learning to life! Please see attached a letter outlining all details. A big thanks again to the ESA for making the cost more manageable for parents and the school.

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Year 6 SATs Information Days

We would like to invite parents of Year 6 pupils to come into school at the times below. We will provide you with some brief information about the upcoming SATs and you will have a chance to go through your child's recent mock SATs papers (to be completed in November). Both your child's English and maths teachers will be available during these times.

Tuesday 5th December

6A: 9:55- 10:55

6B: 11:10 - 12:10

Wednesday 6th December

6C: 9:55 - 10:55

6D: 11:10 - 12: 10

Please confirm your attendance by completing this short form using the link provided.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BTrlzduqr9r2eTDmg8F8RSwokmeRDhMnaAtKJ1V1UMUhKQU1BRTdJQlIxN1A5OFIJMk83UTczTy4u>

We may not be able to provide your child's papers on the day if you don't complete the form. We look forward to seeing you.

Mrs Earnshaw - Leader of Maths

Year 6 Science

Our current topic in science is all about the circulatory system. As part of this the children have been learning about the function of the heart. We are looking at lots of diagrams, some film clips and have practised explaining the purpose and processes that happen within our circulatory system. To enrich the learning further we are able to complete a practical where the children dissect a pig's heart. This is often a highlight of the Year 6 Science curriculum. Looking at diagrams and pictures is great but the opportunity to hold a heart and see the way the 4 chambers are linked so they can receive and send blood, deepens the children's understanding. The teachers will demonstrate the dissection first to ensure that the pupils know what they are looking at. Prior to the practical we also discuss the respect needed around dissection and how the opportunity to complete this is a privilege. Should you have any questions please do contact the Science team

Year 8 History Lessons

Within our History lessons, pupils will be looking at the violence perpetrated against African Americans as part of a scheme on the fight for civil rights in the USA.

At Edwinstree, we believe in embracing life in all its fullness, this includes sensitively and appropriately looking at emotionally challenging subjects. More information to follow.

Food and Nutrition

Please remember your health and safety requirements for Food lessons.

- 1) It is very important that you are wearing the correct shoes - we are starting up demonstrations and practical's again and need to make sure our feet are protected.
- 2) Please remember that hair needs to be tied up and fringes clipped out of the way.
- 3) Please make sure that nails are clean and NO false nails or painted nails are permitted. These are a fire and food hazard.

Many thanks, Mrs van Wyk



Please find attached a flyer for Herts Music Service, with details of Music groups and Ensembles at Hertford Music Centre.



ESA Events

Non-Uniform 24th November

This year, for non-uniform day we are asking for donations of sweets or chocolate to go on our Chocolate Tombola stall at the late-night shopping event taking place in Buntingford on 1st December.

Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

To help reduce the environmental and financial costs of Christmas this year, we would like to host a Christmas Jumper Swap shop. This will be your opportunity to swap your pre-loved Christmas jumpers. So, if you fancy a different festive look this year or the kids have outgrown last year's jumper why not swap it for a different one. Start digging out any sized, clean and in a saleable condition Christmas jumper ready to swap. Dates of the swap shop to follow soon.



Safeguarding information from County.

There is a real and growing concern about how many young people find it ok to share inappropriate images online. It is leading to so many becoming vulnerable to potential exploitation, blackmail and harm from a young age, leaving a lasting digital footprint. If you share it, you are involved.

Attached is an informative wall poster that serves to reinforce online safety practices and encourages open conversations on this sensitive issue. [Parent Guides](#) | [Skips Safety Net \(skipseducational.org\)](#)

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Information from the National Government

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner for England

As we approach the General Election, now is a crucial moment to take children and young people's voices to policymakers, Government, and decision makers, to make sure they are heard.

That is why I want to hear from every child and young person in England about their schools, communities, family life, and the wider world. I will also be asking what they want for their future, their hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

This survey is for all children and young people aged 6-18 and for parents/carers who can complete the survey on behalf of children aged 0-5. This will ensure we hear from early years settings. Adults can also assist children who are unable to complete the survey independently.

The survey can be completed here:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition



Buntingford Film Club

The Buntingford Film Club are showing a screening of the Little mermaid at 5:30pm on Saturday 2nd December.

As it is a family screening, we have decided that we would like to offer all families from local schools 20% off any tickets that they buy.

The link to buy tickets is below and the code to gain 20% off is: Mermaid20

<https://buytickets.at/buntingfordfilmclub/995388>

Mrs J Gant – Headteacher

admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

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