



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – January 2019

A note from Miss Cooke

Happy New Year

It seems strange to say that this far in to January, but as this is the first Newsletter of the new calendar year I think I can still get away with it.

I would firstly like to welcome Miss Jenna Martin to the school as the new class teacher in Garnet Class. We have also welcomed Miss Grace Coulton as a Nursery Assistant.

Please look out for the latest edition of Digital Parenting coming home soon. It is full of tips about to support your children to be safe on line.

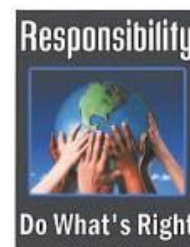
I want to thank parents for their patience while we have been introducing the new online payment system. I am aware that there have been a number of issues which have now been ironed out. The next challenge for the system will be as we ask parents to use the system to make payments for planned school trips.

Please look out for information about upcoming Educational visits and how to make payments via ParentPay online.

Miss Cooke

Value for the half term - Responsibility

Our value for this half term is responsibility. The children have been thinking about taking responsibility for their own actions and how we should all try and think about the possible consequences of our actions. We continue to encourage the children to take responsibility for their learning, friendships and behaviour in school.



Individual Photographs



The school photographer will be visiting the school on Monday 28th January 2019 and all children throughout the day will have their photograph taken individually and in sibling groups. Should any parents have younger children that they wish to have included in sibling group photographs before school, please book an appointment with the school office.

Dr Bike

Dr Bike from Sustrans is visiting our school on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th January 2019. If you bring your Bike into school on those days he will happily service your bike and fix any minor faults e.g. adjust brakes. This is a free service so please do use it!



Parent Consultation Evenings

We will be holding our Parent Consultations during this half term. Timetables will be available for you sign up for an appointment shortly. We encourage every parent to make an appointment with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's progress.

KS1 & EYFS – Monday 4th February 2.30pm onwards

KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) – Wednesday 6th February 2.30pm onwards

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 5th February 2019



National Safer Internet Day will take place on 5th February and in school we will be marking this day by undertaking a number of activities that remind the children about how they can be safe on line, their responsibilities to report anything that concerns or worries them that they see on line to an adult. The theme for this year's campaign is "**Together for a better internet.**" Further information about Safer Internet Day can be found at

<https://www.saferinternetday.org/web/sid/home>



A further resource that we have become aware of is the online e-safety magazine #Ditto.

#DITTO is a free online safety (e-safety) magazine for schools, organizations and parents to keep you up to date with risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online, with a view to enjoying and learning about technology. A new edition is released approx. every 6 weeks. It is accessed at http://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/?mc_cid=30fb7d16ea&mc_eid=c6623e8607

Administering medicines in school

Please can we remind parents of our policy around administering medicines in school. In the school prospectus it says

"Children must not be in possession of any medication themselves. If your child needs to take medication during school time, please see the school office so that procedures can be explained and an Indemnity Form signed. Medicines will only be given in school if they are prescribed by the doctor to be given 4 times daily. They must be handed to the office by an adult in the original container issued by the pharmacist and clearly labelled with the child's name. They must then be collected at the end of the school day by an adult."

This also means that children should not have cough sweets, lozenges or cold sore cream in their possession in school.

The school are not able to administer Calpol or other similar medication as these are unlikely to be prescribed by a doctor.

If you have any concerns about this policy, please contact the school office.



School uniform

Please can we remind parents and children of expectations around school uniform.

Trainers are only permitted to be worn for PE lessons and are not to be worn outside that lesson.

While headbands are useful to keep hair out of children's eyes, they are not a fashion statement and so we would ask that headbands that hold large bows or cat ears are not worn for school.

Each of the UKS2 classes will have a PE lesson outside each week, therefore during the winter months PE kits should include track suits, long leggings or jogging bottoms. For outside lessons, Trainers are more suitable than plimsolls.

We would also like to remind parents and children that make up or facial cosmetics are not part of school uniform and should not be worn for school.

Shine Bright, Wear Bright

4th – 10th February is the national Children's mental health week and to support our local children's mental health charity CHUMS, we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 8th February. The theme is Shine Bright, Wear Bright, so we ask children to wear bright clothing and make a donation of £1 which will be forwarded on to CHUMS.



Sponsored Event – Thursday 22nd February – Sponsored Bounce – Bounce for Books



As our annual sponsored event this year we have decided to revisit an old favourite – A Sponsored Bounce.

We are looking to raise funds this year to update and extend our reading book collection. We want to ensure that the stock of reading books that the children have access to offers extended choice, is up to date and exciting for the children to read.

Sponsor forms will be sent out before half term and we ask that all children attempt to raise some money to support this event as all children will benefit from the new books that we will be able to purchase. Please look out for the sponsor forms.

Winter clothing

During the winter months we very much want children to wearing appropriate clothing for the weather and so hats, gloves, and scarves are an essential. Please can hats, scarves and gloves be named so that when they have been dropped in the cloakroom there is a chance of returning them to their rightful owners as younger children do not always recognise them as their own when asked.



Parking Reminder



A polite reminder again please that if you are parking on the residential roads around school that you ensure that you park considerately and do not block anyone's drive or access to their home.

I would also ask parents to stop parking on the grass verges on Manton Lane and then crossing the very busy traffic to collect children from school.

School has again received complaints that parents have been blocking access to a driveway and that the grass verges are being severely damaged by parents parking. This behaviour does not reflect well on the school and we would ask that parents ensure they arrive in plenty of time to bring or collect their children to school and possibly park further away and then walk into school.

