



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – April 2022

A message from Miss Cooke

As we return for the summer term I want to share some of the plans that we have for the term.

As of 1st April 2022, most of the Covid 19 specific guidance for education was relaxed. This means that we have been able to remove a number of measures that we had in place across the school.

You may have noticed that the barrier dividing the KS2 playground has been re-located and so the whole of KS2 are now able to play together. Phase groups will now be mixing in whole school, in-person assemblies, and at lunchtimes. There are certain measures that we have kept in place, including regular handwashing, availability, and use of sanitising hand gel. Staff, visitors, and parents are not expected to wear face coverings going forward, but may choose to do so if they wish. We certainly hope to be able to welcome visitors and parents back into school this term.

Guidance from Public Health and the DfE for schools moving forward from the pandemic is '*Children or adults who are unwell **and have a high temperature** should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to their education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough.*' Therefore, we would ask that if your child has a temperature, where you may have given them Calpol, or other similar medicines, that you keep them at home to recover and feel better before they return to school. We understand that this may inconvenience working parents, but if all parents follow this advice and children who are unwell do not attend school, there is less chance of them infecting other children in school who may then become unwell. If the school judges that your child is unwell and not well enough to be in school, we will make contact with parents and ask for children to be collected from school, as we have always done.

One event that we wish to resume this week is inviting parents into class on a Friday morning to read with their children. When the doors open at 8.45am, parents are invited to come into the classroom, **sanitise their hands as they come in**, and share a storybook with their child. When the bell rings at 8.55am we ask that parents leave the classroom so that the formal school day can start. This will start next Friday 29th April 2022.

We have set a number of dates for events in school, please look at and note the dates at the end of this newsletter.

As this is the final term of the school year, there will be a number of formal assessments taking place in most year groups. Your child's progress will be reported to you in their end-of-year report. In order to support your child to achieve as well as they possibly can, we would ask that you ensure your child is in school every day, continue to read regularly with your child at home, and support them to complete any homework assignments set. If your child is struggling to complete any homework set, please either speak to or email your child's class teacher to discuss the situation.

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Just a reminder that school will be **closed on Monday 2nd May 2022** as this is the May Day Bank Holiday.

Miss Cooke

Naming School sweatshirts and cardigans

As we are, hopefully moving into some nicer weather, please could you ensure that your child's name is clearly visible in their school sweatshirt or cardigan. If you labelled them at the start of the school year it is very unlikely that their name is still visible after multiple washes. Please re-label each of your child's sweatshirts as this will make it much easier to ensure that when children take off their sweatshirts they can be returned to the correct owners. Please check each month that the name that you have written on the sweatshirts continues to be visible.



School Dinners – Sandwich option

After consultation with the Pupil elected School Council, the kitchen will be offering an additional meal choice at lunchtime. Children will now be able to select a sandwich option for their main meal. Children will still also have the choice of a meat, vegetarian or Jacket Potato option as well as the sandwich option. Children will be able to choose the sandwich meal option each morning in school when they make their meal choice. There will be a different filling option on each day that the children may choose from.

Monday – Cheese

Tuesday – Ham or Cheese

Wednesday – Egg or Cheese

Thursday – Ham or Cheese

Friday – Tuna or Cheese



As part of the sandwich option, children in KS1 and lower KS2 will receive two slices of filled bread. Children in Upper Key Stage 2 will receive three slices of filled bread. All children choosing the sandwich option will also receive crudité's and then whatever is the pudding option or fruit.

Parents should note that their child may choose the sandwich option for lunch each day and so take this into account when planning evening meals, that their child may not have had a hot meal at school.

Pyjamarama



On Friday 13th May, we will be taking part in Pyjamarama Day. On this day the children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas (with sensible shoes and dressed warmly enough to be appropriate for the weather on the day) Over the day the children will take part in activities based around reading and sharing stories with

each other. We will ask for a £1 donation on this day that will go to The Book Trust who organises the day and are the UK's largest reading charity. The Book Trust supports children and families across the UK to experience the joy of reading and its associated benefits.

If you would like more information about this charity or see some ideas about reading activities, please see

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>



Platinum Jubilee Day



On Friday 27th May, we will be celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a range of activities across the school day. The children will have a picnic lunch and we are asking that they come to school that day 'dressed to impress'. Further details of the day will follow.

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Accelerated Reader

Over the summer term you will start to see some changes to our reading scheme and the way that we label, store and use our reading books. For children in Year 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 we will be phasing out the coloured book bands system and moving towards a new reading system called Accelerated Reader.



Accelerated Reader is a system where children complete their home reading and then, back in school, go on to answer quizzes about what they have read.

For Accelerated Reader to be successful, our reading books will be organised in a different way. Rather than being labelled as colours, reading books will start to be organised by a numbering system called a ZPD number. ZPD stands for Zone of Proximal Development which refers to the difference between what a learner can do without help and what he or she can achieve with guidance and encouragement.

This move to using Accelerated Reader is something that will take a period of time to achieve fully, and may impact the availability of some reading books during the changeover, so please bear with us as we undertake this project.

Children in Reception, Year 1, and some children in Year 2, will continue to read the phonically decodable books and the early reading books as they do now.

The book worm badges and Golden Ticket rewards will remain in place and continue as we take on Accelerated Reader.

We will share further information about Accelerated Reader as we move through the transition process.

Stranger danger – Clever never goes



As the days are getting longer and children have the opportunity to be outside for longer, please take the opportunity to have that conversation with your children about being safe and aware of where they are and who they might be talking to. We talk so much about ensuring children are safe online, but it is just as important for children to make sensible decisions about their actions and who they interact

with in person.

