



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ambitious, Achieving and Nurturing

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Newsletter – October 2019

A note from Miss Cooke

A huge 'THANK YOU' to all the families who donated produce to our harvest assembly. The display of food was wonderful and a testament to the generosity of so many families in our school. Nick from the Prebend Day Centre attended and spoke to the children about the work that the centre do with the homeless population of Bedford and how useful the school donations would be. The produce that was donated was split between Prebend Day Centre and The Bedford Food Bank, who were equally grateful for the donations.

As half term approaches and we are almost at the end of British Summer Time and will soon be changing the clocks (26th October) please could I remind parents to ensure that children are wearing clothing that enables them to be seen by drivers in the dark, wet, foggy conditions that come with the end of British Summer Time and the darker evenings.

Miss Cooke

#Hello Yellow

On Friday 18th October we will be supporting the Children's mental health charity Young Minds by holding a wear it yellow day and inviting the children to come to school dressed in the colour Yellow and making a minimum £1 donation to the charity. Children's mental health is a growing concern across the country so in holding this day we are hoping to make a contribution to this very worthwhile charity.

Parental supervision

It has been noticed on a number of occasions that children in Year 4 or below are not being accompanied to school each morning and are being left on the playground before school without suitable supervision.

The safety, behaviour and well-being of the children remains with parents until 8.45am each morning. This means that all children below Y5 should be brought to school every morning and parents **MUST** wait with their children and see them go in to school safely. Any parents who are not complying with this are being neglectful to their children. Should parents require children to be supervised by school staff before 8.45am, they can make a booking for Breakfast club that operates from 8am every morning. Details of breakfast club can be found on the school web site or from the school office.

Smoking on or outside the school site

The school site remains a total non-smoking or vaping site, but please could we respectfully ask parents to refrain from smoking or vaping just outside the school gates so other parents and children do not have to pass through second hand smoke.



School Applications

A reminder to Y6 parents that all applications for Y7 school places starting in September 2020 must be made to the borough by 31st October 2019. This can be completed either on line or via a paper application form, but all applications must be with the borough **BY** 31st October 2019. If any parents would appreciate support with the application process, please contact the school before half term.

For nursery parents wanting to request a school place in reception for September 2020, the application process opened on 26th September 2019 and all applications must be received by the borough by 15th January 2020. Similar to the process for Y7, applications can be made on line or via a paper application. Again if any parents would like support with the application process please contact the school.

Packed Lunches



Please could we remind parents Edith Cavell is a NUT FREE ZONE, so please ensure that there are no nuts included in packed lunches or snacks. Please remember to include a drink with your child's packed lunch. Your child's packed lunch should be a healthy meal balanced and therefore not include large amounts of chocolate. If you are providing **grapes** as part of your child's packed lunch, please ensure that they are cut length ways to avoid the risk of choking.

Water bottles

Every child should bring a water bottle to school every day as it has been scientifically proven that a brain that is hydrated functions and learns better than one that is not hydrated.

That said, we have had an increase lately of reading and library books becoming damaged due to leaking water bottles in book bags.

Please could we ask that water bottles are not routinely put in book bags to be carried to and from school in order to prevent damage to books, homework or worksheets in the book bag.



EYFS Volunteer Work Morning



Do you have a couple of hours to spare? Are you a daemon painter or gardener?

On Saturday 2nd November Mrs Lewis is looking for a group of parents to volunteer to come in to Amber outside play area to help her give the space a tidy and spruce up in preparation for winter.

If you have a couple of hours to spare and could help out she will provide the bacon sandwiches!

If your child is attending the FoEC Science Lab event on this day and could you lend Mrs Lewis your skills for a couple of hours? If you will be able to support this event please see either Mrs

Lewis in Amber or let the office know.

NSPCC Underwear Rule

In our PSHE lessons this term, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse". In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for

- Privates are Private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

The lesson will be delivered in a way that's fully age appropriate.

