



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – June 2021

A note from Miss Cooke

In some respects, I can't believe I am writing the June newsletter as I can't believe we are already in June, but in other ways, as this has been such a disrupted school year, I will not be upset when we get to the end of the term, so we can start to plan for next year, which will hopefully be more settled.

After such a disrupted school year, that none of us could have envisioned in September, I am incredibly proud of all the children, parents and staff in the way that they have adapted to almost any situation that has arisen. The way that children have continued their learning journey, be it in school or at home at such short notice, is testament to their flexibility and resilience. The new ways of working and learning that children, parents and staff have developed since March 2020 are immense and continue to develop and adapt to the ever changing situation.

After the government announcement about current restrictions remaining in place until at least 19th July, all current provision in and around school will remain in place until the end of the school year on Thursday 22nd July. We will be keeping in place staggered start and end of the school day, to limit the number of parents accessing the site at any one time. We ask that **parents continue to wear a face mask** when they are on the school site. We also ask that parents maintain social distancing when waiting before or at the end of the school day.

We will update parents in the last week of term, if we have been provided with further guidance that will apply in September. If we have not received updated guidance by the end of the school year, we will be in touch, via email, on Friday 3rd September to update on start and end of school day times. Please ensure that we hold your up to date email address.

As restrictions on the number of people gathering together remain in place, it will not be possible for parents to attend our sports mornings this year. The sports mornings will still go ahead for the children to enjoy, especially as they did not take place last year, but it will not be possible for parents to attend due to current government rules about the number of people gathering together, even outside, being limited to 30.

Infection rates in Bedford are still high in comparison to the rest of the country, so it is important that we all abide by government guidelines to try and prevent the spread of the virus. 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



Class Photos



The photographer will be in school to take class photos on Wednesday 23rd June, so please ensure that children are in correct uniform on that day. The photographs will be available for parents to purchase soon after this date.

Road works on Clapham Road roundabout starting on 28th June 2021

Many of you living in the area local to school, may have received notification as the school did, about the start of major roadworks on the stretch of road between the two roundabouts near Sainsbury's.

This work is due to start on Monday 28th June and is the start of a five phase piece of road improvement.

This disruption is likely to have an impact on all people who travel to school in a vehicle and we will not know the ongoing impact until any restrictions have been in place for a period of time.

Please bear these road works in mind when planning a journey to bring or collect children to and from school.



Sun hats and Sun Cream



In the very nice sunny weather that we have been having, please ensure that children have named sun hats available to them in school for the day. Also, please ensure that you have applied sun cream to your children before they come into school.

This is really important in keeping children safe in the sun. The children are outside after eating their lunch in the strong midday sun. While some shade is available on the school field this is limited and many children want to take advantage of being out side and play rather than keeping to the shade.

It is also vital that your child has a water bottle at school every day. This should be filled with pure water – no juice, cordial or flavored water. Keeping correctly hydrated in hot weather is important and the brain cannot function correctly to learn if it is not hydrated.

For the school to keep providing disposable cups to sometimes half a class, who do not have a water bottle, is not good for the planet and is an additional cost to the school.

Sports Days and Race for Life

Sports days will be taking place on week beginning 12th July. These will be internal events only and as previously explained **parents will not be able to attend**. Please send your child to school in their PE kits on the following days and ensure that they bring their uniform to school to change in to after their sports day. Children **must also have their water bottles available on these days**.

Mon 12 th July	KS1 sports day – No Parent attendance
Tue 13 th July	Reception sports day – No parent attendance
Wed 14 th July	LKS2 sports day – No parent attendance
Thursday 15 th July	UKS2 sports day – No parent attendance
Fri 16 th July	Race for Life – whole school

The whole school will have the opportunity to take part in Cancer Research's Race for Life on Friday 16th July. We ask that any child wishing to take part makes a minimum £2 donation via Parent Pay or a cash donation on the day. The payment item will be available on Parent Pay from 1st July until the end of 16th July.



Picnic lunches



On each Thursday in July, 1st, 8th and 15th, the kitchen will be providing themed picnic packed lunches as the midday meal. The children thoroughly enjoy these events and it allows the children to sit outside to eat if the weather allows. During these events, social distancing and bubbles, will be maintained along with hygiene standards.

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Eligibility to Free School Meals. (FSM)

We are very aware that some families may be facing changing financial circumstances due to the Coronavirus outbreak. If, through change of circumstances, you feel your child may have become eligible for free school meals, we would urge you to consider applying for this benefit. Details of those who may now be eligible for FSM can see eligibility criteria on the school web site at

<https://www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk/free-school-meals/>

An application for free school meals can be made at

[https://bedford-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free School Meals.](https://bedford-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_School_Meals.)



If any family are eligible, even for a short time, the school will receive financial support for six years, so any applications that are successful will support you and the school.

Change of Training Day



After seeing the Bedford Borough proposed academic calendar for next year, we have applied and have been granted the permission to change the date of one of the proposed training days next academic year.

