



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – April 2021

A note from Miss Cooke

Welcome back to the Summer term. I hope everyone had a restful holiday and is back ready to enjoy a Summer term in school. Hopefully as the government allows a relaxation of the measures it put in place during the pandemic, in school we will be able to return systems to what they were prior to the pandemic and lockdowns. We will of course follow government guidance and their time line for reviewing our organisational arrangements.

When the whole school returned to school on 8th March 2021, I wrote to all parents and expressed that I was very aware that shops had not been open and parents would not have had the opportunity to purchase new school shoes for those children who had grown out of them. Shops have now opened and I would ask that parents do their utmost to purchase new school shoes for those children who need them. Trainers **ARE NOT** school uniform and should not be worn all day every day. Please can all children be back in full school uniform, **including** school shoes as soon as possible and certainly before May half term.

We are all looking forward to life returning to some sort of 'normality.' But must still be vigilant and careful with social interactions. Please remember the government advice – Hands, Face, Space, Fresh Air

Miss Cooke

School Social Media Accounts

The school is looking to launch school Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts in the next couple of weeks.

We hope to use these social media accounts to share with parent's information, events and reminders about things that are happening in school.

These social media accounts will be closely monitored by the school and we hope they will prove to be popular.

No social media accounts should be used as an opportunity to make a complaint, attack an individual or moan about a situation in school. If any parent has a concern they **MUST** continue to approach the school in the same ways that they do at present.

One of the most important parts of e-safety that we teach to the children is that an individual should not express something on line that they would not be prepared to say to a person's face. We expect parents to support us with this message and adhere to it in relation to the school social media accounts.



A drink to accompany a packed meal.

If your child brings a packed lunch to school each day, you may have received a note in their lunch box asking you to provide a drink for your child to have with their lunch.

The reason for this is over 50 children each day do not have drink to accompany their packed lunch. The school have been purchasing disposable plastic cups and providing these to children who do not have a drink with their packed lunch.

These plastic cups go into land fill when they go in the bin and so are contributing to global warming. The plastic cups are also expensive for the school to purchase.

We are aware that most parents provide their children with a water bottle each day and so may be asking why their child cannot drink from this at lunchtime. Water bottles are stored in the classroom and the practical operational implications of groups of children or individual returning to their classrooms to collect water bottle is not practical. You may also be considering why can't the school use reusable cups to provide water to children eating packed lunches. Reusable cups would require washing and this would take staff out of the classroom supporting children.

Therefore, we ask that parents ensure they provide a reusable drinks bottle with their child's packed lunch, to ensure that they have a drink with their packed lunch.

I hope this explains why your child has had a note in their lunch box asking you to provide a drink to accompany their lunch.



Safeguarding at home



Staff have recently updated their safeguarding training. As part of this training we were alerted research carried out by the Internet Watch Foundation about how increased access to the internet by children through lockdown has resulted in the escalation of exploitation of children.

I would urge parents to read this article and consider the circumstances in which their children have the opportunity to access the internet away from adult supervision.

This article can be read in the following link:

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/news/%E2%80%98beyond-heart-breaking%E2%80%99-abuse-predators-groom-children-film-siblings-and-friends>

If any parents wish for any support after reading this article, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Pyjamarama – Friday 7th May 2021

Following on from our extremely successful World Book Day celebrations at the start of March, we will this year be taking part in Pyjamarama on Friday 7th May 2021.

On this day children are invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas and enjoy sharing favourite books and activities based around quality children's books and stories.

Don't forget to spend your World Book Day voucher if you have not already done so.



May Day

School will be closed on Monday 3rd May 2021 for the May Day bank holiday.

Polling Day

A reminder that the school will **NOT** be used as a polling station in the elections of Thursday 6th May 2021 and so school will be open and all children should attend as normal.

Naming school sweatshirts and cardigans.



I am sure that all parents put their child's name in their school jumper or cardigan at the start of the school year. I am also certain that jumpers and cardigans have been washed many, many times since the start of the year.

As we are moving towards the warmer weather, please could all parents re-name their child's jumper and cardigans so that if children remove them during the warmer weather they can be returned to the correct owner. If there are no names in articles of clothing, it is extremely difficult to ensure they gets back to the rightful owners.

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 the Attendance Bear in March have been:

8 th - 12 th March	Sapphire Class
15 th - 19 th March	Aquamarine Class
22 nd - 26 th March	Aquamarine, Jade and Sapphire Class

Stars of the Week
March 2021

Amber

Felipi
Kyra
Aaryan
Zephy

Topaz

Jessica
Roman
Miki
Clay

Pearl

Patricia
Kevin
Khairi
Pearl Class

Emerald

Emerald Class
Sufyan
Ryker
Rithighaa

Jade

Jade Class
Elsina
Georgia
Isla

Opal

Yemisi
Emilija
Owen
Michelle

Ruby

Laura
Ruby Class
Imogen
Archer

Garnet

Miki
Ayaan
Naveed

Quartz

Freya
Deepika
Aniqah
Kalen

Aquamarine

Zoya
Khadija
Saoirse
Aqua Class

Sapphire

Angelos
Anna
Kajtek
Sapphire Class

Dates - Summer 2021

April

Tue 20th New Nursery start
Individual photographs

May

Mon 3rd May Day – School closed
Thur 6th School OPEN – not closed for Polling Day
Fri 7th Pyjamarama – Book Trust
Fri 28th School finishes for Half Term

June

Mon 7th First Day back for children
Wed 23rd Class photographs

July

Fri 2nd Race for Life
Fri 9th End of school year Reports out to parents
Tue 13th Parent Consultations if required
Thur 22nd Last day of term – End of the school year

Autumn term 2021

Training Days – Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021

Children return - Monday 6th September 2021

Half term: Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October 2021

Children return – Tuesday 2nd November 2021

Term Ends: Friday 17th December 2021