



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – July 2021

A note from Miss Cooke

As we approach the last few days of the school year, reflection on the past year is understandable. It has been quite a year – again! I am incredibly proud of the way in which the children, parents and staff have adapted so quickly to the ever changing situation; how after the national lockdown and bubble closures children have returned to school with renewed vigour and enthusiasm for learning. But now we are all, children, parents and staff ready for a holiday, in the hope that when we return in September, we can return to some sort of 'normality'.

Following the Prime Minister confirming that Covid restrictions will formally end on Monday 19th July, he also advised that 'people should still wear a face covering, even if it is not required by law.' As we are so close to the end of the summer term, I request that parents continue to observe the one-way system, wear face coverings and maintain social distancing on the school site. We will maintain the staggered start and end to the school day, until the end of the summer term on Thursday 22nd July.

When we return to school on Monday 6th September, I would hope that we can return to the whole school starting school at the same time, children and staff mixing outside their current bubbles and no requirement to wear a face mask on the school site. These changes are dependent on the local infection rate, government and local advice at the time. I will communicate with families on 3rd September to fully update on what arrangements will be for the return to school on Monday 6th September.

Bedford Borough remains a COVID-19 Enhanced Response Area and infection rates 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 must still be vigilant and careful with social interactions. Please remember the government advice – Hands, Face, Space, Fresh Air.

Over the summer holidays, class email accounts will not be monitored. When your child moves into their new class in September, you will be advised of the class email address for your child's new class teacher. All other communication should be sent to the school email address, (office@ecls.org.uk) that will be monitored weekly over the summer holidays.

Miss Cooke

Last Day of Term – Thursday 22nd July 2021

A reminder that parents have the opportunity to collect their children early on the last day of term if they wish. **Children can remain at school until normal end of school day if parents wish.**

Y5 and 6 children will not be allowed to leave at the earlier finish time unless parents have completed the online permission form that can be accessed in the following link <https://forms.gle/Ea8CcstRgZtKdFwSA>



There will be just two points at which children may be collected or dismissed, either the early finish time indicated in the table below, **or** at the normal end of day from their collection/dismissal point listed – **not** at any other time. Parents may collect their child/ren at the early finish time from their normal class. Any children not collected at the early finish time, will be cared for in their bubbles until the normal end of day.

KS1	Early Finish	Normal End of Day		KS2	Early Finish	Normal End of Day
Nursery	2.00pm	3.30pm		Garnet	2.00pm	3.30pm
Amber	1.40pm	3.10pm		Aquamarine	1.40pm	3.10pm
Topaz	1.50pm	3.20pm		Sapphire	1.50pm	3.20pm
Emerald	1.40pm	3.10pm		Pearl	2.00pm	3.30pm
Jade	2.00pm	3.30pm		Opal	1.50pm	3.20pm
Ruby	1.40pm	3.10pm		Quartz	2.10pm	3.40pm

End of Day Collection/Dismissal Points

(For children staying until the normal end of day)

- **Reception** and **Nursery** should be collected from their **classrooms as normal**
- **KS1** should be collected from **Jade classroom**
- **LKS2** should be collected from **Garnet classroom**
- **UKS2** will be dismissed from **Quartz classroom**

GEMS – Afterschool Club

The after school club will be available **until 4.30pm on Thursday 22nd July** and bookings should be made in the normal way via Parent Pay.

Free White Rose Maths Workbook

In school we follow the White Rose maths scheme for our maths teaching.



White Rose Maths is proud to team up with leading supermarket, Morrison's, to give primary pupils a series of exciting and **FREE** workbooks to use at home. These colourful and engaging workbooks are perfect for revisiting and practising work that children have covered earlier in the year, or to prepare them for the new school year ahead.

Parents and carers can collect the books from 26th July onwards at any of Morrison's' network of stores nationwide. All they need to do is to call in at the 'Children's Little Library' in their local Morrison's store during their regular shop, and collect their free copies!

Families are welcome to take one free copy per pupil from Y1 to Y6. The workbooks contain a link to the answers, too.

If you are unsure which book would be best for your child, please ask your child's class teacher.

www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk

Get Epic

To support children to continue reading over the summer holidays, we have been advised that children will continue to have access to the class Get Epic website over the holidays.



There will be a slight change to the number of books that can be accessed outside regular school hours. Children will still be able to access multiple books during regular school hours, but outside regular school hours they will be limited to one book per day. Codes for current classes should be used and new codes for when children move into their new classes we would hope to issue in September.

Summer reading challenge



Each year Bedfordshire libraries run a Summer Reading Challenge and this year is no different.

Wild World Heroes is the theme of the Summer Reading Challenge this year. The challenge started last Saturday 10th July and runs until Saturday 11th September.

Children can join the library at any Bedford Borough Library and the Mobile Library. It is free to join and children pick up their Wild World Heroes Poster when they join and collect rewards for reading library books. A reading challenge bookmark was recently sent home for children to use to mark their place in a book that they read and would count towards the reading challenge.

