



Edwinstree Middle School
A Voluntary Controlled Church of
England School
**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS &
CARERS**
Week Ending: 21/07/2023

Diary Dates

School Day – 8:40am – 3:10pm	
01-04/09/23	INSET Days
05/09/23	Year 5 induction Day only
06/09/23	Autumn Term Begins for all Years
18-20/09/23	Year 7 Essex Outdoors Bradwell – Educational Visit
05/10/2023	Edwinstree Open Evening 6pm - 8pm, Headteacher Speaks at 6.15pm

A huge thank you for your continued commitment to your child's learning at Edwinstree. We hope that your Summer is full of friends and family and that your child returns to us rested and ready to learn again.

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

[Home - Kooth](#)

[Mental health services - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Samaritans | Every life lost to suicide is a tragedy |](#)

[Here to listen](#)

[Just Talk \(justtalkherts.org\)](#)

During the Summer break we will be meeting up mid-August with a number of students who have been identified as needing support to return to school. If your child has not been identified and develops a series anxiety around returning to school, please email the Admin team on admin@edwinstree.hert.sch.uk and we will contact you.

New timings – September 2023

From September we will be increasing the length of the school day by five minutes, to comply with the Government's expectation that all mainstream, state-funded schools should provide a school week of at least 32.5 hours. Our new timings will be **8.40am to 3.10pm**.

How to get ready for next year?

Please remember we have a change to uniform occurring this year – with us moving away from ties and jumpers to logo sweatshirts. You can purchase the new sweatshirts and our PE tops from Price and Buckland. If you are a (next year) year 6,7 or 8 parent who is going to struggle to make the change to the sweatshirt top, in the first instance and/or you have perfectly good jumpers that need out-growing we will allow students in year 6,7 and 8 to wear jumpers in the first term until you are ready to buy the sweatshirts.

If you are choosing a black plain pair of trainers as your child's footwear, please make sure it has a hard surface top, in order to allow them to take part safely in Science experiments and Tech. These subjects are also keen to ensure that students avoid rings, hoop earrings and false and fake nails as these can cause extra risk and harm.

Note from Price and Buckland Uniform provider

For parents wanting delivery before the start of the new school year, please place your orders before **1st August**.

This will help us to ensure all pupils are in uniform for the first day of school

[Primary_Leaflet_Brochure_CUT_OFF.pdf \(mcusercontent.com\)](#)

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

To support your child to learn, please can we ask that you provide them in September 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.

Why are we asking students to bring in this equipment?

Firstly, during the pandemic, we moved to the school supplying students with basic equipment as a safety measure to prevent the spread of Covid. This has cost the school many thousands of pounds, which we simply can no longer budget for. Secondly, we have found that students who are prepared for lessons are also prepared for learning. As we begin to introduce our new ethos of 'commitment' we will be asking students to be committed to their learning by being fully prepared. We appreciate your support with this.

PE Reminder

For PE next year, all classes will need a mouth guard, black football socks, shin pads and football boots in order to safely participate in hockey, football and rugby lessons.

When do we return to school? What are the inset days for next year?

Staff return to school on the 1st and 4th of September for two Inset days.

We welcome Year 5 into school on Tuesday 5th September.

School starts for year 6,7, and 8 on Wednesday 6th September.

Enrichment after school Clubs

Please note that afterschool clubs will not start the first week back in September, new club lists will be advertised when we return.

Music information

If you are interested in starting instrument lessons in September please see flyers attached

Buntings pre-school and after school wrap around care

We are pleased to announce that Buntings pre-school and after school wrap around care will be locating a second provision at Edwinstree school from September. Please see flyer attached.

To find out more, enquire about prices or reserve your child's place, please email

emma@buntingsnursery.co.uk



ESA News

The musical production provided an evening's entertainment and raised £175 to support the next production.

The ESA raised £200 for the outdoor classroom by selling refreshments, textiles club products and a raffle.

Massive thanks to everyone involved with putting on the show and parents supporting the evening. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September for a disco!

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HertsBeds Film Club

FilmMakers club will be returning to your school for the Autumn Term 2023. EVERY WEDNESDAY 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 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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