FOEC News

We have a lot of plans this term...

There's Lego Club for years 4 & 5 starting this Weds...
the Valentine Disco on Thursday 7th February...

and after half term we have:

Movie Club on Thursday 28th February,
a Cake & Uniform Sale on Thursday 14th March,
the Mother's Day Shop on Wednesday 27th March
and more Lego Club for some of the younger years too.

On Saturday 30th March the Forest/ Science school returns! £5 for an hour of Science and an hour of Forest School and it will all take place outside! - Details to follow!

Finally we will be opening the Tesco Garden on Thursday 4th April - We're nearly there and with a final push the garden will be ready for its official opening and ready to use - details to follow but plans are afoot!

Thank you as ever for your continued support.

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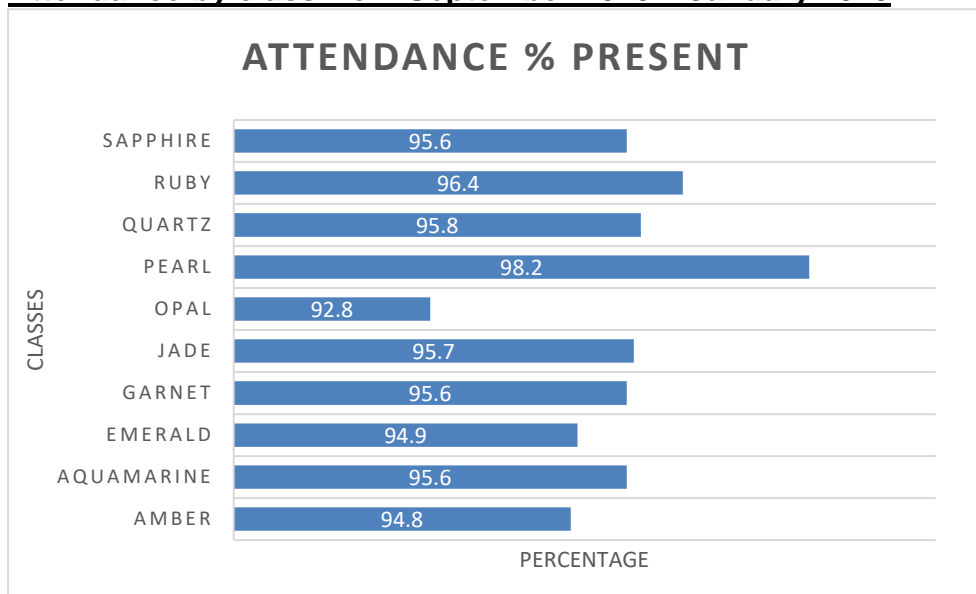
Attendance

Each week in school we award the 'Attendance Bear' to the class that has had the best attendance in the school. The children enjoy having Attendance Bear in their classroom for the week and eagerly await the results each week. Please help your child's class earn the privilege of looking after Attendance Bear for the week by ensuring that your child attends school every day. The winners of Attendance Bear in December have been.



3 rd - 7 th December	Jade class
10 th -14 th December	Pearl class
17 th – 21 st December	Pearl class

Attendance by class from September 2018 – January 2019



Stars of the Week
October 2018

Amber

Michelle
Erik
Bentley

Topaz

Pearl

Emily
Eniola
Pearl Class

Emerald

Collin
Ayaan
Arianna

Jade

Safina
Jade Class
Daren

Opal

Esha
Ghani
Agata

Ruby

Khadija
Ruby
Alex

Garnet

Julia
Samina
Garnet Class

Quartz

Diya
Naida

Aquamarine

Kevin
Harvee
Aquamarine Class

Sapphire

Michelle
Amelia
Sapphire Class

Dates – Spring 2019

Wed 16 th Jan	FoEC Lego Club for 4 weeks
Mon 28 th	Individual Photographs
Wed 30 th	Aquamarines class assembly
Mon 4 th Feb	E – Safety week 2.30pm – KS1 & Reception Parent consultations
Tue 5 th	Safer Internet Day
Wed 6 th	Jade Class Assembly 2.30pm KS2 Parent consultation
Thur 7 th	FoEC Disco
Fri 8 th	Non uniform day – Chums – Shine bright, wear bright day Half term
Mon 18 th Feb	1 st Day back for children Bikeability L2
Tue 19 th	Bikeability – L3 – Tue - Fri
Wed 27 th	Quartz class assembly FoEC Lego Club for 4 weeks
Thur 28 th	FoEC Movie Club
Fri 1 st March	RED nose Day
Mon 4 th	3.30pm – SEND Parent Consultation
Tue 5 th	Sapphire sports festival – pm
Wed 6 th	Garnet class assembly
Thur 14 th	Y5 boys football G & T event FoEC Cake and uniform sale
Tue 26 th	Y5/6 girls football G & T event
Wed 27 th	Sapphire Class Assembly
Thur 28 th	FoEC Mother's Day Shop
Fri 29 th	8am Mother's Day Breakfast
Sat 30 th	FoEC – Mad Scientist and Forest School morning
Wed 3 rd	Jade class sports festival – am
Thur 4 th	FoEC - Open Tesco Garden formally opened
Fri 5 th	End of term

Summer 2019

Wednesday 24th April 2019 – Friday 19th July 2019

Half term: Monday 27th May 2019 – Friday 31st May 2019
Inset Day - Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – School Closed
Thursday 2nd May 2019 – School Closed for use as a Polling Station
May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May 2019 – School Closed