



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – December 2019

A note from Miss Cooke

In this last week of a very long and busy term, it is an opportunity for me to wish all children, parents and families a very Happy Peaceful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

By the time we finish on Friday, there will have been fourteen fantastic Christmas Performances, hundreds of Christmas Cards delivered, Christmas dinner consumed and Christmas parties enjoyed. All these Christmas events take a lot of organising and preparation so a huge 'thanks' has to go to the staff of the school for facilitating these events.

School closes for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 20th December and will re-open for the children on Monday 6th January 2020.

As ever should you have any questions, queries or concerns that you would like to discuss directly with me, please make an appointment with the office to come and see me.

Miss Cooke

Children's Christmas Parties

The Christmas Parties for the children will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 19th December. Food lists for each class will soon be available for parents to sign up to donate food for the parties.

PE Kit

As a new year resolution, we ask that all families ensure that children have their full and correct PE kit in school every day. This includes correctly fitting footwear.

In recent weeks there have been more and more children without correct PE kit and this is restricting learning.



If you are having difficulty providing your child with PE Kit, please come and talk to staff so that we may offer support.

Any children with pierced ears should have earrings removed at home on PE days as no earrings should be worn during PE lessons for Health and Safety reasons. Also all long hair should be tied up and away from the face so that it does not obscure vision.

TT Rockstars

Over the Christmas holidays, don't forget that the children can still access TT Rockstars to keep their maths skills sharp.

© <https://play.ttrockstars.com>



E - Safety

Over the Christmas period I am sure that there may be a few additional electronic devices coming in to homes. Below is some advice for parents from Alan McKenzie - e-safety advisor.

Parental Controls

There are so many connected devices on the market now, each with their own unique way of setting up parental controls and restrictions. Equally the functionality of these devices can be daunting with chat, game downloads, in-app purchases, third party apps on the devices (such as social media, Netflix) etc.

I always advise parents two things. Firstly look up the device on YouTube using a simple 'how to' query, e.g. 'how to restrict in-app purchases on Playstation 4'. Secondly, the wonderful people at Internet Matters have a one-stop shop for setting up devices which can be found here:



<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Advice by age

As well as devices, parents also need advice according to the age of their children. Again, Internet Matters has this covered for children 0-5, 6-10, 11-13 and 14+

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>

Gaming

Gaming is likely to be high on the agenda for many children this holiday period. CEOP have a nice, simple guide for parents

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

Internet Matters also has a gaming hub which is really useful for parents; it was updated a couple of months ago and has invaluable information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/>

YouTube

If you haven't seen the new YouTube app or site for children (<13) it's worth a look. This is only a few weeks old and it's quite good for the younger children

App: <https://youtube.com/kids/>

Web: <https://www.youtubekids.com/>

Social Media

Back to Internet Matters for this one; they have a really useful hub for parents which explains the risks and the benefits, along with some resources that parents can use

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/>

Contact Numbers -

If parents or other family members, for who we have contact details, are lucky enough to receive a new phone from Santa, please ensure school is supplied with any new phone numbers immediately in January.



Dress up Clothes/ Costumes



If any families have any dress up clothes or Christmas costumes that are in good condition and they feel will be of no further use in the family, please consider donating to the school. There are often occasions when we support children to provide costumes for performances and our stocks are quite low.

Snow Closure

We significantly hope that the Bedford area will not be further adversely affected by snow this winter, but if conditions warrant the closure of the school we will report this on our web site which can be found at www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk and the Bedford Borough Web Site that can be found at www.bedford.gov.uk/schoolclosures Please be assured that through any bad weather I will do all that I can to keep the school open and operational so long as it is safe to do so. Even if other schools in the local area are closed, children from Edith Cavell should make every effort to attend school. We will also use the school text service to keep you updated of the situations so please ensure that we hold a current mobile phone number for you, especially if you are fortunate enough to receive a gift of a new mobile phone from Santa!!



