

Edwinstree Middle School A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS Week Ending: 24/6/2022

Diary Dates – Week A

| School Day – 8:40am – 3:05pm | |
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| 24/6/22 | INSET Day – students not in school |
| 27/6/22 | Occasional Day – students not in school |
| 28/6/22 | Yrs. 5&6 Image Musical Theatre's Show (in-school) |
| 28/6/22 | Yr8 Parent Consultation Foundation Subjects 4-6pm |
| 4/7/22 | Online Safety talk Sessions KS2, KS3, Parents |
| 5/7/22 | Fullness Day (non-uniform – ideally clothing that |
| | represents a different culture or your own culture) |
| 5/7/22 | Yr6 Parent Consultation Science & Foundation |
| | Subjects 4-6pm |
| 8/7/22 | Yr6 Local Field Trip (in place of Felixstowe visit) |
| 11/7/22 | Yr8 visit Felixstowe |
| 12/7/22 | Sports Day |
| 13/7/22 | Yr6 Theatre Trip to see Wicked |
| 14/7/22 | County Transition Day |
| 15/7/22 | Yr8 Camping Sleepover |
| 22/7/22 | End of term 1:20pm finish |
| 28-30/9/22 | 3 Day Residential Trip for Yr7 (current Yr6) more |
| | details to follow |

How did our students perform at the Arts festival?

A huge thank you to all who turned up to support our Comedy act composed and performed by our Year 7 cast members from Pirates of the Curry Bean. For all of them, this is the first time they have performed to audiences for 2 years and they were nervous, but eventually we got the smiles! This has given them confidence to go on and preform in early July.

Information about how to secure tickets for Pirates of the Curry Bean will be out next week. This will be our first musical in a long time!

When is the school closed to students?

The school will be closed to students on Friday the 24th of June and Monday the 27th of June. We hope you get the opportunity to enjoy the long weekend as families, we look forward to seeing students again on Tuesday 28th of June. This is also the Year 8 parent consultation date.

Will students be in PE kit after the long weekend?

The temperature is currently predicted to drop to below 25° next week, so we will plan for students to return to normal uniform on Tuesday – however if it changes we will post on Facebook and send a Parentmail.

What gift are KS2 students receiving from the Jubilee?

We have been given a set of books to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's platinum Jubilee. The story reveals the inspirations, inventions and influences that have transformed the UK, Commonwealth countries and the wider world, and presents modern British History from a diverse viewpoint; our BAME and LGBTQ+ communities will find themselves represented here. Every student in KS2 will be given a copy to take home and keep on Tuesday afternoon. Please encourage your child to take the time to read it and discuss it with them.

Year 7 Parents Evening

Thank you to those who attended last week. We would love to hear some feedback about the evening, so here is a quick survey for you to complete. Thank you to those who have already done

so. https://forms.office.com/r/MXBv7WXEMA

Year 8 Foundation subject Parents evening

A reminder that this is taking place from 4pm to 6pm on Tuesday 28th June. This is an additional one following issues booking to see subject teachers when it was held online earlier in the year.

Year 6 Science and Foundation subject parents evening

A reminder that this was moved to 4pm to 6pm on Tuesday 5th July.

Youth 4 Christ

We were due to host the Youth 4 Christ touring band, 'The Sense', from Wednesday to Friday next week. Unfortunately, we heard this week that they have had to pull out at short notice. We will look to see if we can get them booked in next year.

Year 8 Trip to Felixstowe

Just a reminder that the deadline for consent and payment for the trip is the 1st July (letter attached for info).

Who has visited us this week?

The police community team held a Knives and Crimes talk as promised with year 7 and 8 students on Wednesday the 22nd June. The students listened and learnt about the myth that a knife protects you, and how to get support and what to do if threatened.

How can I support my child to be safe and secure on line?

On July 4th we have invited in an independent online safety expert, Karl Hopwood, to talk to our students and parents about online safety. There will be a session for KS2 students and a separate session for KS3 students. Although we haven't finalised the exact content it is likely to include the following:

- The importance of thinking carefully about what you post.
- Who am I talking to online and why does this matter?
- Fake news and mis/disinformation online.
- Scams how to spot them and how to deal with them.

As a Christian school we recognise the unique and wonderful in everyone. As a community we support one another to flourish and live life in all its fullness.

- Cyberbullying what to do if it happens and the importance of being an upstander as opposed to a bystander.
- Issues around screen time.
- Should I report concerns and how do I do it?

Parents are invited into the school between 5.30-6.30pm to attend a talk based around keeping your child safe on the internet. If you wish to attend, please complete the following form https://forms.office.com/r/CypSkUB4EL

Who is visiting us next week?

Year 5 and 6 will be treated to a show by Image Musical Theatre's on Tuesday morning. This interactive experience will allow them to get to the heart of the story, and will enable everyone to be involved. The production will offer a review writing opportunity in English lessons, giving a valuable opportunity to critique and celebrate each others' performances.

The Gideon bible team will be in for their annual visit to distribute their bible to the year 7 students and this will take place in a COWO on Tuesday.

Fullness Day – 5th July

Our Dynamic Diversity group will be hosting a Fullness day on the 5th of July – we will be asking students to contribute £2 to help support the steel band that is coming to the school for the afternoon. Thank you for your support with this.

If the students can come to school in something that represents a different culture or their own culture that would be great. If they do not want to dress up, then they can come in general non-uniform.

Calling all bakers.

We are asking our great baking community to get baking in order to help raise funds to support our Diversity Fullness day and help us to create a fund to support the day. Do you have traditional family recipe that represents who you are and your origins? We are asking students to bring any baked goods, savoury and sweet, to help raise funds to promote diversity in our school. We will hold the bake sale to raise funds for the Fullness day on the Wednesday the 29th of June – please help!

What have Year 8 decided to do for their End of Year Leaving Event?

Year 8 have asked for a camping sleepover to be held on the school field. We are just finalising the details but plan for this event to be overnight on Friday 15th July. Please keep this date free in your child's diary and we will forward details shortly!

Lea House Reward Fun Swim

A fun Swim session for KS2 Lea Pupils and dancers has been booked for Monday 4^{th} July and KS3 Lea pupils and dancers on Monday 18^{th} July from 1.50pm – 2.45pm.

Do you have a few library books sitting at home?

We are looking to make sure we are fully stocked with our core texts for September. Please would you have a check at home for any books your child has taken home and not yet returned and send them in, either with your child to their English teacher, or to the school office.

We are especially looking for copies of The BFG, Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, Skellig and The Hunger Games. Thank you for your support

Jewellery reminder

As stated on our uniform guide, only one set of stud earrings can be worn and these should be removed for PE or taped if unable to be removed.

Jo Gant Headteacher

Attachments: Year 8 Trip to Felixstowe