More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and parent guide can be found at [/www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule)



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Parental Opinions

Every year we ask parents for their opinions about the school. Your opinions can be given in a couple of different ways. You can either complete the paper Parental Questionnaire that were given out at Parent consultations on 2nd and 3rd October, or you can go online to the Ofsted Parent View online. This portal is not just for the point at which a school is inspected by Ofsted, but can be used all year around.

🕒 <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Parking on Manton Lane, Turner Way and Kneller Close

We again respectfully ask that parents observe the Highway Code, road markings and respect our neighbours when parking to collect or drop off children to school.

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.



Message from the Police

Bedfordshire Police want to ensure that Halloween is a happy and safe time for everyone, whether young or old and as always we are asking for your support in assisting with this.

If possible, parents and guardians should go out trick or treating with their children, sticking to well-lit areas and only knocking on the doors of people they know. Some people may have 'No trick or treat' posters up at their doors, we ask that these are respected.

Bedfordshire Police is also reminding children and parents to be mindful that some of the more vulnerable or elderly members of the community may feel intimidated by people calling at their doors and appeals to all residents to look out for their neighbours who may feel frightened during this time. Extra patrols will be on hand over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period to ensure that the evenings can be enjoyed safely.

Have fun and stay safe this Halloween

Our tips –

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- Extra patrols will be on hand over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period to ensure that the evenings can be enjoyed safely. If you do have any concerns during Halloween, it's important that you call 101 in order to keep 999 free for genuine emergencies – 31st October is one of the police's busiest nights of the year!

For more advice about Halloween please visit www.bedfordshire.police.uk

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

Application forms and further information can be found on the school web site.

FOEC

On **Saturday 2nd November** we have Forest/Science School for Years 1 -6. Please sign up to this fab morning of fresh air.

Then our next big event is on **Saturday 30th November** THE CHRISTMAS FAIR. This is a highlight and it's always wonderful to see so many parents/carers/grandparents attend with Edith Cavell pupils to start the Christmas countdown. If you can help run a stall then please get in touch. We will be looking for donations to the chocolate tombola, Miss Cooke's famous bottle stall and cakes for the cake stall. This years grotto will be free and especially magical....

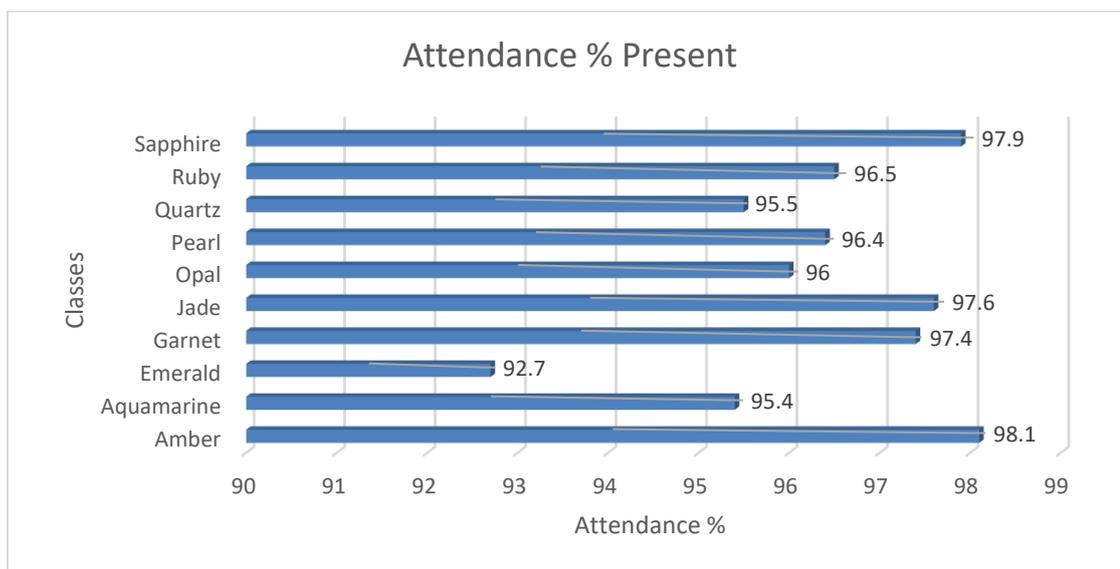
Attendance

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 September have been.

