



# EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Ambitious, Achieving and Nurturing*

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## *Newsletter – May 2021*

### A note from Miss Cooke

As we approach the half term holiday, I wanted to keep all families informed and hopefully reassured of how we are continuing to observe Covid protocols during this time of increased infection rate in Bedford.

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.

Within school, children continue to sit in rows in classrooms, observe a one-way system around the school, do not mix phase bubbles and continue to wash their hands regularly. Staff continue to wear masks in communal areas of the school and are undertaking Lateral Flow Tests twice a week. Through these measures we hope that it will not be necessary to close further bubbles, but that hope is reliant on parents, families and staff continuing to exercise caution when interacting with others outside school.

Although national restrictions have been relaxed, it is very important that everyone in Bedford continues to exercise caution when meeting up with friends and family.

Below is information issued by the Local Authority about surge testing in four wards in the town. If you live in one of these wards, please go and get tested. This will help to protect all in Bedford and our school.

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*

### Update from Bedford Borough regarding the recent increase in Covid 19 cases in Bedford

A COVID-19 variant of concern has been identified in Bedford Borough and we're urging **everyone who lives in Queens Park, Cauldwell, Kingsbrook or Wixams to take a PCR test.**

If you live in one of these areas Mobile Testing Units will be available for drop ins from Thursday 20 May until Friday 28 May with no appointment necessary:

- Oasis Beach Pool, Cardington Road, Kingsbrook, Bedford, MK42 0BZ (8am to 6pm)
- John Bunyan Sports and Fitness, Mile Road, Cauldwell, Bedford, MK42 9TS (8am to 6pm)
- Enterprise House, Old Ford End Road, Queens Park, Bedford, MK40 4PF (8am to 5pm)
- Seasons Garden Centre, Bedford Road, Wixams, MK45 3HU (8.30am to 6pm)

