



Diary Dates

School Day – 8:40am – 3:05pm	
24/06/23	An afternoon “Tree’t” 2.00-4.30pm
26/06/23	Year 7 Felixstowe Trip
29/06/23	Year 6 Foundation Subject Parents Evening in person 5-7pm
03/07/23	Year 6 Felixstowe Trip
04/07/23	Sports Day
07/07/23	Year 8 Essex Outdoors Harlow
11/07/23	Reserve Sports Day
13/07/23	County Transition Day
21/07/23	End of Summer Term 1.20pm
01-04/09/23	INSET Days
05/09/23	Year 5 induction Day
06/09/23	Autumn Term Begins for all Years
18-20/09/23	Year 7 Essex Outdoors Bradwell – Educational Visit

Will students be in PE kit next week?

The forecast as of today is telling us it is still set to be warm and therefore on Monday, students can continue to wear PE kit and we will review.

As part of the celebration of the Kings Coronation, the children have voiced that they would like to create a tree walkway on the entrance to the school. Each year group have chosen their own native species that they wish to plant, one recommendation from each tutor group. Many of them are planning to participate in the Edwinstree Tree’t party on the 24th of June where parents and members of the public are invited to visit us, and help us to raise funds through purchase sustainable products that our ECO team are

producing. Students will sell school grown vegetables and fruit, our sustainable products (old jumpers have been recycled), bunting, coasters and cake etc. A face painting artist will be attending.

Any raffle prizes, or If you have any soft toys you are willing to donate to the Teddy Tombola, please send them into the office. We would also like to have a Bottle Tombola. If you have anything in a bottle (from bodywash to pickles or even Prosecco!) please would you send donations into the school office for the stall.

If you have a spare 30 minutes and would be willing to pop in and spend a little cash, the students would love to see you. A flyer is attached to this newsletter.

When are the sessions on how we support your child with Mental Health and wellbeing?

Thank you to those that replied to our questionnaire, the result was 50% wanted a TEAMS meeting and 50% wanted an in-person so we will offer both.

If you are keen to find out what our curriculum is doing to support your child to manage their wellbeing now and into the future, the dates will be:

Online via Teams Tuesday 27th June 5.30-6.30pm

In-Person at Edwinstree Thursday 6th July 5.00-6.00pm

Please sign on the link

<https://forms.office.com/e/9CupKA8xLF>

to confirm you are attending.

Do students receive an end of term report?

Yes, the report outlines the learning that has taken place this year in lessons, and how you can support this learning to continue to next year, it also provides a tutor comment for students. These are normally distributed at the end of term.

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Will we be making any major class changes?

In the past we have shuffled classes who are moving from the primary curriculum to secondary i.e. year 6 to 7. However, this year we are currently considering making only minor changes to the current year 6 classes. We believe they are settled and working well and we think students would gain from not having the anxiety of moving classes and friendship groups. However, if you have a concern about your child and their desire to move class please do not hesitate to let Mr Kelly know.

What changes are taking place next year?

Please remember we have a uniform change coming up. As we move to a uniform that prepares them for Freman, we are saying goodbye to ties and introducing a sweatshirt that can be purchased from our uniform suppliers. All other day to day school uniform can be purchased from local supermarkets and/or clothes shops. If you are a year 6,7 and 8 parent next year, we will ask that when your child outgrows their uniform, you purchase a sweatshirt to replace. Full school uniform list attached.

Year 6 and 7 trips to Felixstowe

Trips are rapidly approaching, please make sure that you have completed forms to confirm your child is attending.

Are there any parents who would be willing to support as volunteers? This helps to minimise the cover and supports the school. If you would be willing please email

admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Year 8 CAT Test

Year 8 completed their CAT test this week and the Freman staff were pleased to meet and work with our students.

Year 8 Leaver Activities

Please see the attached letter regarding the day, Mr McCarthy has returned from Paternity leave and is preparing to support year 8 in their planned goodbyes and camp over.

September 2023 – ‘Pushing the Positive’

In last week’s newsletter, we started to share some changes that we are making in September. One thing we are very keen to relaunch is how we ‘push the positive’ in school. As a pastoral team, we have spent quite a lot of time looking at how best to do this. Below, however, gives you a flavour of what to expect:

- More public and private recognition of success in the school – displays in tutor rooms and around the school, rolling House point totals, communication.
- Re-introduce the celebration of student achievement in Key Stage Collective Worship.
- ‘Star of the month’ rolled out across the whole school – tutor nomination
- Re-introduction of certificates to celebrate students achieving different thresholds of ‘Merits’ (students to decide on what a merit is actually called).
- Privilege cards to be awarded when these thresholds are met – these can then be used to ‘buy’ into different rewards with the higher the threshold, the greater the privilege; early lunch passes, swims/film afternoons; afternoon tea with HOY;
- Celebration Evening at the end of the summer term to recognise those students who are getting things right.

We will be meeting with students next week to explore, particularly with regards to a name relaunch and what privilege cards could ‘buy’ into.

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Swimming Lessons for PE

Change over to 6A and 6B on Wednesday's and 5A and 5D on Thursday's will start week commencing 19th June.

Fun Swims

Please give consent on the link below for your child to attend.