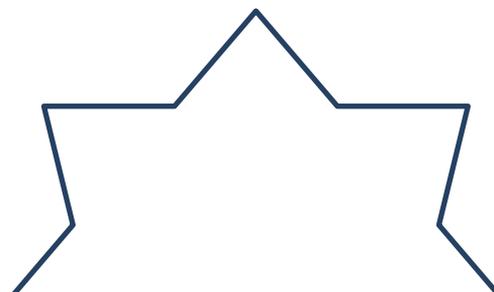
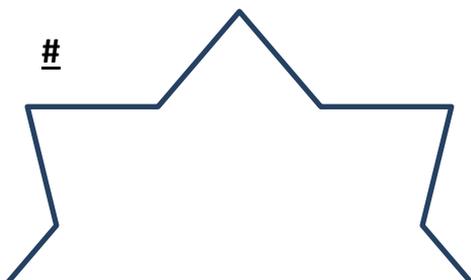


4 th Sept – 6 th Sept	Ruby Class
9 th Sept – 13 th Sept	Jade Class
16 th Sept – 20 th Sept	Jade Class

Attendance by class from Sept 2019 – October 2019



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Amber

*Stars of the Week
September/October
2019*

Little Treasures

Pearl

Maja
Julia
Tereza
Tenzing
Merab

Emerald

Eden
Kelvin
Kenzo
Bentley
Nathan.W

Jade

Annabella
Sumaiyah
Erik
Sophia

Opal

Mateusz
Freya
Andrei
Avaneesh
Julia

Ruby

Strahinja
Louis
Maks
Rylee
Insha

Garnet

Safurah
Danae
Lainey-Mae
Alex
Rabiyah

Quartz

Rele
Emily
Agata
Jimmy
Rehan

Aquamarine

Khairi
Sebastian
Phoebe
Sammy
Leah

Sapphire

Kevin
Matthew
James
Violet
Mahaj

Dates – Autumn 2019

October

Mon 28th Training Day
Tue 29th First Day back for children
Wed 30th Y3 & 4 – Bible Exhibition

November

Sat 2nd FOEC Forest School
EYFS Work morning
Wed 6th EYFS Parent consultations
FOEC – Lego club – 4 weeks
Thur 7th FOEC Cake Sale
Fri 8th Emerald Sports Festival – PM – St Thomas Moore
Mon 11th Anti-bullying week – Change starts with us
SEND Parents evening
Fri 15th Children in Need – non uniform day
Fri 22nd FOEC Non uniform Day – for Christmas Fair
Tue 26th Y3 & 4 British Museum Trip
Sat 30th FOEC Christmas Fair

December

Mon 2nd Theatre of Widdershins
Tue 3rd Last Y3 & 4 Gym
Thur 5th Y1 & 2 Holdenby House Trip
Fri 6th Last Y 5 & 6 Rugby & Swimming
Mon 9th Open Afternoon – from 2.30pm
Tue 10th Flu Jab – Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
12.30 – Nursery performance
Wed 11th 9.30am LKS2 Dress rehearsal
2pm – Reception dress rehearsal
Thur 12th 9.30am – Reception performance
2pm – LKS2 performance
FOEC Christmas movie club
Fri 13th Christmas Jumper day
9.30am – LKS2 performance
Christmas dinner
3pm – celebration assembly
Mon 16th 2pm – UKS2 Dress rehearsal
Tue 17th 9.30am – KS1 dress Rehearsal
2pm – UKS2 Performance
Wed 18th 9.30am – UKS2 performance
2pm KS1 Performance
Thur 19th 9.30am KS1 performance
Children's parties
Fri 20th End of term

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 – Friday 8th May 2020 – School Closed – This is a change to the previously published date due to a change made by central government