



Edwinstree Middle School
A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School
NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS
Week Ending: 16/12/2022

Diary Dates – Week A

School Day – 8:40am – 3:05pm	
05/01/23	Spring Term begins
10/01/2022	Year 7 & 8 Nasal Flu vaccinations
30/01-02/02/23	Mock SATs Week
08/02/2023	Rescheduled Year 8 Geography visit to London
13-17/02/23	Half Term
31/03/2023	End of Spring Term
17/04/2023	Summer Term Begins
01/05/2023	Bank Holiday
29/05-02/06/23	Half Term
30/06/23	INSET Day
13/07/23	County Transition Day
21/07/23	End of Summer Term

A huge thank you to the ESA and volunteer parents who have helped us this week to run our enrichment activities, we could not do this without you.

How to support your child and their learning over the holidays?

Whilst stopping and having fun together are key for the holidays, if you want to keep your child's brain ticking over then traditional board games, cards, darts, pool and snooker are great for basic maths, strategy and problem solving. If you are playing these games it is great to share your strategy you're your child - how are you planning to win? What are you thinking about?

We would also encourage that reading takes place for 20 minutes on a daily basis, for a minimum of a week during the holidays. You can read anything together, instructions for recipes, world cup reviews, Christmas stories.

When does school reopen?

We look forward to welcoming your child back on Thursday 5th of January at the normal time of 08.40am in their full school uniform. Please use the hoodies as an extra layer if you need to. Lessons will begin after an extended registration at 9.10am

Enrichment Clubs

All clubs will resume the week beginning Monday 16th January.

PSHE Update

We recently sent out the PSHE scheme of work. At the start of the Spring term, we will pause the scheme for a short time in order to complete a number of lessons about wellbeing, and the Zones of Regulation that provide a language for us to describe our feelings. We will decide during this time which lessons from the main scheme we will miss out.

Year 8 News:

We have now secured the 8th of February 2023 for the Year 8 Geography trip to London, more details to follow.

Schoolgrid (HCL) Lunch Orders:

Please ensure you cancel any pre-ordered lunches if you child is out of school, as you will be charged if not cancelled before 10am on the day.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

This has now been confirmed for Tuesday 10th January 2023.

News from Hertfordshire:



Families feeling Safe

We have four Protective Behaviours courses for parents, stepparents and carers starting in January 2023. The courses are funded by HCC Targeted Parenting Fund for eligible families who need additional support by attending. This is a fantastic course for those families that are worried about risky behaviour particularly around internet use.

Online (for parents countywide with children 0-19)

For Mums, Dads & Carers (course OL5/01)

Tuesday mornings 9.45 – 11.45 am 10 January – 7 February
[Please click here for the poster...](#)

For Dads and male carers (course OL4/01)

Tuesday evenings 7.15pm – 9.15pm 10 January – 7 February
[Please click here for the poster...](#)

Face to face for Mums, Dads & Carers

Hemel Hempstead (course HH5/01)

For parents with children pre-birth – 11yrs (with 1 or more children under 5yrs)

Creche available

At Adeyfield Community Centre, The Queens Square, HP2 4EW

[Please click here for the poster...](#)

Broxbourne (course BR5/01)

For parents with children 5 – 19yrs

At Wormley School Community Room, Cozens Lane East, EN10 6QA

[Please click here for the poster...](#)

For all enquiries and to make a referral please complete our parent registration form and email

enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk quoting the course number please.

Best Wishes

Mrs J Gant - Headteacher

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As a community we support one another to flourish and live life in all its fullness.*