



# EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Ambitious, Achieving and Nurturing*

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## *Newsletter - July 2022*

### **A note from Miss Cooke**

When looking back over the academic year this year, what is so refreshing is that as a school we have been able to resume many of the activities and events that make up a 'normal' year. This is such a welcome return to inviting parents into school events, to undertaking Educational visits and trips and welcoming visitors into the school. The recent Open Afternoon and Summer Fayre were such well-supported events with such an amazing positive atmosphere of fun and happiness. While there have been significant boosts and positives this year it has also been an incredibly hard year as well. The level of sickness, Covid and absence in children and staff have at certain points in the year, been overwhelming.

Next year, we hope to re-establish even more events that parents can attend alongside visits and experiences for the children. All that being said, we are very mindful of the huge rise in the cost of living and the impact that this will be having on families, especially as we move into the winter months. If you find your family is struggling with something, please do not be silent. Please approach any member of staff, quietly, or send an email as there are a number of ways in which we can directly help as well as signpost to other services.

We are saying 'Goodbye' to all our Year 6 pupils who will be moving on to their secondary schools. We wish each and every one of the Year 6 children the best at their new schools and hope that they can remember all that they have learnt while at Edith Cavell, both academically and about doing the right thing in difficult situations. The progress, achievement and personal development of this group of children, despite the pandemic, is amazing and we have rightly celebrated it in various ways.

In my June newsletter, I outlined the teaching staff that are leaving the school at the end of the summer term. I have one further extremely valued team member that will also be leaving the school after 20 years of working here. Kim our Kitchen Manager, has decided that the time has come for her to hang up her apron and move on to the next chapter of her life. She will be much missed by Emma, all the staff, and the children, and we thank her for how she has worked with the school so closely to ensure that the meals that the children receive are of the highest quality.

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](mailto:office@ecls.org.uk)) that will be monitored weekly over the summer holidays.

Have a wonderful holiday and we will see the children back in school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45am.



Miss Cooke

### **Last Day of Term – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

We would like to give parents the opportunity to collect their children early on the afternoon of the last day of term, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022. Children may be collected at **1.45pm**.

Any child may stay in school until the normal end of the school day if parents are working or they do not wish to collect them early.

Please click on this link to complete the attached form to indicate if you plan to collect your child/ren early or wish for them to remain at school until the normal end of school day. If we do not receive a completed form, we will assume that you wish your child to remain in school until the normal end of school day time.

<https://forms.gle/E7bBkyyKNJxp79XY9>

**Please note: Year 5 and Year 6 children will not be allowed to leave early without the school receiving a completed form from parents.**

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 phase groups until the normal end of day.

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.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022** and bookings should be made in the normal way via Parent Pay.

### **Update on parking and the bus stops on Manton Lane**

In the May newsletter, I reported that I had repeatedly attempted to make contact with Bedford Borough to discuss the removal of the layby on Manton Lane and the inconvenience that this is causing to parents. I had a meeting with an officer from Bedford Borough Traffic Management department at the start of June and they have agreed that, following a further consultation process, some of the layby will be reinstated. The layby will not be as large as it was previously, but it should allow some parents to park for a short period of time. There will be a waiting time limit on the new layby. The two bus stops will remain and anyone waiting or parking in these designated bays are liable to be fined.

I have been assured that the layby area will be in place by the start of September. If it is not, I will again start noisily asking questions to Bedford Borough.

### **Platinum Jubilee Book**

The Platinum Jubilee commemorative hardback books given to all primary children will be sent home with children this week. These books are for the children to keep as a souvenir of the Platinum Jubilee Year.



### **Increase to Price of School Meals**

We have been informed by Caterlink that the cost of school meals will rise from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 when the children return for the Autumn term.

The new prices will be

Year 3 & 4	£2.35 per day	£11.75 per week	£47 per month (20 days)
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Year 5 & 6	£2.45 per day	£12.25 per week	£49 per month (20 days)
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The school Parent Pay account has been altered to reflect these new prices.

### **Increase in the charges for Breakfast and Afterschool Club**

Due to the cost of living increases across all areas of society it is necessary to raise the charges for Breakfast and Afterschool club. From September the new prices will be.

The school Parent Pay account has been altered to reflect these new prices. Please ensure that when you add money to your parent pay account you allocate the funds to a payment item and book the specific days that you require places at Breakfast and Afterschool club. Parents are reminded that all places should be booked and paid for in advance. If a pre-booking is not received, sessions will be charged at the Ad hock rate.

	If pre booked	Ad hock attendance without pre booking
Breakfast club	£4.25	£4.45
ASC 1 <sup>st</sup> hour of care	£4.75	£4.95
ASC two hours of care	£8.25	£8.65

### **HAF – Holiday and Food**

HAF is back! This Summer, Bedford Borough Council is funding an exciting range of FREE activities for children and families on income-related free school meals. From 24th June, all parents / carers of eligible children will receive a HAF voucher code and link to book via email. Places are limited, so booking is essential – bookings will only be able to be made through the voucher code link. If you have not received your voucher code by the end of June or have any issues, please contact your school directly

Visit the Bedford Local Offer website for more information:

<https://localoffer.bedford.gov.uk/hafsummer22>

Some of the HAF sessions will take place at Edith Cavell. These sessions will be run by SSG.