Holidays abroad

Some families may be considering taking a holiday abroad over the summer holidays. As we have seen in the past few days, the governments traffic light system for holiday destinations can change very quickly. Children in Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 return to school on Monday 6th September. Any absence from school due to the need to isolate after a holiday will be considered as unauthorised absence and will negatively affect your child's attendance for the whole school year. It may also result in involvement from the Education Welfare Service.



Breakfast and After School Clubs

In September, all year groups will be starting school at the same time, classroom doors will open at **8.45am** and close again at 8.55am, therefore any attendance at Breakfast and After School Club will be chargeable. Any parents wishing for their children to be cared for before 8.45am or after 3.30pm (Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4) or 3.40pm (Y5 & Y6) will need to book and pay for sessions in breakfast and after school clubs using Parent Pay.

E- Scooters – Message from Bedfordshire Police

Bedfordshire police have seen an increase in complaints from members of the public, and local councillors around the use of e-scooters in public. Some of these relating specifically to students riding them to school, or parents riding them whilst carrying small children.



We are therefore asking for the assistance of every school in the borough to share a few key messages with you all, in the hope we can prevent this from continuing and possibly save lives.

It is against the law to use e-scooters on public land unless it is part of a government scheme. The scheme has various measures in place to maximise the safety of their use, with the long-term view of seeing how they can be incorporated into UK law.

At present, Bedford is not part of this trial, and to date there are no plans for us to be part of it in the future. Therefore, **riding them in public is illegal.**

We have carried out several local campaigns on social media, which has been shared by local newspapers and we have been proactively stopping riders and providing them with educational literature around riding e-scooters. Our aim has been to educate riders not to use them on public land, as we are well aware some people have genuinely been unaware of the laws around their use.

There have also been several e-scooter stories in the national media, featuring on Sky and BBC news in an endeavour to get the message out to as many people as possible.

As of the 5th July we will be moving out of the educational phase, to one of enforcement when dealing with e-scooters, hence my contact with you all.

Our plea is this, we really do not want to see any young people affected by this, if they were to be prosecuted they could end up with points on their licence before they even have one and this could really impact them getting a licence later on in their adult life. Points remain on a licence for 3 years, and for insurance reasons they show for 4 years. This means they could apply for a provisional licence and already have points waiting for them, or even worse they could be banned before they even apply for one.

This is something we absolutely want to avoid, so please if your child has an e-scooter don't allow them to ride it on public land. We genuinely do not want them to be prosecuted, and have their expensive equipment seized.

Please remember:

- It is illegal to ride e-scooters on public land.
- It is only currently legal to use these on private land with the landowner's permission, or in areas running a government scheme. The e scooter however needs to be rented as part of that scheme due to liability insurance.
- An e-scooter is classed as a motor vehicle and if you ride one in public it has the same expectations on you as it would do when driving a car. i.e. the need to have insurance, MOT, tax etc.
- If you ride your e-scooter in public you risk having your e-scooter seized, being fined up to £300 and receiving six points on your licence. This will be the case whether you have a licence or not.

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.

Social media support for parents

- Given the many concerns that parents have in relation to their child's use of social media, Internet Matters have put together a very useful resource page on their site with lots of advice and tips. It can be accessed here
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/social-media-concerns/>

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://www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk/parent-pay/>



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.

Message from the Governors

Note on behalf of governors - July 21

We're almost at the end of another school year and what a year it has been.

It's almost hard to recall a time before Covid restrictions and what 'normal' school life was like. We are very privileged to have such a dedicated and caring staff who have set out to make it possible for the children at Edith Cavell to continue to learn and flourish. The wellbeing of the school community has been at the forefront of all the uncertainties of the past year. I'm sure you will join me in recognising and reflecting on the incredible work that has gone into resourcing remote education and providing online support for families, a significant achievement and development for the school community. Thank you for the role you have played in helping your child adapt to a different approach to teaching and learning and your ongoing support for all the staff in school.

Throughout this year governors have continued to conduct their responsibilities remotely with our meetings scheduled online and regular updates from Miss Cooke. We have missed being able to come into school for visits but have appreciated for example opportunities to engage in online assemblies and see the children looking so happy. We remain hopeful that the Autumn term will see a return to a more usual routine for us all.

With thanks to all in the school community and wishing you and your families a safe and happy summer

G Bishop

Chair of Governors

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 June have been:

7th - 11th June

Aquamarine Class

14th - 18th June

Aquamarine Class

21st - 25th June

Emerald Class

28th June - 2nd July

Sapphire Class



Stars of the Week

June 2021

Amber

Amber Class
Elsie

Topaz

Sophie
Kade
Tola

Pearl

Jesse
Antonio
Sharez
Chido

Emerald

Sully
Dora
Chester
Eliza
Ella

Jade

Kenzo
Georgia
Salahuddin
Cameron

Opal

Amelia
James
Emily
Qasim

Ruby

Sophia
Frankie
Michelle
Ibrahim

Garnet

Rylee
Czarek

Quartz

Mathew
Boden
Emaan
Alessio

Aquamarine

Jenna
Chloe
DeJonie
Zoya

Sapphire

Teddy
Sammy
Leah

Dates - Summer 2021

Fri 16th July Race for Life
Thur 22nd 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