



Edwinstree Middle School
A Voluntary Controlled Church of
England School
**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS &
CARERS**
Week Ending: 17/11/2023

Homework week: B

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

School Day – 8:40am – 3:10pm	
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	Christmas School Lunch cost £3.20 and Christmas jumper day.
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

Absence

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

How did we support students to understand Remembrance Day? Living life in all its Fullness.

Each year Freman lays a wreath on behalf of both schools at the Buntingford Remembrance service. This year we felt it particularly important to support students to understand why we commemorate Armistice day and Remembrance Sunday, so we decided to place our minute silence after a COWO this week which was based around what these events are. Students learnt about what Remembrance is – supporting and thinking of those who lost their lives in war, why we celebrate with poppies. KS3 were introduced to the Flanders field poem by McCrae. We also looked at why the Bugle and Last post music is used. Students reflected that no war is good and that the decision to go to war is made by the powerful and yet it is the ordinary that suffer the most.

We are mindful that despite all of us being cautious to protect our children from the horrors of modern-day war, they do hear snippets and are concerned. To help guide us with questions about the current wars in Ukraine and Israel we use the attached guidance from the Diocese. In any COWO that is challenging, students are prepared before hand and given the opportunity not to attend, or to attend but sit on the blue carpet to indicate this is hard for them.

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/z0QpgE5Gyp>

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=BTrlzdugZ0-r9r2eTDmg8F8RSwokmeRDhMnaAtKJ1V1UMUhKQU1BRTdJQlXN1A5OFIJMk83UTczTy4u>

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

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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.

Year 8 Academic Reviews update on Mr Galanides Maths classes.

Due to Mr Galanides not being at school at present, we have had to delay his maths appointments until he is back to school. Once we have an idea of replacement dates, we will let you know. Mr Rowlands has been taking math classes during Mr Galanides absence. All other appointments will go ahead

Year 5 Educational Visit to Duxford

We are delighted to be able to offer Year 5 the opportunity to visit Duxford IWM on Monday the 4th of December. Our next Science topic is based on Forces and Duxford IWM has a range of exhibits that will enable the children to apply a real life understanding to the theory covered in the lessons. Deadline for payment via School Gateway is Friday the 24th of November. Please see attached a letter outlining all details.

Food and Nutrition

Next week is a very busy week in the kitchen. Please ensure all ingredients are measured and named. The fridge is going to be very full so please do not send in extra ingredients – please stick to the quantities mentioned on the ingredients list.

Year 5: Very well done to all who took part in the taste testing lessons. It was lovely to see and hear the reactions to some of the completely unusual toppings we tried. Hopefully you have a better understanding what Food Technologists do when creating new products and have to do taste testing.

Year 6: Please remember all your ingredients for your marinated chicken wraps. As we are using raw meat, please ensure all ingredients are dropped off first thing in the morning. Please do not bring extra ingredients and make sure everything is labelled. Remember, you are welcome to eat your product for break or lunch on the day you make it!

Year 7: I hope you enjoyed your bread demo – there is a video to watch on Satchel 1. Please don't forget your ingredients – TOP TIP: a ready measured packet of bread mix (with your choice of added fibre) is all you need!

Year 8: Your research project is due w/c 20 November. A reminder that this makes up a large proportion of your mark for the year. Please make sure it is handed in on time.

All years: Please remember your health and safety requirements for shoes, hair and nails. Mrs van Wyk

Year 5 & 6 Home Learning Club

We would like to start a Home Learning club on a Monday after school (finishing at 4pm) to support those who are struggling to complete home learning at home. There will be limited spaces so please let us know via the link below if you would like your child to attend and we will be in touch if we can accept them and let you know when the club will start.

<https://forms.office.com/e/sRfhA1CDdg>



Christmas School Dinner

Our Christmas School Dinner will take place on the 13th of December, and is available to book on SchoolGrid, the deadline to book is 08.55am on 13th December, please see menu attached.



Edwinstree Christmas Jumper day takes place on the 13th of December, along with our school Christmas lunch day.



How are the ESA hoping to raise further funds for the school this term?

Thank you to the ESA for hosting the pirate Escape rooms, over 85 guests took part.

ESA Events

Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

Please send unwanted Christmas Jumpers (T-shirts or Tops, Children's or Adult sized) to school Tuesday 21st, Thursday 23rd or Friday 24th November. The ESA will be collecting them just inside the school gate from 8.30am and issuing vouchers. The vouchers only, as no cash will be accepted, will enable you (Adults & Children) to have access to the Outdoor Classroom Christmas Swap Shop on Thursday 30th November from 3pm where you can swap your voucher for a 'new to you' Christmas Jumper. Any leftover jumpers will be on sale at the ESA stall at Buntingford Christmas Market on Friday 1st December. Any unused vouchers can be redeemed there too.

Buntingford Christmas Market

On Friday 1st December the ESA will have a stall at the town's late-night Christmas Market. We will be selling Christmas goods made from recycled textiles by the Edwinstree Elves (aka last year's Textile club), pre-loved Christmas jumpers and having a Chocolate Tombola. Please donate chocolate items on Friday 24th November in exchange for wearing non-school uniform. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the stall between 4 and 8pm. If you are able to spare just 30 mins it would be appreciated. Please contact the ESA at edwinstreeschoolassociation@outlook.com

Mrs J Gant – Headteacher
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