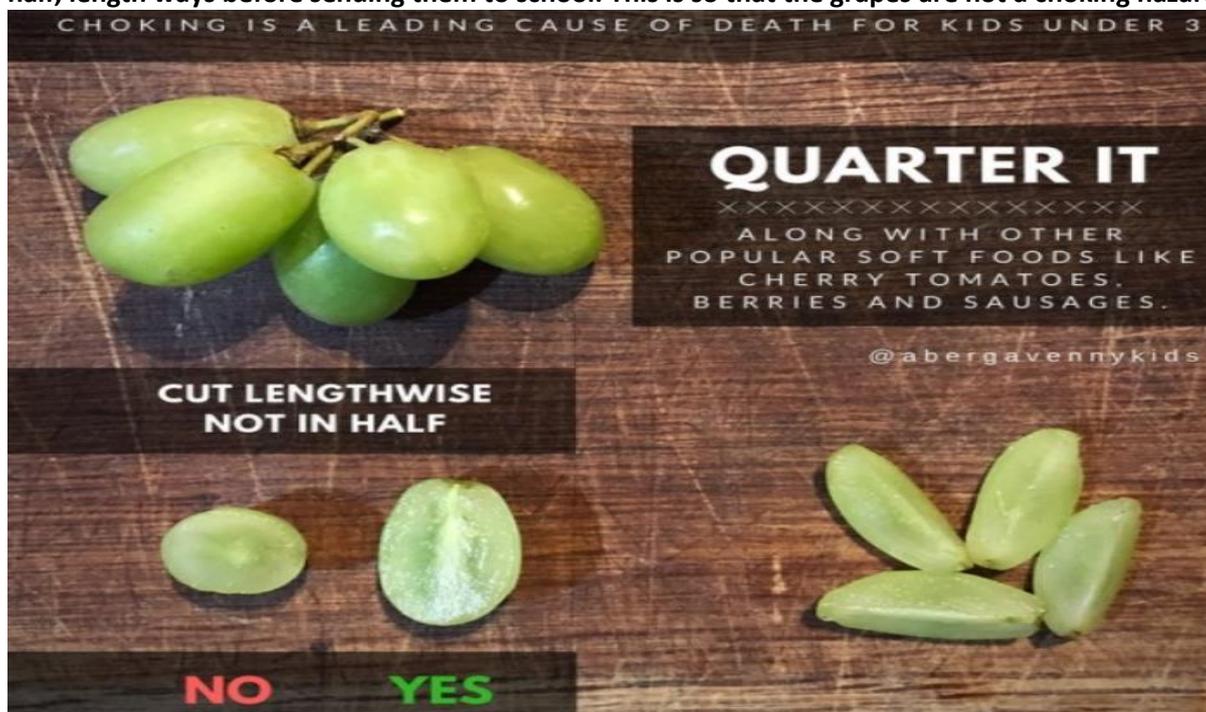




## Snacks

We would like to remind parents that children may bring a small **healthy** snack in to school each day in a small container clearly labelled with their name and class. Reception and Key Stage 1 children are also provided with a free piece of fruit at break time. Healthy snacks could include fresh and dried fruit, vegetables, currants, cheese strings or pita bread. We ask that **NO NUTS** are included as part of snacks as we have a number of children in school who are allergic to nuts. Please keep these snacks separate from lunch boxes and in small hand held named containers, as it makes them easier and quicker to locate at break time. **No chocolate, crisps or sweets should be brought to school as these are not healthy snacks.**

**If the snacks that you are providing for children in Reception or KS1 are grapes, we ask that you cut the grapes in half, length ways before sending them to school. This is so that the grapes are not a choking hazard.**



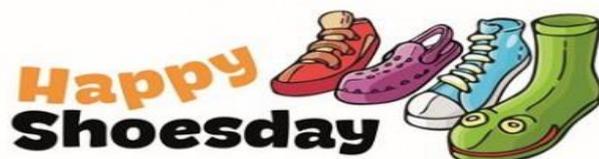
## Happy Shoes Day – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

As part of our walk to school strategy, we are going to be holding a *Happy Shoes Day*. To mark this day, we are asking all children to come to school in odd shoes if they walk to school, even if they walk part of the way.

Of course we want everyone to stay safe and enjoy the day so we ask that the shoes have flat soles and are approximately the same height.

Please avoid heelies, football boots and high heeled shoes.

We look forward to seeing your odd shoes next Friday.



## Sustran – 10 minute challenges and Margo the Cargo

Please look out for a couple of activities that children and families could be involved with over half term. We will be sending out via email, a ten-minute challenge from Sustran along with a competition that children could enter.

## 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.

### **Ditto – Online Safety Magazine**

The free online safety magazine, DITTO Edition 24 is now available for download. It's a PDF file and you can download directly by clicking the link below.

Included in this edition is

- Children's Rights
- Digital Footprint
- YouTube Supervised Experience
- On Off Screen Relationships
- Instagram Live Rooms
- Brand New Parents Section

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

### **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 April have been:

12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> April

Garnet, Jade and Sapphire Class

19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Garnet and Ruby Class

26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April

Sapphire Class

**Stars of the Week**  
**April 2021**

**Amber**

Areez  
Monty

**Topaz**

Cong  
Nabila  
Kai

**Pearl**

Chido  
Claudia  
Sophia

**Emerald**

Eliza  
Irine  
Ryker

**Jade**

Cameron  
Kenzo  
Harees

**Opal**

Bradley  
Nathan  
Malvina

**Ruby**

Henry  
Nathan  
Imogen

**Garnet**

Koko  
Wiktorina  
Maria

**Quartz**

Lui  
Amelia  
Reece

**Aquamarine**

Jason  
Filip  
Charlotte

**Sapphire**

Kristo  
Wojciech  
Ruby

## **Dates - Summer 2021**

### **May**

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Happy Shoes Day  
School finishes for Half Term

### **June**

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Day back for children  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Class photographs

### **July**

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

### **Autumn term 2021**

Training Days – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021  
Children return - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
Half term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
Children return – **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021** (Change from previous newsletter)  
Term Ends: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### **Spring Term 2022**

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

### **Summer Term 2022**

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