



**Edwinstree Middle School**  
A Voluntary Controlled Church of  
England School

**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS &  
CARERS**  
**Week Ending: 20/12/2023**

**Diary Dates:**

<b>School Day – 8:40am – 3:10pm</b>	
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
5-8/02/24	Year 6 Mock SATs
19-23/02/24	Half Term
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
28/03/24	End of Spring Term 1:20pm
15/04/24	Start of Summer term 08:40am
22/04/24	Year 6 Foundation Evening in person
06/05/24	Bank Holiday
13-16/05/24	Year 6 SATs Week
20/05/24	Year 7 Foundation Evening in person
27-31/05/24	Half Term
17/06/24	Year 8 Foundation Evening in person
28/06/24	INSET Day
11/07/24	County Transition Day
19/07/24	End of Summer Term 1:20pm

A huge thank you for all the wonderful food you bought in to support the children's desire to provide food bank hampers this Christmas. We do hope that you find peace and respite this Christmas and we look forward to working with you in the New year.

**When does the new term start?**

We return this year to school on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January**, and we are looking forward to greeting the children ready for a full days learning. Please note that this is different from Freman this year, who return to school on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> January. If students have PE on that day we will expect them to have their kit.

**Homework cycle**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January will be **Week A** for homework. An updated version of the timetable is attached with the newsletter.

**Afterschool Enrichment Clubs**

New sign-up lists will be available after the Christmas holidays. All clubs will resume the week beginning **Monday 15th January**.

We would like to gauge interest in a couple of externally run after school clubs (Basketball and Boxing Club), we anticipate a cost of £5 per session. We would appreciate it if you could kindly complete the questionnaire to give us feedback on your interest, before we secure any bookings. <https://forms.office.com/e/5gVS7Xf6BN>

**What equipment are we asking students to bring in to school with them next term?**

To support your child to learn, please may we ask that you provide them with the following:

- Pencil case
- Blue or black pens
- Green pen
- HB pencils
- Ruler (30cm measured in cm and mm)
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Whiteboard pen/rubber
- Glue stick
- A small pack of colouring pencils (basic colours)
- Year 7&8: scientific calculator (available to purchase at a discount from school)
- You may wish to provide highlighter pens
- Any parent that is struggling to manage this please contact [s.marler@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:s.marler@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

**All Years PE**

After Christmas in PE, the girls will be playing football. Please ensure your child has football boots and shin pads. In the event of poor weather, we will be inside, so we will also need trainers to be brought in. If you are struggling to provide these, please contact [s.maler@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:s.maler@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk). We know how much the cost of living crisis and Christmas can put a strain on finances so please ask. Spring PE timetable attached.

If you have any old boots or shin pads you no longer need, we would be grateful to receive all donations.

We do hope that you find peace and comfort this holiday season and we look forward to working with you in the New year.

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## Edwinstree School Production

This year's school production will be Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies which is based on the legend of Robin Hood. It was written by Craig Hawes who wrote Pirates of the Curry Bean which was really enjoyed by the students. Students who have expressed their interest should have received the audition materials on SMHW already. Please would you give parental consent for them to attend the auditions by completing the form below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BTrlzduqZ0-r9r2eTDmg8JkTlhgl36lNu6omsa6qfB5UMk5RVERVWUY5RUk4NUtJUzi5WDdSNDBDSS4u>

Thank you, Mrs Brock and Mrs Booth.



## Edwinstree School Association

Please find attached the ESA newsletter for December 2023.

We would like to say a BIG thank you to all the ESA committee for such a wonderful year of events and fundraising.

*Mrs J Gant – Headteacher*

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