

Edwinstree Middle School
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**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS &
CARERS**
Week Ending: 24/05/2024.

Edwinstree Term dates:

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

Diary Dates:

School Day – 8:40am – 3:10pm	
27-31/05/24	Half Term.
05/06/24	River Safety Talks to Year 7 & 8
12/06/24	Year 7 Shakespeare's Globe trip. £38.43 per student.
17/06/24	Year 8 Foundation Evening in person.
21/06/24	The Rt Hon Sir Oliver Heald KC MP talk to Year 8
22/06/24	Edwinstree Summer Fayre
26 & 27/06/24	Show dates for School Production. 6.30pm both nights
28/06/24	INSET Day.
08/07/24	Year 6 Whipsnade Zoo trip (details to follow)
09/07/24	Sports Day
11/07/24	County Transition Day.
16/07/24	Visit from Bishop of St Albans.
17/07/24	Year 5 Queens Park trip £14.50 per student.
19/07/24	End of Summer Term 1:20pm.
02/09/24	INSET DAY.
03/09/24	Year 5 Induction Day.
04/09/24	Autumn Term Begins Years 6-8.
16-18/09/24	Year 7 Residential – Essex Outdoors Bradwell.
28/10/24 – 01/11/24	Half Term.
06/12/24	Occasional Day.
20/12/24	End of Autumn Term 1:20pm.

When does school reopen?

School begins again next Monday normal the time, while Freman have an additional inset day **WE DO NOT**. We look forward to seeing your children in full school uniform and ready for school on Monday 3rd June at 8.40pm.

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Is your child equipped for school?

We have noticed that some children are arriving without equipment. After our break, we will complete an equipment check. To support your child to learn, please can 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

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Year 5 news:

Y5 RE Faith in Queen's Park

Thank you to those who have completed and returned their forms. Payment can be made via the school Gateway. Payment and consent form should be completed by **Friday 24th May 2024**. If the cost of this visit will cause you financial difficulty, please email the office on admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk. We look forward to the pupils having this shared cultural learning experience. Thank you, Mrs Kelly

Year 7 & 8 news:

Water Safety Talk by the Police

With the summer holidays fast approaching, there will be a talk to years 7 and 8 by the police about water safety on Wednesday 5th June.

This will include a short video that will include aspects of water danger and drowning and may be difficult for any child who has any related previous experience of this. The police will obviously ensure that this is shown in an age-appropriate manner, however we wish to alert parents of this. If you have any concerns or wish for your child to not take part, please contact the school office at admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk.

Year 8 news:

Transition to Freman

Is your child in need of additional support to make the transition to Freman? As well as the transition day, Freman offer, post half term, additional and bespoke transition visits for those children who are worried and anxious, or who have a particular need that means they would benefit from extra visits.

If you believe your child would benefit, can we please ask you to register by sending an email to: admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk to identify your child and what particular need or worry they have, and how they would benefit from the additional visits. Once we have gathered the list of names, we liaise with Freman and they offer us timetable slots for your child to attend during school time with their peers, to view the school and meet some of the staff there, who they can gain support from. Freman like us to drop your children off with them, during these visits and not to accompany them, so that they can begin to get used to the new team of people who will be working with them.

In the next two weeks we will be talking to your child about their transition and the next steps and will send you further information on the process and how we hand over to Freman.

Food and Nutrition

It has been a studious theory week for **Years 5,7 and 8** with all pupils completing their product evaluations. **Year 6** made some 'truly, truly scrumptious' reduced sugar, fruit filled cup-cakes. I hope that there were some that made it home!

We have unfortunately had quite a few pupils with incorrect shoes in the past two weeks, please ensure the correct footwear is worn as it is a health and safety requirement. Please can you also ensure all nail polish/false nails/gel nails etc are removed before pupils come back to school w/c 3 June.

I am still missing 19 tubs in which Spaghetti Bolognese and Alternative Protein Curries were taken home in – please can these be returned.

Please encourage dish washing and vegetable prep during the half term to keep these skills fresh in the minds of pupils. Mrs van Wyk

Gardening Club

We have had some fabulous donations again this week which kept 4 of our gardeners rather busy. We managed to plant both red and green lettuce, tomato plants and leek seedlings. We also covered the potatoes with a light layer of soil as they are showing their growth which we need to keep under soil – we will continue to cover the green leaves until we have reached the top of the bed – about another 12cm to go. Our squash, courgette and pumpkin bed is the next one to be planted, we are just waiting for the seedlings to become a little stronger before doing so. I am sure that the growth over half term will be amazing and will post some pictures in the next newsletter. Mrs van Wyk

Do you have you any unwanted pre-loved school uniform?

If you are having a clear out over the half term, please bear us I mind. We would be grateful for uniform in good condition that you would be happy to donate to us. Please bring to the school office. Thank you.

Guess the Speed of the rider Competition

The competition closed at 4pm today. The two closest students will receive £60 each to spend at the bike shop in Buntingford.

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School Production Programme Competition

Calling all artists! As you know the school production will be showing in June this year. The cast and I would love to have a picture on the programme that we give to the audience.

The production is called: "Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies" which is a fun version of the legend of Robin Hood. Please find further details attached.

School Fayre 2024

Our Summer Fayre takes place on Saturday 22 June 2024 from 2pm to 4:30pm. The majority of the stalls are being run by Year 7 and Year 8 pupils this year along with the ESA serving teas. We look forward to another successful event and would like to invite you all to join us on the day.

Please could we ask for donations of cakes for the cake stall, books for the book stall, plants for the plant stall and teddy's for the teddy tombola. In addition, we are hoping to have **Year 5** donate bags of wrapped sweets, **Year 6** to donate lollipops or chocolates, **Year 7** to donate bottles – anything from beetroot to body wash to bubbles! If alcoholic, please ensure it is delivered to the office for safe keeping. And for **Year 8** to donate prizes for the raffles – we are hoping to have 3 raffles. Please bring donations to the school office by the 14th of June.

We hope to have a fun filled day led by our wonderful students who would appreciate your support. Many thanks, Mrs van Wyk

HCL Updated Summer Menu

Please see attached an updated school lunch menu for summer, if you have pre-ordered for after the half term, please would you ensure that your order is correct to avoid disappointment.

A big thankyou

To our community for all the help you offer. We would like to take the time to say a big thank you to all the parents who help out at ESA events, school trips and walks. Without your help the costs would increase significantly, as your presence means we do not have to pay for a large number of supply staff.

We appreciate your calm and caring manner with the students and feel very grateful to live in a community where families are willing to support the school.

Bikeability Scheme

Would you like your child to take part in the Bikeability scheme and/ or training on the pump track?

We have been offered discounted prices for Bikeability training, and for training on how to stay safe on the pump track. Information will be out early next half term.

Buntingford Bowls Club:

Junior Lawn Bowls

Starting 5th June to 10th July, Buntingford Bowls are offering Junior Lawn Bowls every Wednesday 4-5pm. Please see flyer attached.

Buntingford Live:

Theatre Based Workshop 8-12 Year Olds

Peace Child International and Kaleido Theatre are running a week of fun theatre-based workshops for 8 - 12 year olds from 5th – 9th August to explore what they would like the world to be like when they grow up *Creating the Future You Want*.

Please see flyer attached.

Mrs J Gant – Headteacher

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