



Edwinstree Middle School
 A Voluntary Controlled Church of
 England School
**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS &
 CARERS**
Week Ending: 15/09/2023

Diary Dates

School Day – 8:40am – 3:10pm	
18-20/09/23	Year 7 Essex Outdoors Bradwell – Educational Visit
20/09/23	Freman College Open Evening 6-8:30pm, Headteacher Speaks at 8pm
22/09/23	Year 5 & 6 ESA New Friends Disco 5-7pm Closing date Tuesday 19th September. if you miss it we are sorry we can't help you as we calculate the staffing needed on this number.
25/09/23	Year 5 'Meet and Greet' 5pm to 7pm
05/10/2023	Edwinstree Open Evening 6pm - 8pm, Headteacher Speaks at 6:15pm
17-18/10/23	Year 6 Lancaster Model
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

How do we support your child's wellbeing?

You will hear your child talk about Zones (green, red, blue and yellow), stress buckets, ants in their head, grounding techniques and mindfulness. If you would like to attend a 30-minute session on what we do to support mental health, you can take part in an introductory session on Thursday 28th September at 5.00pm via Teams, we will send you the Teams link once signed up. Please sign up using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/47qZzJTQfQ>

What have we been talking about in COWO?

This week we have continued our introduction to what it means to be a Church of England school. We have focused on the story of the Vineyard owner who pays all his workers the same amount whatever time of day they started work after being collected from the market! To start with, this story can provoke outrage, however, when it is explained that the vineyard owner recognises that the people in the market who are waiting to be picked to work for the day to feed their hungry families at home, have more stress by not being picked at the start of the day then going to work – it finishes with a story the last shall come first and the first shall come last.

In a modern-day context, it means the following: We will commit really hard to support and make sure that all families facing the cost of living crisis are not put under pressure. We will continually publish, ring and talk to PP parents about costs of trips, clubs, uniform, equipment etc. Please email S.Marler@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk who can help you if you need it.

We use this story to show them the following slide:



We believe that as a school it is our job to give students a good education to get them over the line (see the baseball match in the picture). To do this we will use different size boxes or different strategies for each child.

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How have we updated our behaviour system this year?

Please read the accompanying information Mr Rowlands our Deputy has written to explain the new system and how it will impact on your child. Thank you.

When will my child have home learning?

Please find attached our homework timetable. Our full homework outlined in our last newsletter starts next week with the exception of year 7 students who are on their residential.

Satchel One Logins

New joiners in Year 6-8 and all students in Year 5 have been issued with letters containing the information required to set up Satchel One accounts. Satchel One is the system that Edwinstree uses to set home learning and can be accessed by a computer, tablet or mobile phone. Tutorial videos for parents can be viewed on the following link: [Satchel One Parent Video Guides](#) If you need any assistance please email Mrs Heywood r.heywood@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Enrichment Afterschool Clubs

Due to the Year 7 residential taking place next week, please note Music School on Tuesday will be unable to run.

Music Tuition

At Edwinstree, we offer a wide range of musical tuition through the Hertfordshire Music Service. If you are interested, then please check out [Music Lessons \(hertsmusicservice.org.uk\)](#) for information on pricing and other details. I have created an information document detailing how to register interest in instrumental lessons and apply/check for funding (attached). If you are interested in your child learning an instrument that is not listed, then please do contact me and I will forward this

information to them; all other queries are best sent directly to the music service. Thank you
Mr R Wainwright-Meekins

Scientist of the Month:

Each month we will be celebrating a different scientist. We would love our students to be involved and grow our knowledge of famous scientists.

We are starting with Neil Armstrong. We have displayed some of the basic facts about him but would love students to add more facts. Students could add a fact to a post it notes but posters would also be welcome.

At the end of the month we will share the facts we have gathered.

Year 5 News:

We invite you and your child to the Y5 Meet and Greet evening on 25th September 5-7pm. This will allow you to meet your child's form tutor, see some of the work they've been doing and hear from our department heads of English, Maths and Science.

Form tutors will be based in their form rooms- the pupils should know their way!
(5A- 14, 5B- 2, 5C- 11, 5D- 12)

English, Maths and Science Heads of Department will deliver their presentation in the hall at 5:30pm.

We look forward to welcoming you all.
Mrs Kelly- Head of Year 5.

Year 7 News:

We wish our Year 7's fun at the residential. For those students choosing not to go, their timetable is being emailed to you today, please make sure students bring their PE kit on Friday.

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Year 7 & 8 Art & Design:

As we begin looking at colour theory this term, year 7 & 8 will have an opportunity to explore colour using acrylic paints. These paints can stain clothes, therefore, if your child would like to bring in an apron or old t-shirt for these lessons, please feel free to do so. Thank you, Mrs Burches,

Year 8 News:

Year 8 will have the opportunity next week to volunteer for leadership roles from Eco Leader, Sports Leader to Wellbeing leader there are a range of diverse positions and opportunities. They are also allowed to suggest new roles. Information will come out to them via the Satchel One notice board and they will be asked to complete a very short application and return it via their school email and/or hard copy.

How can you help to keep our children safe and well?

Please would you ensure you park safely when collecting your child after school. There are clear lines marked on the road and signs nearby indicating a no waiting zone. Please do not park, wait or drop off on the zig zags either side of the school gates.



ESA 'Save the dates'

We have a number of events planned for the school year. As you will see most of them have definite dates, the others are subject to confirmation, but we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible so that you can save the date and join in!

September 22nd "New Friends" Disco 5-7pm -
Don't forget the closing date Tuesday 19th September. if you miss it we are sorry we can't help you as we calculate the staffing needed on this number.

October 9th - ESA AGM - Everyone Welcome
October tbc - Family Fun Night - Stargazing
November 10th - Family Fun Night - Pirate themed "Escape Room" style challenge
December 1st - We intend to have a stall at Buntingford Late Night Christmas shopping event
December 20th - Serving Hot chocolate on the walk back from end of term church service
February 9th - Family Fun Night - Quiz
May tbc - After SATs Spring Disco
June tbc - Summer Fair

If you have any ideas for fun events or fundraising we would love to hear from you. Please email EdwinTreeSchoolAssociation@outlook.com

Mrs J Gant – Headteacher
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