



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – February 2020

A note from Miss Cooke

By the time we get to February half term, we are officially half way through the school year! So when we come back after the holidays, the children are closer to being in their next year group than they are to being in their last year group! Time flies when you are having fun! It is hard to believe that the school year is going past so quickly.

This week prior to February half term is National Internet Safety week where many schools across the country will celebrate Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11th February. The theme for this year's campaign is 'Together for a better internet'. In school the children will be undertaking a number of activities and revisiting and extending learning about being and keeping safe when using the internet. While we talk about internet safety regularly at school, parents and carers also have a vital part to play in ensuring that any child accessing the internet is safe. Do you know what your child is doing on the internet? Is it age appropriate? When was the last time you checked? Do you talk about internet safety with your children? These are all questions for every parent to consider – especially this week.

On most newsletters I try to include links that parents can use to keep up with current information and advice about the internet, gaming and internet safety. UK Safer Internet Safety has a whole section for parents and carers and it can be accessed at

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer>

Miss Cooke

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. Any children below Year 4 who are seen arriving at school unsupervised by an **adult**, will be noted and parents contacted. If the situation continues parents will be expected to attend a meeting with Miss Cooke to discuss the situation.



End of School Day

Parents are reminded that for EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3, and Y4 school ends at 3.30pm and parents should be waiting for their children at the classroom doors. A number of parents with children in Y5 and 6 have not been collecting their children at 3.30pm, but only arriving at school to collect at 3.35pm or after.

We understand that sometimes difficulties occur or there are traffic problems, but when it is the same children every day not being collected on time it is unfair to the children and staff. Children can become worried if parents are not on time to collect them.

Please be on time to collect your children. The situation is being monitored and records of children collected late are being kept.

Sponsored Bounce – Tuesday 3rd March 2020



On **Tuesday 3rd March 2020** we will be holding a sponsored bounce to raise money to replace and enhance our range of reading books in school. Last year's sponsored bounce was very well supported, raising £1,500 and we hope to be just as successful this year. Every sponsor that we receive helps us to make this aim a reality and all sponsors are greatly appreciated. Please encourage family and friends to sponsor your child and their school. Every little helps.

Please note a minimum of **£2** per child sponsorship money will be required for a child to undertake the bounce challenge on **Tuesday 3rd March 2020**. Children must only ask people that they know to sponsor them; they must not go 'door to door' to solicit sponsorship from people they do not know.

Please return the sponsor form to your child's class teacher by **Monday 2nd March 2020**. We will record the number of bounces that your child completes and return the form to you so that you can collect the sponsor money. Please return the form with all sponsor money by **Friday 13th March 2020**.

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. As part of the school celebrations, and to encourage children to read widely, we are inviting children to dress up for the day as their favourite book characters. Please do not feel that you have to spend money on these outfits; homemade options are often the best! We shall also be celebrating by participating in an operatic story time show, a 'pass the story' whole school story-writing activity, and each class will be completing additional fun activities related to books throughout the day.



TT Rockstars & Numbots

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

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BedPop – Science Labs – 7th March

To celebrate British Science Week, Science Lab returns to Bedford on Saturday 7th March 2020.

You'll find a host of amazing hands-on STEM activities, ready to inspire the scientists, engineers and inventors of the future!

Discover more about building towers, geology, hydraulics, physics, chemistry, and biology at The Higgins Bedford. Exciting science experiments and demonstrations will be taking over the whole museum! At Basement @ Bunyan, transform wool into felt and make beautiful spring flowers, then at John Bunyan Museum meet the creatures from Teaching Talons and learn more about wildlife. Get to know the hidden secrets of the gardens at Castle Close and behind the walls of The Panacea Museum – Bedford's own Garden of Eden. Explore the cosmic wonders of space at Bedford Central Library. Enjoy arts and crafts, a tour of the solar system and more with the Planetarium from Mark Rutherford students and the Harpur Trust.

For more information visit www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk

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!!



FoEC News

This week FOEC have booked the Inflatables Extravaganza!!! Please keep **Friday 3rd July** after school free. This year we are bigger and better with the addition of a Slushy Machine and Candy Floss! £5 wristbands plus hot dogs, cakes and of course Miss Cooke's famous bottle stall!

Next half term we have Forest/Science School on **Saturday 28th March** again £5 for two hours of outdoor fun! Forms will be going out after half term!
Happy half term all!

Thank you - as ever - for your continued support.

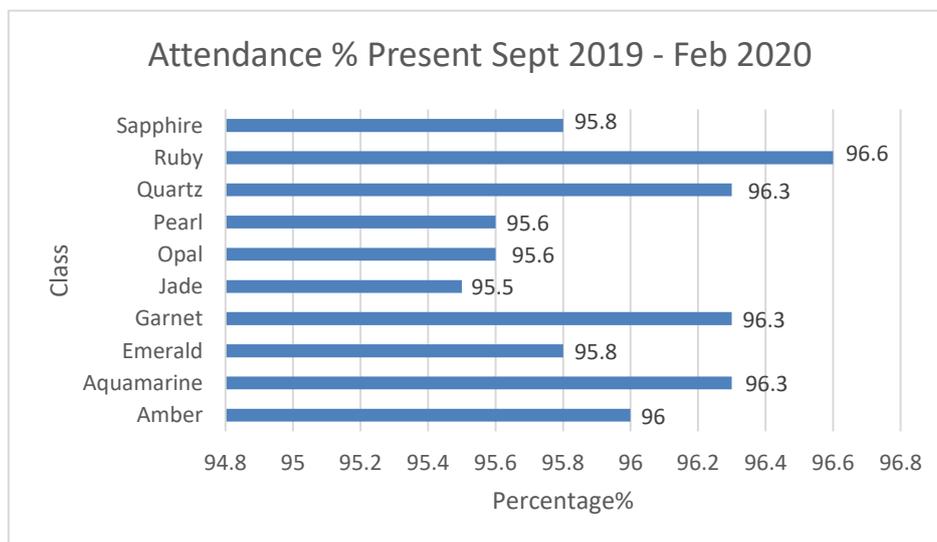
Attendance

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 January have been



6 th - 10 th Jan	Opal Class
13 th - 17 th Jan	Pearl Class and Ruby Class
20 th - 24 th Jan	Emerald Class
27 th - 31 st Jan	Ruby Class

Attendance by class from September 2019 - February 2020



Diary Dates - Spring Term 2020

February

Fri 14th School closes for half term

Mon 24th Children return to school

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

FoEC - Cake Sale

Sat 7th BedPop - Science labs

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.

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Stars of the Week
January 2019

Amber
Cameron
Angad

Pearl
Ishmael
Qasim
Gracie-May x2

Emerald
Imogen
Jayden
Bentley
Theodora

Jade
Sumaiyah
Mehtar
Kritik
Anaaiya

Opal
Julia
Eryk
Hafizah
Hope

Ruby
Naveed
Dejonie
Daren
Ruby Class

Garnet
Safaa
Dylan
Sinisa
Alex

Quartz
Charlie
Zanita
Katie
Zeyaan

Aquamarine
Raul
Sharez
Kyle
Silvia

Sapphire
Maja
Kayla
Nathan
Cayden