



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – January 2020

A note from Miss Cooke

Happy New Year – I know that sounds strange this far in to the new year – but as this is the first newsletter of the new year, it does still seem appropriate.

I have already shared with the parents and children in Garnet class the news that following complications in her pregnancy, back in October, Mrs Jackson had to commence her maternity leave much earlier than planned.

I must now sadly inform the whole school community that Mr and Mrs Jackson's son was born in mid-October, but despite medical professionals best efforts, family and friends positive thoughts and prayers, he passed away peacefully in early December.

This has been an extremely difficult period of time for Mrs Jackson and her family and I appreciate that this news may affect individuals within our school community in different ways.

The children have been informed of this sad news by their class teachers and all staff at the school have endeavoured to answer any questions that the children have sensitively and in an age appropriate manner, but anticipate that some children may be upset by the news.

Should you wish to seek further support or advice for your child following this news, there are a number of charities who offer advice about discussing death with a child.

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org>

The local CHUMS (Emotional Wellbeing Service) offer advice and guidance and can be contacted at 01525 863924 or www.chums.uk.com

Mrs Jackson is planning to return to the school for individual days in the second half of the spring term and on a more full time basis sometime in the summer term. At present, Miss Milbourn will remain Garnet class teacher until future plans and arrangements are formalised.

I have become increasingly concerned towards the end of last term and in the start of this term at the number of children who either do not have their PE kits or do not have appropriate footwear for their PE kits. Providing a named PE kit for your child is part of the Home School Agreement that every parent signs at the start of each school year. Children should change from their uniform to undertake PE lessons and having appropriate footwear that fits correctly is important to ensure that the children can safely take part fully in lessons. At this time of year, some lessons may be taking place outdoors, so we would also encourage parents to provide jogging bottoms **as well** as shorts in their child's PE kit.

Miss Cooke



Parent Consultations

Please can I stress the importance of parents attending the upcoming consultation evenings. For teachers and parents to be able to discuss progress and areas of concern is a vital tool in supporting each and every child's well-being, academic and social progress.

The evenings arranged are

EYFS & KS1 - Tuesday 4th February - 2pm - 6pm

KS2 - Thursday 6th February - 2pm - 6pm

These two dates are the set dates for consultations, and as far as possible we request that appointments are made on these relevant dates so that staff work load is respected and well-being can be preserved.

Sign up sheets will be available next week.



EYFS & KS1 Phonics for Parents Workshop



In order to support parents to further understand and support how we teach phonics and early reading we have arranged a phonics for parent's workshop.

Mrs Lewis Mrs Wibberley and Miss Martin will facilitate the sessions.

This session will be repeated three times. Parents should just attend the one session that best fits with their family circumstances.

Wednesday 12th February 3.40pm and repeated at 5pm

Thursday 13th February at 9am

Parents of children in older year groups who feel that the session would be beneficial are also welcome to attend.

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 & Numbots

Don't forget that the children can still access TT Rockstars and Numbots to keep their maths skills sharp.

© <https://play.ttrockstars.com>

Online E-Safety Magazine - DITTO - January 2020

The first DITTO of 2020 is now available for download, this month they are taking a look at:

- Socialisation or social isolation?
- IWF Update (live streaming)
- Monkey app
- 2020 Visions and Social Media Pressures
- Plus a few other snippets of information.

https://www.esafety-adviser.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/DITTO-Ed-22-January-2020_compressed.pdf

Contact Numbers -

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



www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk

Head Lice

Every school in the country, at some point, will have children who suffer an outbreak of Head lice. Edith Cavell is no exception. To this end we ask that parents are extremely vigilant and check their child's hair on a weekly basis. Combing with a small toothed comb is advised to check and treat an outbreak.



Advice from the NHS advises that the whole family be checked regularly and treated if an outbreak is detected in any family member.

To help limit the spread of head lice, advice is that any long or shoulder length hair be tied up during the school day. We encourage all parents and children to comply with this advice.

School has a small number of head lice combs available for purchase.

Further information and advice can be found on the school web site and at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

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!!



Chums - Shine Bright - Wear Bright



To support Children's mental health week 3rd - 8th February 2020 we will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 7th February**. On this day we encourage the children to come to school dressed in bright clothing and make a minimum donation of £1 to the CHUMS Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Service for Children and Young People. Over the week, each class will be thinking about mental health, emotional well-being and how each individual is responsible for their own well-being and mental health.

Eric - Support for parents around toileting

ERIC exists to give every child and teenager with a bowel or bladder condition the support they deserve to enjoy a life free from shame, isolation and fear.

<https://www.eric.org.uk/>



FoEC News

We are full steam ahead with our library plan. For those who don't know FOEC are raising money to turn the old site managers house into a school library.

We have had plans drawn by an architect and a structural engineering company have been commissioned to make technical drawings for us. The space includes a club room and sensory room as well as the library itself which will be designed to be a modern and relaxed indoor forest.

The next stage is getting quotes in so we can finalise the budget and then we need to raise the money as sadly there is no longer any central funding available for schools to have a library. So if anyone has any links to companies who could help with the financials then please get in touch or if you know anyone that could offer services that might save money or anyone that offers grants please please get in touch!

This is a huge project for the school that will have a massive impact for generations to come - but right now it will hugely benefit all the children already at the school!

Together we can make a real difference - So, as well as trips, resources, gardens, playground blackboards, theatre visits and workshops, all the events that we run this year will be focusing on raising money for the new library!

Thank you - as ever - for your continued support.

Attendance

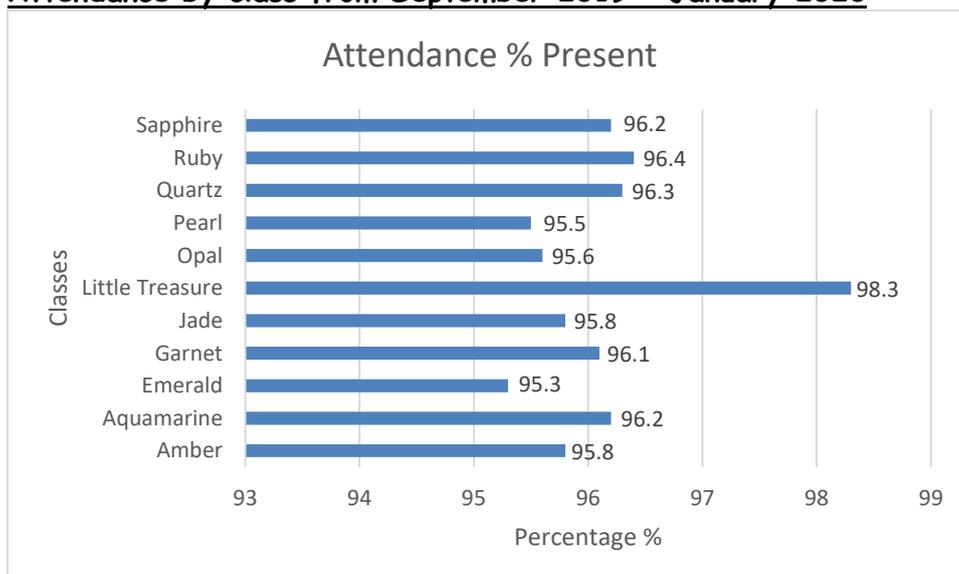
Each week in school we award the 'Attendance Bear' to the class that has had the best attendance in the school. The children enjoy having Attendance Bear in their classroom for the week and eagerly await the results each week. Please help your child's class earn the privilege of looking after Attendance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



The winners of Attendance Bear in December have been

2 nd - 6 th Dec	Ruby Class
9 th - 13 th Dec	Opal Class
16 th - 20 th Dec	EmeraldClass

Attendance by class from September 2019 - January 2020



Diary Dates - Spring Term 2020

January

- Wed 22nd FoEC Lego Club
6.30pm - Curriculum Governors sub committee
- Wed 29th Ruby Class Assembly
FoEC Lego Club
6.30pm - Well-being and personnel Governors

February

- Mon 3rd Children's Mental Health Week
- Tue 4th **KS1 & Rec Parent Consultations**
- Wed 5th Opal Class Assembly
Finance Governors meeting
FoEC - Lego Club
- Thur 6th **KS2 Parent Consultations**
- Fri 7th Chums - Shine Bright - Wear Bright - Non uniform
- Tue 11th Safer Internet Day - Together for a better internet
- Wed 12th Garnet Class Assembly
Reception height and weight check
3.40pm and 5pm EYFS & KS1 Phonics for Parents
- Thur 13th **9am EYFS & KS1 Phonics for Parents**
FoEC - Discos
- Fri 14th School closes for half term
- Mon 24th Children return to school
- Thur 27th FoEC - Cake Sale

March

- Tue 3rd Sponsored Bounce Event
Y6 - Bedford School - Chemistry lecture
- Wed 4th UKS2 - Space Centre
FoEC Lego Club
7pm Full Governors
- Thur 5th World Book Day - Dress as a character from a book
World Book Day Lunch
- Mon 9th **SEND Consultations**
- Wed 11th FoEC Lego Club
- Thur 12th Sapphire Class Sports Festival
- Fri 13th Sports Relief - non uniform
- Tue 17th **5pm KS1 SAT's Parents evening**
- Wed 18th Jade Class Assembly
FoEC - Lego Club
- Thur 19th Y5 Boys football - pm
FoEC - Mother's Day Shop
- Fri 20th Mother's Day Breakfast
- Mon 23rd Y5&6 girls football - pm
- Wed 25th Sapphire Class Assembly
Jade class sports festival - am
- Thur 26th **2pm Open Afternoon**
- Sat 28th FoEC - Forest School

April

- Wed 1st Easter Lunch
- Fri 3rd End of Spring Term

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
December 2019

Amber
Esme

Pearl
Tyler
Malaikah

Emerald
Nathan K
Henry

Jade
Maria
Jade Class

Opal
Joe
Eniola

Ruby
Filip
Ruby Class

Garnet
Garnet Class
Muhammad
Mia

Quartz
Kyla
Zac

Aquamarine
Aqua Class
Mariyam
Anna

Sapphire
Sapphire Class
Yemisi