



Edwinstree Middle School
 A Voluntary Controlled Church of
 England School
**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS &
 CARERS**
Week Ending: 13/10/2023

Homework week: A

Diary Dates

School Day – 8:40am – 3:10pm	
16/10/23	Years 5 & 6 Aspenden Walk and Roll 1.45-3.00pm – Non-Uniform
17-18/10/23	Year 6 Lancaster Model
18/10/23	Year 7 & 8 Aspenden Walk and Roll 1.45-3.00pm – Non-Uniform
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

What does my child need to wear and bring for the Autumn walk?

Year 5 & 6 take part in their Autumn walk and roll down the hill on Monday the 16th October and Year 7 & 8 on Wednesday the 18th October. This is part of our wellbeing strategy to get our students out in the countryside and completing the National Trust's 50 things to do before they leave us. Can you help us with Autumn walk for Years 7 & 8? It is not too late to join us and a huge thanks to those families already supporting.

Students will need to come in non-school uniform and definitely something they do not mind getting muddy.

Forecast looks like it is going to be cold and wet so please include a spare pair of shoes and or wellies. We leave after lunch and return at the end of the school day. We love outdoors so... please can you make sure that your child has a raincoat, umbrella or something to keep them from getting wet as we go out rain or shine, unless there is a storm at break and lunchtime.

As we get towards winter, and the darkness, please don't forget that we love a bright coat. A colour that really shows your child up is utterly welcome!

What have we discussed in COWO this week?

Mr Rowlands our Deputy for behaviour took time out to discuss mental health day with a focus on boy's mental health. We used a series of MIND resources to help us talk to students, key messages were once again: It is ok not to be ok but you need to share it with someone.

Here are the World Mental Health organisations strategies for keeping well:

- Be Active
- Connect to Others
- Go outdoors
- Learn something new
- Eat well 5 vegetables a day.

How can you support your child to complete their homework?

Find a space, agree a time, play an active role in finding out what they have to do and support them. It is really good to model finding something difficult and how you lean in and don't give up, when something is hard. If you can use the SatchelOne app to monitor their usage and help them plan how they complete the work is even better. Don't allow them to switch off, they are going to need your help at GCSE and onwards, build the conversation now, don't leave it until it is too late. If you are struggling with devices or access to SatchelOne to support homework do talk to us we can help.

Do remember we have homework clubs operating after school and/or support in the afternoon slots for those most struggling, please contact

s.marler@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Homework timetable

Please find our Homework timetable on our website <https://www.edwinstree.herts.sch.uk/learning.aspx>

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Year 6 Lancaster Model Questionnaire and Measuring the height and weight of Year 6 students

Please see attached letters from the School Nursing Team, sessions are taking place on 17th and 18th October 2023. **If you do not want your child to be included in this programme, please email**

hct.shwbswh@nhs.net

Food and Nutrition

Wow! What an amazing week of cooking. Year 7's and 8's should be very proud of the dishes they all created. Couple of timing disasters, but every dish was fabulous. I sincerely hope parents got to taste and enjoy the Spaghetti Bolognese and Alternate Protein Curries.

Year 5: You are making your Dippy Divers next week. All ingredient information is on SatchelOne. Remember your containers and ingredients.

Year 6: You are making a Layered Pasta Salad. All the information and ingredient requirements are on SatchelOne. Remember a suitable sized container 2-4ltr and your ingredients.

Year 7 and Year 8: congratulations on your first dishes of the school year. No ingredients required for next week.

Please do remember our important health and safety rules.

- 1) Shoes - the incorrect shoes will result in a no cook session. Shoes should be sturdy and of a polishable design - as per the uniform policy.
- 2) Hair - long hair and long fringes need to be tied up and kept out the face.
- 3) Jewellery - please be aware that you may need to remove your watch during a practical session. Rings and bracelets should not be worn as per the uniform policy.
- 4) False or painted nails are not permitted in the kitchen - as per the uniform policy.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

Mrs van Wyk

What is happening with the zebra crossing?

We are so pleased to hear that the work on the zebra crossing will take place over half term to create a safe crossing from the Sainsbury's Carpark to the school. Hurrah and thank you to the council for arranging this.

Reminder Secondary and Upper School Admissions 2024

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary and upper schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of Tuesday 31st October 2023. But we would recommend that parents complete it by Friday 27th October, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.

Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively if they cannot access the internet, they can request a printed version of the website information and application from the Admissions and Transport Team by contacting your Process Admissions Officer Jessica.robinson@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Afterschool Enrichment Clubs

Please note that Art Club on Thursday 19th October is cancelled, we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

ESA Events

Star Gazing

Apologies for cancelling the star gazing evening tonight. We are trying to diary another evening soon.

Family Fun Night

Please join us for a family fun night escape style challenge on Friday 10th November. Doors open at 6pm the challenge starts at 6.30pm. Be the first team to find and solve all the clues to walk away with the pirate booty! Book tickets and pre order drinks at Edwinstree School Association Online Shop (sumupstore.com). Everybody welcome (not just Edwinstree families) suitable for ages 8+. Haven't got a team? Buy a single ticket and form a team on the night. Please see attached leaflet for more details.

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ADMINISTRATOR REQUIRED

32.5 hours / week, term time only + 5 days

FTE salary: £21,475 – £21,852 (£16,136 actual) (SCP 3-4)

Closing date for applications: Monday 30th October 2023

IMMEDIATE START AVAILABLE

Mrs J Gant – Headteacher

admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

ADMINISTRATOR FOR PASTORAL TEAM REQUIRED

32.5 hours / week, term time only + 5 days

FTE salary: £22,238 - £22,631 (£16,710 actual) (SCP 5-6)

Closing date for applications: Monday 30th October 2023

IMMEDIATE START AVAILABLE

Details for both vacancies attached



Hormead CofE VA First & Nursery School

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Vacancies

Early Years Practitioner vacancies

One as an Early Years Practitioner and the other to work

1:1 with a child with special needs

Please see attached details

Spark

A Creative Space for Young People's Wellbeing

Spark is a free face-to-face young people's group for 12–17-year-olds. Spark is funded by Building Life Chances and focuses on the benefits of using creativity to support our wellbeing. Young people attending the group will have the opportunity to exercise creative freedom by trying different art mediums and taking part in collaborative creative projects with their peers. Activities offered in the group will be diverse, including things such as creative writing, using clay, photography, drawing and painting.

The Spark group runs every Tuesday evenings 6-8pm.

You can find more information on our website at [Spark - WithYouth](#).

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