# Edwinstree Middle School A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School



NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS Week Ending: 20/12/2024.

## Edwinstree Term dates:

https://www.edwinstree.herts.sch.uk/school/term-dates.aspx



Diary Dates:

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06/01/25	INSET Day
07/01/25	Start of Spring Term
13/01/25	Year 8 HPV Vaccination
14/01/25	7A & 7C - Online Academic Review
16/01/25	5A & 5D - Online Academic Review
21/01/25	7B, 7D, 5B - Online Academic Review
23/01/25	5C - Online Academic Review /
	Year 8 In Person Foundation Evening
03-06/02/25	Year 6 Mock SATs
17-21/02/25	Half Term
25/02/25	6A & 6D - Online Academic Review
04/03/25	6B & 6C - Online Academic Review
10/03/25	6A Parent meeting to look at SATs
	papers (Period 1)
	6B Parent meeting to look at SATs
	papers (Period 2)
11/03/25	6C Parent meeting to look at SATs
	papers (Period 1)
	6D Parent meeting to look at SATs
	papers (Period 2)
20/03/25	Year 7 In Person Foundation Evening
04/04/25	End of Term 1:20pm.
22/04/25	Start of Summer Term
05/05/25	Bank Holiday
08/05/25	Year 6 In Person Foundation Evening
12-15/05/25	Year 6 SATs
26-30/05/25	Half Term
05/06/25	Year 5 In Person Foundation Evening
27/06/25	INSET Day
10/07/25	County Transition Day
	Parent Transition Evening 5-6pm
18/07/25	End of Term 1:20pm.

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Thank you for your support and we wish you peace, hope and love at Christmas.

As a team we feel very privileged to work in the Buntingford community with a set of parents who are caring and supportive of our school. We hope that you all manage some rest and respite, and we look forward to welcoming your child to a full day of school on the 7th of January, normal start time 8.40am.

# Afterschool Enrichment Clubs

You will have an opportunity to sign your child up at the start of the term – clubs will be up and running from the  $2^{nd}$  week of term.

## Y5 and Y7 academic reviews

Booking slots for these subjects will open at 6.00pm on Tuesday 7th January. Please note that 7C's Maths reviews will take place after February half term due to the change in teacher: English and Science will take place as normal.

## Timetable changes - 7C and 7D Maths.

We are sad to say that we are losing Ms Bailey who is going on to roles in specialist provision. We are aware that her year 7 maths class has had a significant number of supply lessons this term. During the term the Head of Maths and Ms Campany, an experienced maths teacher, have stepped into support the class and keep their maths learning on track. From January, Miss Campany will be teaching three of 7D's Maths lessons, with Mrs Earnshaw teaching one. In order to support Miss Campany in doing this, Mrs Earnshaw will also be teaching one of 7C's Maths lessons.

Satchel One timetables should reflect this change on Tuesday 24th December.

## PE Timetable

Please find attached the PE timetable for the Spring term.

#### Autumn Attainment Reports

Individual attainment reports have been issued today via Satchel:one.

Reports can be viewed via **parent and student** Satchel:one accounts using a computer or mobile phone. Below is a short guide on how to open reports using an Android or Apple device: Android

- Open the Satchel:one App and select the red tile labelled "Documents".
- Click on the name of the report (starting with the surname of your child)
- Click on the grey box that has the letters PDF in it.
- Click on the option "PDF reader".

#### Apple

- Open the Satchel:one App and select the red tile labelled "Documents".
- Click on the name of the report (starting with the surname of your child)
- Click on the grey box that has the letters PDF in it.
- This will open a white pop up with your contacts and sharing apps. At the bottom, click on the option "Quick Look".

If you require any assistance accessing your child's report, please email Mrs Heywood: <u>r.heywood@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk</u>. Thank you.

# 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 -<u>Casio FX-83GTX Scientific Calculator, Black: Amazon.co.uk:</u> <u>Stationery & Office Supplies</u>
- You may wish to provide highlighter pens.

Any parent that is struggling to manage this please contact <u>s.marler@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk</u> Mrs Marler is there to help.

#### Drama Production 2025



We are excited to announce that the school production this year is "Wizard of Oz" by Tom Kirkham. There has been a lot of interest from the students from the sign-up sheets on Mrs Gant's door – if your child is interested in auditioning, please complete the permission form linked below.

Students must be committed to attend full rehearsals on Mondays and Wednesdays until 4.15pm and be available for show week: w/c 30<sup>th</sup> June for technical and dress rehearsals during the school day and the shows on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July. <u>https://forms.office.com/e/FdpkqzGC0s</u> Thank you, Mrs Brock and Mrs Booth.

## Externally run afterschool clubs

FILMMAKERS is coming to back to school for the Spring Term. They start on Wednesday 8th January 2025. This term is for 12 weeks with 2 extended sessions to equate to 13 hours. focus is on building confidence through teamwork. Learn all about voice projection,



pronunciation, timing, focus and projecting various emotions as you work through each scene and embrace the exciting challenge of acting. You will also learn about camera angles, composition of frame. Looking at music, sound effects, special effects and how to make the story unfold and come to life with the best sounds & effects & backgrounds. Pupils plan & storyboard their ideas in advance of filming their very own blockbuster movie whilst also learning the important roles of Camera operator, Director & Clapperboard operator. Pupils plan/design costumes/props required to add that extra special touch to each scene.

For any queries contact Gill on hertsbedsfilmclub@gmail.com or 07341305131. Or check out the webpage and see parent feedback and pictures from on set in our other schools.

Payment is split over 3 monthly payments of £32.16 per month which includes 13 session hours and the fully edited film. No Fees due now a Link will be sent in January 2025! Spaces limited to 15. Limited spaces available.

## **Contact Details**

We look forward to working with you, please remember no worry or concern is too small to share with us via one of these contacts:

- Head of Year 5: <u>hoy5@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk</u>
- Head of Year 6: <u>hoy6@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk</u>
- Head of Year 7: <u>hoy7@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk</u>
- Head of Year 8: hoy8@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk
- School Office: <a href="mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk">admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk</a>
- To report a student absent from school: attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk
- If you are worried about your child's mental health: wellbeinghub@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

If you are worried about your child's mental health over the holidays who can support you?

<u>Home - Kooth</u> <u>Mental health services - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</u> <u>Samaritans | Every life lost to suicide is a tragedy | Here to</u> <u>listen</u> Just Talk (justtalkherts.org)

Mrs J Gant – Headteacher admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk