



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ambitious, Achieving and Nurturing

Manton Lane, Bedford. MK41 7NH

Headteacher: Miss Heather Cooke

Tel: 01234 345636

E-mail office@ecls.org.uk

Newsletter – April 2019

A note from Miss Cooke

As we approach the Easter holidays and reflect on the Spring term, there is much to celebrate and some things that as a whole school community we should reflect further on.

On extreme positives, a massive Thank you to all the Mum's who along with their children attended our hugely successful Mother's Day breakfast last Friday. It was amazing to see so many of the school community come together to share breakfast and celebrate Mums. Don't worry Dad's we are planning to hold a Father's Day breakfast in June.

The whole school community should also celebrate the £2000 that has been raised so far following our sponsored bounce back in February. The money is in the process of being spent on new reading books for the reading scheme and for each classroom. The books will be shown to the children prior being added in to the reading scheme.

On a different note it is also important to recognise where as a school community a small change could make a big difference. I have again been contacted by more than one local resident who is unhappy at the way in which and where parents are parking when coming to collect or drop off children at school. Every driver is responsible for ensuring that when they park they obey road markings, road signage and show consideration for the residents of the street on which they are parking. I have advised the residents who have contacted the school that they should contact Bedford Borough Council and the Police if they feel any road traffic rules have been broken by motorists when parking their cars. Inconsiderate parking on local roads paints the school in a bad light with local residents and tarnishes the schools good reputation in the local community and I would strongly urge every driver to examine their own behaviours and consider parking further away and walking in to school. This will also have health benefits for parents and children alike.

Miss Cooke

Polling Station



As we have been including on our list of dates all year, we have been notified that the school will be used as a polling station for the Bedford Mayoral Elections on **Thursday 2nd May 2019**. Therefore for the safety of the children the school will be **closed** on that day.

I have just received the request to make a provisional booking for **Thursday 23rd May 2019** for the school to be used as a Polling Station for **Possible** European Elections. If the booking is confirmed then the school will be **closed** on this day. This will be confirmed over the Easter holidays and I will confirm with parents at the start of next term.



E- Safety

As in each month we try to signpost parents to up to date advice and information regarding online issues and advice. The latest edition of Ditto, the free on line safety magazine from e-safety advisor is available at <https://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

Gaming and age ratings

Gaming and what can be appropriate for children is a huge area, as different parents will have different thoughts and opinions. Equally, parents can feel pressurised by their child because 'everybody else is playing it'. To help parents make a decision Common Sense Media (<https://www.common sense media.org/>) is a one-stop-shop for parents, but there's also a nice little app dedicated to the PEGI ratings that parents can use. A quick video review can be found at. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7KOp56oNO8>

Road works on Manton Lane

I was contacted late last week to be informed that the next phase of road works on Manton Lane will be starting on Tuesday 23rd April – as we return to school. These will be extensive road works and are expected to last approximately 6 weeks.

On site works schedule

- All works concentrated on new widened carriageway section opposite Bedford Modern School
- Installation of security fencing along new boundary in BMS school field
- Removal of existing street furniture
- Removal of kerbs to accommodate new carriageway
- Excavation for new carriageway and footway
- Start of work to move underground services
- Installation of retaining wall in the BMS school playing field

Traffic Management

- Off peak two way temporary signals in operation during the works
- Access into Edith Cavell will not be affected other than by the temporary traffic lights on Manton Lane

Pedestrian Management

- The existing pedestrian crossing towards Clapham Road will be removed and a temporary pedestrian crossing will be put into place near the roundabout

Footpath closures

- The footway adjacent to the BMS playing field will be fully closed. This will be approximately 10 metres east of the uncontrolled crossing island and will carry on until adjacent to the layby outside Edith Cavell Primary.

I have asked what provision will be put in place to enable pedestrians to cross Manton Lane near the school. As yet the only answer I have received is that pedestrians should walk up to the traffic lights at the top of Manton Lane, the junction with access to the industrial estate, cross at the traffic lights and then walk back down Manton Lane, crossing Turner Way. I have expressed my concern that this is not a practical solution for parents trying to access the school.

Easter Activities



The children in Y1, 2, 3, and 4 are going to be challenged to complete a scavenger hunt over the Easter holidays. The children will bring home an exercise book that has instructions and a list of things to try and do and see over the holidays.

For Reception and Y 5 & 6 they will also have an Easter Take Home Task to try and be outside and in the open air taking exercise over the holidays.

Please look out for the details coming home and return to us after the Easter holidays.

Naming jumpers

As the weather is getting warmer, children are taking their jumpers off outside and it is very difficult to return clothing to its rightful owner if it is not named. You may well have named your child's jumper when it was new, but if it has been through the washing machine a few times markings may have been washed away. Please check your child's clothing and label again if necessary.



School Uniform



Over the last half term a number of children have been wearing trainers all day. We would like to remind you that trainers are not part of school uniform. Trainers and plimsolls are required for P.E. lessons and should be available to change into on P.E. days but should not be worn all day.

Midday Supervisor Vacancies

We wish to appoint practical, cheerful and well-motivated Midday Supervisors to join our friendly lunchtime team. The successful applicants will be required to support pupils in the dining hall and whilst outside on the playground or indoors in wet weather. Experience of working with, or looking after children in the primary age range will be an advantage.

- 7 ½ hours per week. 12 noon – 1.30pm Monday – Friday
- NJC 1D - Point 3 pay scale
- Closing date for applications Friday 26th April 2019 at 9am
- Interviews Tuesday 30th April 2019
- Application forms and further information can be found on the school web site.

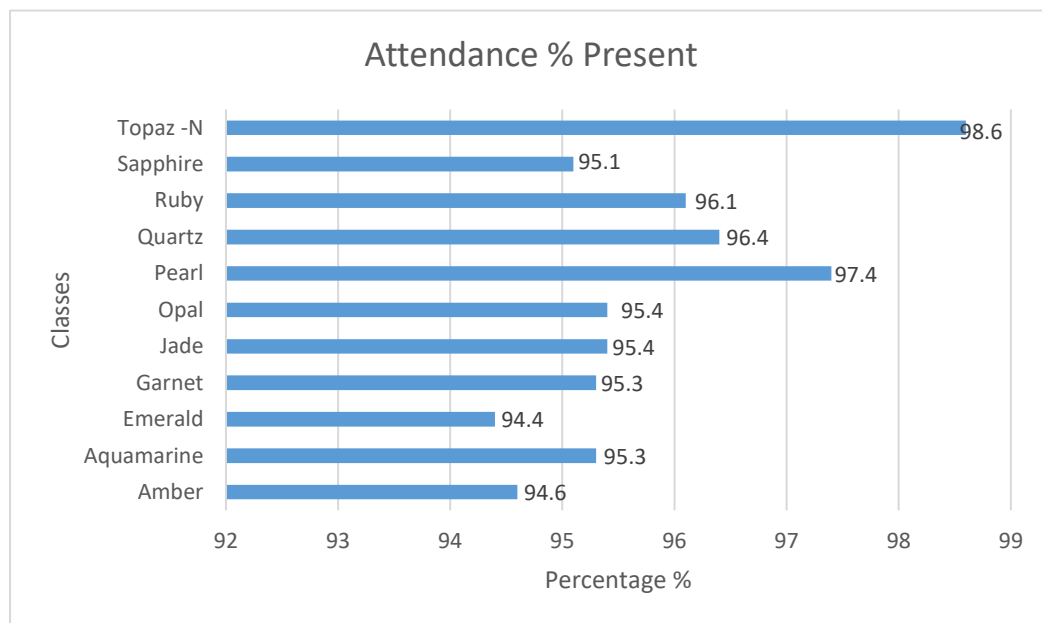
Attendance

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 March have been.



25 th Feb – 4 th Mar	Quartz Class
4 th Mar – 11 th Mar	Quartz Class
11 th Mar – 18 th Mar	Opal Class
18 th Mar – 25 th Mar	Pearl Class
25 th Mar – 1 st Apr	Quartz Class

Attendance by class from Sept 2018 – April 2019



Stars of the Week
March 2019

Amber

Archer
Kenzo
Aaliyah
Isaiah
Amber Class

Topaz

Pearl

Hope x2
Sanah
Charlie
Joe

Emerald

Naga
Shazad
Aqsa
Ava
Wiktorja

Jade

Ismaeel
Angelos
Archie
Summer
Danae

Opal

Andrei
Jesse
Ghani
Ishmail
Opal Class

Ruby

Riley
Leah
Reuben
Cassius
Wojciech

Garnet

Maja
Garnet Class
Kyle
Iliyan
Matthew

Quartz

Delano
Elsa
Rachael
Shakirah
Serenity

Aquamarine

Harvee
John Paul
Emilija
Patricia
Alessio

Sapphire

Elizabeth
Sapphire Class x2
Avaneesh
Tereza

Dates – Spring 2019

Thur 4th April

FoEC - Open Tesco Garden formally opened

Fri 5th April

End of term

Summer Term 2019

Wed 24th April

First Day back at school for children

Thur 25th April

Level 3 Bikeability – Y6 children

Wed 1st May

Y3&4 Sports Festival – group of 15

Thursday 2nd May

School Closed – Mayoral Elections

Fri 3rd May

Y3 & 4 Football Tournament – BMS – 1 team

Mon 6th May

School Closed – May Day Bank Holiday

Mon 13th May

KS1 & 2 SATs week

Mon 20th May

UKS2 – Sports Festival

Wed 22nd May

Emerald Class Assembly

Thur 23rd May

School possibly closed for European Elections

Fri 24th May

Half term

Mon 3rd June

First day back

Wed 5th June

Y3 Adventure Day

Thur 6th June

Y5 & 6 – Cricket Competition - BMS

Mon 10th June

Ruby – Sports Festival

Thur 13th & Fri 14th June

Y1 Phonics Check week

Fri 14th June

Y4 Camping

Wed 19th June

Father's Day Breakfast

Pearl Class Assembly

Wed 26th June

Y5 Parents – RSE Evening

Sat 29th June

Y5 Sports Festival to Biddenham

Wed 3rd July

FoEC – Forest Schools and Mad Scientist

Mon 8th July

Y6 Transition Day

Tue 9th July

Open Afternoon & Book Bus

Wed 10th July

Y3 & 4 Sing-up Concert – Bedford Corn Exchange

Tue 16th July

Y6 Leavers Concert – 6.30pm

Fri 19th July

Y6 & Reception Trip

FoEC – Jam and cream scones event

End of term – End of School year

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

Thursday 23rd May 2019 – School Closed for use as a Polling Station

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May 2019 – School Closed

2019 – 2020

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4th September – Friday 20th December 2019

Half term: Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October

Inset day Monday 28th October 2019 – School Closed

Spring Term

Monday 6th January 2020 – Friday 3rd April 2020

Half Term: Monday 17th February 2020 – Friday 21st February 2020

Summer Term 2020

Tuesday 21st April 2020 – Friday 17th July 2020

Half Term: Monday 25th May 2020 – Friday 29th May 2020

May Day bank Holiday – Monday 4th May 2020 – School Closed