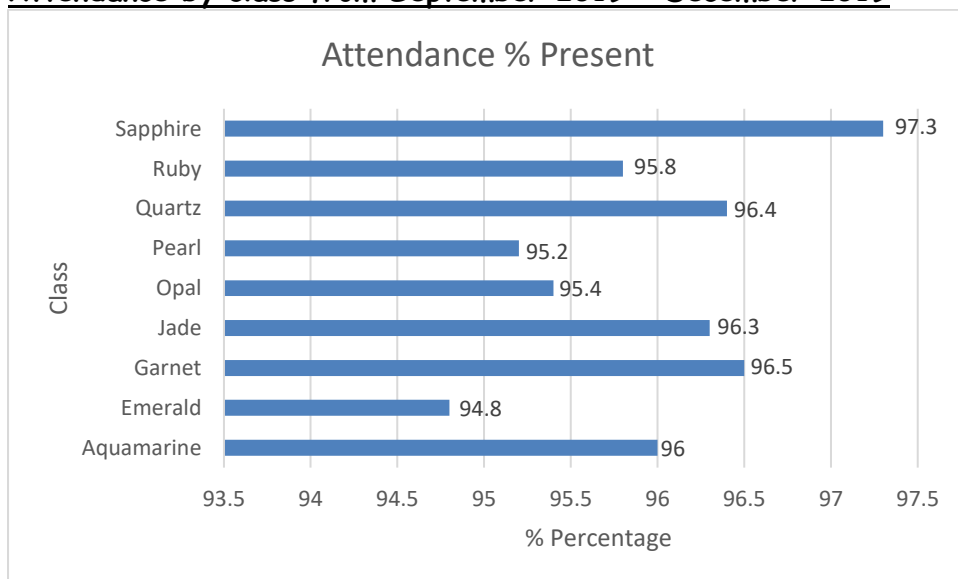
Attendance

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 November have been



4 th - 8 th Nov	Sapphire Class
11 th - 15 th Nov	Jade Class
18 th - 22 nd Nov	Aquamarine Class
25 th -29 th Nov	Quartz Class

Attendance by class from September 2019 - December 2019



Diary Dates - Spring Term 2020

January

Mon 6 th	First day of term - Children return to school
Wed 15 th	FoEC - Lego Club
Thur 16 th	FoEC - Samosa sale
Wed 22 nd	FoEC Lego Club
Wed 29 th	Ruby Class Assembly FoEC Lego Club

February

Wed 5 th	Opal Class Assembly FoEC - Lego Club
Wed 12 th	Garnet Class Assembly
Thur 13 th	FoEC - Discos
Fri 14 th	School closes for half term
Mon 24 th	Children return to school
Thur 27 th	FoEC - Cake Sale

March

Tue 3 rd	Sponsored Event
Wed 4 th	FoEC Lego Club
Thur 5 th	World Book Day
Wed 11 th	FoEC Lego Club
Thur 12 th	Sapphire Class Sports Festival
Wed 18 th	Jade Class Assembly FoEC - Lego Club
Wed 25 th	Sapphire Class Assembly FoEC - Lego Club

April

Fri 3 rd	End Of Spring Term
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2019 – 2020 **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. School has also been notified that it is likely to be used a Polling Station on Thursday 7th May for local elections. If this is confirmed – school will be closed on this day.

Stars of the Week
November 2019

Amber
Sulaiman
Esme

Pearl
Michelle
Pearl Class
Kalen
Yousif
Tyle

Emerald
Yahya
Ibrahim
Laura
Emerald Class
Nathan K

Jade
Kife
Ayaan
Safina
Maria

Opal
Alfie
Elizabeth
Sabrina
Valentine
Joseph

Garnet
Cassius
Riley
Kevinas
Ayaan
Garnet Class

Ruby
Emaan
Joshua
Saoirse
Filip

Quartz
Verity
Elijah
Lenae
Quartz Class
Kyla

Sapphire
Antonio
Dion
Arafat
Steffan
Sapphire Class

Aquamarine
Tina
Malaikah
Bachir
Reuben
Aquamarine Class