Strictly Come Edwinstree Dance competitors–
Tuesday 20th June

<https://forms.office.com/e/75KwGTYfYe>

Quin House win KS3 -Tuesday 27th June

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

Quin House win KS2 – Tuesday 11th July

<https://forms.office.com/e/h08G2tweDW>

Please note that for the fun swim's we are capped at 40 students for health and safety, and therefore will be based on a first come/first served basis.

We unfortunately do not have the capacity to make calls home on the day, therefore any forgotten swimwear means your child will be unable to attend.

Food and Nutrition:

Year 5: An excellent week for evaluations - at least we weren't in front of the hot ovens in the heat! I look forward to reading all the self-assessments.

Year 6: Well done to everyone for putting up with the extra 200°C heat with the open ovens this week. A success for each pupil.

I hope you all enjoyed your instant feast at break or lunch. Some very impressive marinated, grilled chicken wraps, pittas and baguettes created.

Year 7: We all enjoyed the cake taste testing - even if some of the flavours were a little challenging! Well done for trying something new that was out of your comfort zone. Next week we

will be baking for our experiment. As it is food science, school will be providing the ingredients to see which sugar makes the best cupcake!

Year 8: Healthy eating projects are due - please make sure you hand them in either before next lesson or at the start of the lesson - there are no extensions. Please dazzle me with your projects. *Please could any borrowed dishes be returned.* Mrs van Wyk

Gardening Club:

What a week - unfortunately some of our plants have not made it through the extreme temperatures, but the spider plants, daisies and sunflowers we planted this week will hopefully be able to recover in the shade! It has been a rather unforgiving week temperature wise for the plants. We look forward to showing off our Kitchen Garden at next weekend's Afternoon Tree't - you'll see our new beds and veggies we have grown from seed taking good form.

Mrs van Wyk

ESA - Pre-Loved Uniform

As we approach the end of the school year, you may be thinking ahead to the new term in September. With the current cost of living crisis and environmental concerns, we want to offer parents as much choice as possible for purchasing uniform. We currently sell preloved uniform (along with coats) at parents' evenings and at pop up events on the high street at Attend2Health. We would like to try selling items through our online Sum Up shop but currently have very little stock. We therefore need to build up supplies, so if your child has outgrown their uniform or will be leaving Edwinstree this year, please consider donating PE T-shirts, hoodies and Rugby tops to the ESA. We are happy to receive donations via the school office and will make them available at Edwinstree-school-association.sumupstore.com as soon as

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possible. We will have a donation point available during the summer holidays also.

To help reduce the amount of lost property we would encourage you to clearly label all items of clothing, shoes, pack lunch boxes, water bottles and other random items currently in the lost property cupboard, we have signed up to Stikins name labels. If you quote our fundraising number (6671) when ordering the ESA will receive 30% commission. <http://www.stikins.co.uk>

FilmMakers club Autumn Term 23

3.05PM - 4.10PM for a 12-week term. Starting 13th September 2023. **What do we do? We focus on building confidence, being creative, making memories & building new friendships!** We work with a HD Camera, Green Screens, Clapperboard. The children are fully involved in the story planning, script writing, completing story board templates prior to filming. We plan costumes, the set and any props that are needed for filming. Actual Filming is done by the children with the guidance of Gill. Each child will learn the role of Film Director ensuring filming runs smoothly & everyone is where they should be. Children also learn the role of Clapperboard operator, a key role in any film ensuring the scene is labelled and numbered at every take which assists with the editing process. Children also take on the role of Camera operator. At the end of this club, your child will have been part of a fantastic, fun, creative and inspiring experience. From their very 1st written word in a script to performing the scenes with their friends. All the footage is then taken away and fully edited and on completion you will get a copy of your Childs work to enjoy with Family and Friends. We have worked on the most amazing films such as The Greatest Showman, Spy School, BBC News with live reporting, Howls Moving Castle, Super Hero School, Pirates of The

Caribbean, The Attack on Hogwarts, School of Rock, The Sound of Music, Minecraft Adverts, Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them, Christmas Adverts, Men in Black, The 5 Realms (written by a child in Hatfield) & I'm A Celebrity Get Me Outta Here to name a few!! **SPACES ARE LIMITED TO 15 CHILDREN PER TERM.** Payment is split into 3 direct debits spaced 1 month apart. **1st payment not due until 14th July and subsequent payments not until October/November.** Each child will get a Certificate at the end of term and there will also be 3 children chosen for our SPECIAL AWARDS, where your Childs name will appear on our webpage for the entire term plus get an additional gift. CLUBS tend to fill up once notification goes to the parents. If you cannot secure your Childs place, please email or message Gill so that your child gets put on the Waiting list in case there are any duplicate bookings or cancellations. If there are any questions on this, you can contact Gill on 07341305131 or email on hertsbedsfilmclub@gmail.com or type **NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE AND BEDFORDSHIRE FILM CLUB** into Google and check out our webpage or click here [BOOKING PAGE](#), here you will see **Parent Feedback, Pictures from On Set and also most importantly our BOOKING PAGE! Or it's even easier now - SCAN THE QR CODE ON THE ATTACHED FLYER**

Mrs J Gant – Headteacher

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