For ease for parents, a training day will start each new term and will not take place after a half term holiday.

The four training days for the academic year 2021 -2022 will take place on:

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022

The full list of term dates is laid out towards the end of this newsletter and a pectoral calendar page showing term time and holiday dates is available on the school web site.

Ordering New Uniform for September

If you are considering purchasing new school sweatshirts or cardigans for the start of the new term in September, please use the Parent Pay Shop on the school website.

You do not require a Parent Pay log in for this feature, it can be accessed direct from the school website and you use a credit or debit card to pay directly for what you order.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=1083>



When you order online in this way, the items can then be collected from the school office or sent home with your child.

Please ensure that you put your child's name in any new school wear so it can be returned to them if it becomes lost.

Scooters and bikes around the school site



Parents and children are well aware of the need to refrain from riding bikes and scooters with the school grounds and in the main comply.

I ask that any adult or child riding a bike or scooter are especially vigilant when they are riding their devices in the areas around the school, especially along Slade Walk at the busy times before and after school to avoid accidents.

There is a current trend of owning and using e-scooters. Parents and children should be aware that *"The only e-scooters that can be used on public roads are those rented as part of government-backed trials. If you own an e-scooter, you can only use it on private land and not on public roads, cycle lanes or pavements. This is because e-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) so they are treated as motor vehicles. As such, if they are used on a road, pavement or public place they are subject to the same legal requirements as any motor vehicle."*

Internet Watch Foundation - Online Grooming New Campaign



A new IWF safety campaign aims to help parents have conversations with their children about keeping their 'door' closed to child sexual abusers. The campaign includes a booklet for parents, explaining the risks, explaining why children are vulnerable, and suggests practice steps that parents can take.

The mnemonic used in the campaign is TALK:

TALK to your child about online sexual abuse. Start the conversation – and listen to their concerns.

AGREE ground rules about the way you use technology as a family.

LEARN about the platforms and apps your child loves. Take an interest in their online life.

KNOW how to use tools, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.

For further details go to <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>

Friends of Edith Cavell - FoEC

You might have noticed that FOEC (Friends of Edith Cavell) have been pretty quiet lately... The events that we used to run and the volunteers that so brilliantly supported these events are still waiting to hopefully restart as soon as it is safe to do so!

These included Lego Club, Cake Sales, Forest School, Science Workshops, Discos, Samosa Sales, Movie Club, Ice Cream Thursdays and our two big events, the Christmas and Summer Fairs!

We are going to come back bigger and better - with a bit more distance and a bit more sanitiser! Our main goal remains converting the old caretakers house into a library and clubhouse. To do this we need to apply for grants, sponsorship, awards - basically we need cold hard cash!

But for now we paid for the Christmas party, gave each child an Easter Egg and covered all the costs for Theatre of Widdershins. We are talking to staff about other ways we can help in the meantime.....

Once regulations allow us to re-start then...watch this space... there will be no stopping us..! And that's when we will need you all to help in whatever way you can!!

Anyone who would like to find out more please get in touch via the school office who can forward on messages to us.

Thank you all!

Abi - Chair of FoEC

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 May have been:

3 rd - 7 th May	Pearl, Ruby and Sapphire Class
10 th - 14 th May	Pearl Class
17 th - 21 st May	Emerald Class
24 th - 28 th May	Emerald Class

Stars of the Week
May 2021

Amber

Aaryan
Abu
Ayla

Topaz

Hashim
Ralph
Julien

Pearl

Cayden
Jesse
Iliyan

Emerald

Skye
Ella
Emerald Class

Jade

Willem
Millie
Jade Class

Opal

Harvee
John Pau
Mahaj

Ruby

Sophia
Meerah
Ruby Class

Garnet

Piotr
Wiktorja
Garnet Class

Quartz

Tenzing
Elizabeth
Lui

Aquamarine

Sinisa
Daniyal
Nathan

Sapphire

Reesha
Vanja
Lainey-Mae

Dates - Summer 2021

Wed 23 rd June	Class photographs
Fri 9 th July	End of school year Reports out to parents
Mon 12 th	KS1 sports day – No Parent attendance
Tue 13 th	Reception sports day – No parent attendance Parent Consultations if required
Wed 14 th	LKS2 sports day – No parent attendance
Thursday 15 th	UKS2 sports day – No parent attendance
Fri 16 th July	Race for Life
Thur 22 nd July	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 – **Monday 1st November 2021** (Change from previous newsletter)
Term Ends: Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term 2022

Training Day – Tuesday 4th January 2022
Children return - **Wednesday 5th January 2022**
Half Term: Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February 2022
Children return – **Monday 21st February 2022**
Term Ends: Friday 1st April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Training Day – Tuesday 19th April 2022
Children return – **Wednesday 20th April 2022**
May Day – Monday 2nd May 2022
Half Term: Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022
Children return – **Monday 6th June 2022**
Term Ends: Friday 22nd July 2022