Edwinstree Middle School

A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School



NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS Week Ending: 27/09/2024.

Edwinstree Term dates:

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

Homework Timetable: Week commencing 30/09/24 - A.

Diary Dates:

30/09/24	Flu vaccinations (all years)
10/10/24	Edwinstree Open Evening 5.45pm-8.15pm
10/10/27	Headteacher speaks at 6.15pm
16/10/24	Lord Lieutenant visit to Year 7
28/10/24 -	Half Term.
01/11/24	
06/11/24	Year 5 Duxford trip
18/11/24	6A/6C Greek Workshop (£14.00 per student)
19/11/24	6B/6D Greek Workshop (£14.00 per student)
21/11/24	5C/5D Greek Workshop (£14.00 per student)
22/11/24	5A/5B Greek Workshop (£14.00 per student)
05/12/24	Fullness Day – Mental Health/Wellbeing more
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06/12/24	Occasional Day.
20/12/24	End of Term 1:20pm.
06/01/25	INSET Day
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
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
04/03/25	End of Term 1:20pm.
22/04/25	Start of 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	Transition Day
	Parent Transition Evening 5-6pm
18/07/25	End of Term 1:20pm.

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All Years Flu vaccination – Monday 30th September

Please note that Vaccination UK will be visiting school to administer the flu vaccination to all year groups. Please see flyer attached.

To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here:

https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/hertfordshire Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

Satchel One

We are still in the process of trying to update the student dashboard. On Tuesday, we talked students through the changes we have made and to tell them that their merits **are** there; we are just trying to retrieve them onto their dashboard.

May we take this opportunity to encourage you - if you have not already done so - to download the Satchel One app so you can not only access your child's homework, but also see the points they receive and what they've got them for?

It is through this app that we communicate the positives that are happening in lessons, as well as if things haven't quite gone right. At present, only 65% of parents are accessing this app, meaning 35% of parents aren't receiving these notifications and therefore having an up-to-date picture of how well their child is doing at school.

If you need any information on how to reset a password, or logon to Satchel for the first time, please contact r.heywood@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk or m.rowlands@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Parent Questionnaire regarding Curriculum

We would like to find out from you the things we could do to help you understand our Curriculum. Remember our website has detailed information about each department. <u>Edwinstree School</u> We would be grateful if you would complete our questionnaire, please tick all boxes of the things that you would find helpful. <u>https://forms.office.com/e/YqnV6ty1em</u>

Year 5 & 6 Educational Workshop

As part of our new topic on the ancient Greeks, we are delighted to be able to offer Y5 & Y6 the opportunity to take part in an ancient Greek workshop run by a professional Historian from 'Portals to the Past'. The students will spend the whole day taking part in hands-on activities and this will provide the students with a real insight into the ancient Greeks, bringing their learning to life! Please find a letter attached outlining all details.

The cost of this visit will be £14.00 per student. This is a voluntary contribution, however if we do not have enough to cover the workshops then they will not be able to go ahead. Payment is non-refundable unless due to exceptional circumstances your child is not able to attend, or the workshop is not able to proceed due to low payments received. Payment can be made via the school Gateway. Payment and consent form should be completed by Friday 25th October 2024. If the cost of this visit will cause you financial difficulty, please email the office on admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk.

Hertfordshire Council's proposal for improvements to Buntingford High Street.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter from Hertfordshire County Council, informing you about an opportunity to share your views on the proposed improvements to Buntingford High Street.

The letter gives details as to where you can complete a survey and attend a public drop in event on 30th September. We would encourage you to complete the survey and mention where possible, our wish to have the crossing in Bowling Green Lane upgrade to a Zebra Crossing with bleachier beacons included in the planned improvements.

Mrs J Gaut — Headteacher admin@edwinstree.herts.sc+h.uk

Complete 100 skips a day

Cancer research have an initiative "Complete 100 skips a day from 1 - 31 October 2024 to support life-saving cancer research. Take on your skips in a way that suits you!" Its free to sign up and you will receive:

- FREE skipping rope
- Digital fundraising pack
- Online Giving Page

Please follow the link below for more information https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/get-involved/find-anevent/skipping-

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Pokémon club

In school we are fortunate to have a selection of generic Pokémon cards for the club. This half term we are working on building some simple decks and then will learn to play the card game. As we have a range of experience, we will be playing easy decks and building up to more complex decks. This will allow all pupils to have success and not just those with experience or their own cards.

As the year goes on if we get better, we may start to use pupils' own decks. At this point we would arrange collecting in the decks on a Monday morning so cards can be kept safely until the start of the club. At no point in school will we be trading cards. With some cards having such a high value, we cannot take responsibility for trades.

I look forward to seeing all my Pokémon trainees on Monday. Trainer Barrett