If you are unsure of how to open the conversation with your child without causing anxiety and unnecessary worry, please read these updated resources

<https://clevernevergoes.org/parents-2/>

<http://www.actionagainstabduction.org/clever-never-goes/>

CLEVER NEVER GOES is the new, child-friendly lesson that teaches children how to stay safe from abduction when they are outside (e.g. walking to or from school), or online.

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.

**PLEASE
DO NOT LEAVE
YOUR CHILDREN
UNATTENDED**

Parents Online Safety Videos



Throughout the Spring term we sent out to parents the links to a series of Online Safety Videos presented by Alan Mackenzie. These videos will be available for parents to access until the end of the calendar year. Please see the series of emails that you have been sent for links to these videos, or contact the school office if you no longer have the previously sent emails.

A message from the Friends of Edith Cavell

SUMMER FAIR

We are so excited to be planning a summer fair!

Especially a great, big, bouncy one!!

The fair will be on **Thursday 14th July from 3:30-5:30pm.**

A £5 wristband will give children unlimited access to all the inflatables! There will also be tokens available to purchase for children to use for food, drinks, other stalls and on the inflatables too if you'd rather not buy a wristband.

We know that lots of you have never had the chance to enjoy an Edith Cavell summer fair, so we really can't wait to welcome you all – bring a blanket, relax on the grass and let the kids run wild!

There'll be hot dogs, popcorn, and candy floss available too so at least that's dinner sorted!!

BUT... what we really need are VOLUNTEERS to help us run this brilliant event - we need about 20 people to help man the inflatables and sell food and tokens. PLEASE get in touch with Abi on 07740463638 if you can help - even if you can only help a little bit!

Every penny raised will go toward the new library building which we will be sharing more details about soon...

We are really looking forward to seeing our whole community come together for this fabulous event.

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 March have been



28 th Feb - 4 th Mar	Quartz Class
7 th Mar - 11 th Mar	Pearl Class
14 th Mar - 18 th Mar	Ruby Class
21 st Mar - 24 th Mar	Quartz Class
28 th Mar - 1 st Apr	Garnet Class

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Summer Term 2022

Mon 25 th April	Nursery return
Tue 26 th April	Y5 Sports Festival – Castle Newnham (Selected children) New nursery start
Mon 2 nd May	School closed – May Day
Wed 4 th May	No room for racism – LKS2 Aqua – Sports Festival
Mon 9 th May	Year 6 SAT tests Emerald – Sports Festival
Tue 10 th May	Y6 SATs
Wed 11 th	Y6 SAT's
Thur 12 th	Y6 SAT's
Fri 13 th May	Pyjamarama
Wed 18 th May	Y6 Sports Festival (Selected children)
Mon 23 rd May	Bikeability
Tue 24 th May	Y3/4 Quad Kids Sports Festival (Selected children)
Fri 27 th May	Platinum Jubilee Day Half term
Mon 6 th June	First day back at school for children
Wed 8 th June	Y3 Adventure Day Y5/6 Cricket competition (Selected children)
Thur 9 th June	Y4 Camping Trip Y5 Football coaching
Mon 13 th June	Y5 Camping Trip
Tue 14 th June	Y6 Camping Trip
Mon 20 th June	SEN parents' consultations
Tue 21 st June	Y5/6 Girls football festival (Selected children)
Wed 22 nd June	Class Photographs New Reception Parents evening – 6pm
Mon 4 th July	Year 6 Transition Day – Dependant on school transferring to
Tue 5 th July	Y6 SAT's results Day Year 6 Transition Day – Dependant on school transferring to
Wed 6 th July	Year 6 Transition Day – Dependant on school transferring to Biddenham Steam Fair
Friday 8 th July	Race for Life Annual Reports out to parents
Mon 11 th July	UKS2 Sports morning
Tue 12 th July	LKS2 Sports morning Nursery Sports Parent consultations – if required
Wed 13 th July	KS1 Sports Morning Y6 Leavers Concert – 6.30pm
Thur 14 th July	Last Y5 football session Open Afternoon – 2.30pm FoEC Summer Fair – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Fri 15 th July	Reception Sports morning
Tue 19 th	KS2 internal rounder's tournament
Thur 21 st July	End of School Year

Please take note of
Edith Cavell term
dates – Local
schools may have
different term dates.

Academic Year 2021 – 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: Thursday 21st July 2022 – change from previously published date

Academic Year 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Training Days – Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022

Children return - **Monday 5th September 2022**

Half term: Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October 2022

Training Day – Monday 31st October 2022

Children return – **Tuesday 1st November 2022**

Term Ends: Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Training Day – Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Children return - **Wednesday 4th January 2023**

Half Term: Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2023

Children return – **Monday 20th February 2023**

Term Ends: Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Training Day – Monday 17th April 2023

Children return – **Tuesday 18th April 2023**

May Day – Monday 1st May 2023

Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023

Children return – **Monday 5th June 2023**

Term Ends: Friday 21st July 2023

The school term dates for 2022 – 2023 and 2023 – 2024 are available on the school web site.

<https://www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk/information-for-parents/school-term-dates/>

Stars of the Week

March 2022

Amber

Daisy
Franek
Archer
Olivia

Pearl

Hooriya
Deshauna
Pearl Class
Jesse

Emerald

Jessica
Sean
Damian
Aaryan

Jade

Julien
Eusebiu
Remel
Jade Class

Opal

Dion
Leah
Cass
Anandita

Ruby

Cameron
Sufyan
Ruby Class
Jessica J

Garnet

Garnet Class
Zoya
Insha
Ismaeel

Quartz

Shaun
Jazmine
Ruby

Aquamarine

Piotr
Stefania
Alveena
Nathan W

Sapphire

Isaac
Henry
Aqsa
Frankie