



15/07/22 Parent News
Diary Dates – Week A

School Day – 8:40am – 3:05pm	
19/7/22	Sports Day CANCELLED
22/7/22	Non-Uniform Day and walk to the Church.
22/7/22	End of term 1:20pm finish
01-05/09/22	INSET DAYS
06/9/22	Year 5 Induction Day (all other year groups not in school)
07/9/22	Term Begins (all years in school)
28-30/9/22	3 Day Residential Trip for Yr7
24-28/10/22	Half Term

What about the heat for last week of term?

You will be aware that the severe weather warning for Monday has now risen to red. Hertfordshire County Council and the Department for Education are not advising schools to close, although they are recommending that we take measures such as ventilating rooms, switching off electrical devices, closing blinds and keeping students out of direct sun.

Therefore, we currently intend to be open on Monday. We will follow national guidance in order to look after everyone while they are in school. Students should make sure that they bring a water bottle with them and can continue to wear PE kit to keep cool.

We will continue to review the situation over the weekend and we will be in touch if there are any changes to our plans.

I am mindful that everyone's circumstances are different. There may be considerations such as your son or daughter's health or the nature of their journey to and from home which mean that you do not feel it is sensible for them to come to school while a red warning is in place.

I am happy to support whatever judgement you make about this. If you decide it is better for your son or daughter to work from home, please email Attendance attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk there will be enrichment work posted on SMHW for Monday and Tuesday.

Messages for the end of term:

Monday - Lea House Reward Fun Swim

KS3 LEA students have a fun swim on Monday 18th of July – so do any dancers involved in the Edwinstree Strictly competition, please use the link to confirm your attendance at this.

<https://forms.office.com/r/dGCLwfHTbc>

Tuesday - Sports Day:

Cancelled due to Red Weather Warning, if we can get the relay teams out at the end of the week we will, but we are sorry no parents will be involved.

Wednesday and Thursday:

Students will have the opportunity in the morning to see Pirates of the Curry Bean school play, if enough of the cast are attending school.

Friday:

Subject to the weather, we are walking to Aspenden Green to meet our New Vicar, Reverend Kirsty Wainwright. We will hold our Summer service outside and will say goodbye to Year 8. More information to follow.

When will I receive my child's report?

Students will be issued their report next week and we will Parentmail to let you know it is coming home. If your child is in Year 6 they will also receive their SAT result. Please remember for our school and your child, whatever their result, we are on a two-year programme of recovery and if they have not reached the expected standard. They will get there we promise.

Will there be homework over the holidays?

We are really keen for your child to have fun and a break – you all need it, but we couldn't recommend more that you keep them reading.

The Summer reading challenge is outlined below. 20 minutes, 5 days a week. We don't mind what they read, cooking recipes, the football news- but do work on encouraging your child to do this.

When you are on holiday if you chose to play games, cards, darts and snooker are great for maths. But with any game please talk to your child about strategy – what you are thinking and how you are planning ahead. Get them to see the inside of what your brain is doing, when its game playing. Getting students to budget and have responsibility for money is a great way to help.

Lastly can they tell the time on a clock face? If not, could you work on this over the holidays.

Year group news:

Uniform (Year 8 parents in particular) – do you have school uniform that your children has grown out of, or will no longer wear?

All students will be able to come in Non-uniform on the last day of term.

If you are able to donate (please only 'branded' items i.e. PE Hoodies, PE T-shirts, Ties, Rugby tops only -please no trousers, skirts, white shirts or navy jumpers). Bring them in school on Friday and ESA will collect, store and sell on.

Also, for 1 week only (23rd -30th July) people can donate uniform at Attend2health (old Barclays bank) on the high street. There will be a donation bin at the front, where the cash point used to be.

Year 6 Parents Evening feedback

Thank you to those who have already completed this survey. If you can spare five minutes, we would really appreciate your feedback. <https://forms.office.com/r/CjNQnMG6pF>

Lancaster Model - Year 5 currently/ year 6 in September 2022

IMPORTANT: ASSESSING YEAR 6 CHILDREN'S HEALTH & WELLBEING THROUGH THE LANCASTER MODEL

For the last few years, the Public Health Nursing Service has been using an online health assessment, called the Lancaster Model, to identify health needs of children.

All Year 6 children will be given the opportunity to complete a questionnaire in school, during a normal school day. Members of the school nursing team will be present when the children complete the questionnaire to support any child that may need assistance when completing it, or to offer support afterwards. Please find attached to the newsletter a letter for Year 6 Parent/ Carers.

What is the Lancaster Model (TLM)

TLM is an online questionnaire and is a way of identifying any early health and wellbeing needs children may have. It asks them about things that might affect their health, such as lifestyle, emotional wellbeing, and moving to secondary school. If it shows a child might benefit from some additional support from the school nursing team, they will discuss this with you and contact the child's parents or carers to discuss further. The results of the questionnaire also show wider trends so we can plan what services or support will be needed for children in the future.

Hertfordshire County news we have been asked to pass onto you: HOME-START ROYSTON, BUNTINGFORD & SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Children are invited to take part in a Design a kite competition. The entries will be judged at the end of the

Kite Festival by the chairman of Royston Rotary club, and prizes awarded. Details attached to newsletter.

Starlight Stars

Film Makers Club has been running successfully at your school now for 4 years. The club runs for an 11-week term, we focus on building confidence, being creative and learning everything to do with making films as well as starring in our very own. Learning to script write, plan costumes, take on the role of camera operator, director & clapperboard operator. All work is fully edited and given to each child. Films we worked on so far have been Hogwarts, I'm A Celebrity Get Me Outta Here, Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, News, School of Rock and much more. Payment is split into 3 monthly Direct Debits of £25.25. For more information contact Gill on hertsbedsfilmclub@gmail.com or 07341305131. Flyer and Registration form attached.

East Herts and Broxbourne District Community Fire Safety

As part of their ongoing efforts to keep people safe in the community, attached is the second edition of their school's newsletter aimed at the parents of your pupils around relevant issues of fire safety. It has lots of useful tips to keep people safe over the summer months.

Music information

If you are interested in starting instrument lessons in September please follow this link <https://ukhertfordshire.speedadmin.dk/registration#> or, if you wish to start Piano, please email mrbanstey@aol.com. Finally, if you have any instruments hiding away that need a new home, Mr Meekins and the music department would happily welcome them!

Co-op Community Fund Update

Thank you to everyone who has chosen Edwinstree as their Co-op community fund partner and has been swiping their membership card every time you shop – the total raised so far is £1393.

We have just over four months left of the funding partnership and if you haven't signed up **it's not too late to do so**. In fact, when a new member signs up for a membership card using the Co-op App, they will receive £3 off when they spend £10 or more in store. Use this link to download the Co-op App <https://tinyurl.com/bdc6s3cp> If you need any help, please email Mrs Heywood r.heywood@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

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*As a Christian school we recognise the unique and wonderful in everyone.
As a community we support one another to flourish and live life in all its fullness.*