<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>WEEK 6</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>
9.30am-3.30pm	9.30am-3.30pm	9.30am-3.30pm	9.30am-3.30pm	9.30am-3.30pm	9.30am-3.30pm
<b>Ursula Taylor School</b>	<b>Ursula Taylor School</b>	<b>Edith Cavell Primary School</b>	<b>Edith Cavell Primary School</b>	<b>Edith Cavell Primary School</b>	<b>Alexander Sports Centre</b>
High Street Clapham Bedford MK41 6EG	High Street Clapham Bedford MK41 6EG	Manton Lane Bedford MK41 7NH	Manton Lane Bedford MK41 7NH	Manton Lane Bedford MK41 7NH	Sidney Road Bedford MK40 2BQ
<b>St Josephs &amp; St Greg's School</b>	<b>St Josephs &amp; St Greg's School</b>	<b>St Josephs &amp; St Greg's School</b>	<b>St Josephs &amp; St Greg's School</b>		
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## **Summer reading challenge**



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

Gadgets Summer Reading Challenge starts on Saturday 16th July and finishes on Saturday 10th September 2022. Science is all around you!

What do you love doing? Are you a brilliant baker? Or a mega music fan? Are you the tech wizard amongst your friends? Join the Gadgets for the Summer Reading Challenge to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you, including some of your favourite things! Curious? Perfect! Your imagination can unlock endless possibilities...

We're teaming up with the Science Museum Group for a very special science-themed Challenge that will inspire you to use your imagination and creativity!

Children can join the library at any Bedford Borough Library and the Mobile Library. It is free to join. More information on the scheme can be found at

[https://virtual-library.culturalservices.net/webingres/bedfordshire/vlib/0.children\\_teenagers/src\\_bbc.htm](https://virtual-library.culturalservices.net/webingres/bedfordshire/vlib/0.children_teenagers/src_bbc.htm)

## **Amazon Wish List**

Amazon has a facility where you can create a wish list. The school has created such a list. The link to the list is <https://amzn.eu/7BK5iOe>

If families felt that they could support the school and purchase an item from the wish list when they are shopping on Amazon, we would be very grateful. The item will be delivered to you and we ask that you then bring it to school.

Items that we have put on the Wish List are things such as stationery items or items for children to use at playtime.

## **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 directly 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.



## **On-line Safety – Article from Alan Mackenzie – e-safety advisor**

### **Snapchat - Meet Up (New Feature)**

When Snap Maps became a new feature a few years ago there was widespread outrage, particularly that it was turned on by default, and users were not notified of this. Snapchat has now added another layer onto this feature called Meet Up which pairs with Apple Maps or Google Maps to give exact directions to a person, as long as they are Snapchat Friends.

For adults, even older teens, I can see that some would find this a very useful feature. However, I find this utterly frightening when it comes to children. I advise parents to check the privacy settings, including Ghost Mode, on their child's Snapchat account. You can find details [HERE](#)

<https://esafety-adviser.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cbd59b76f0e1ad9db768db345&id=e99c9df6ee&e=8e5d846617>

or you can download a handy little guide from Ineqe [HERE](#).

<https://esafety-adviser.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cbd59b76f0e1ad9db768db345&id=297f78a8cf&e=8e5d846617>

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### **Message from Friends of Edith Cavell**

Wow,wow,wow!!!

Thank you so much for the generosity, energy and fun that was had at the Big Bouncy Summer Fayre.



Thank you to all the volunteers without whom we definitely could not run these events!

A big shout out to the Year 6's who helped set up the fayre!

And another big shout out to the brave staff who sat in the chair for a wet sponge soaking! We raised a MASSIVE £1000 towards our school library - What an incredible school we are! Watch this space for more in September....

### **Message from the School Governors**

As we near the end of term, on behalf of the governors I would like to reflect on the academic year and thank all the families and staff in the school community for their continued support.

Like all communities, Edith Cavell has continued to be challenged by the impact and effects of Covid 19. The staff who run the school successfully every day show incredible teamwork and dedication to the wellbeing, safety and educational progress of every pupil. I would like to voice a heartfelt thank you to all the team of staff for their amazing work and constant care for the children.

The ease in restrictions in the spring term enabled the school to plan and engage in some of the social events and activities that have been greatly missed. In May it was fantastic to see so many families enjoying the dancing (and sunshine!) to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. A big thank you to the FOEC and to all those who have helped with raising funds for the school this year. The summer fayre in July is another great example of the school working together and having fun in the sun.

In the summer term, governors always appreciate a presentation from the school council who play an important role in representing and voicing the views of the children. The children's kindness and consideration for others have been demonstrated throughout the year and it has been heart-warming to read in the school's newsletters about the many activities that support charities.

The school continues to provide enrichment opportunities which are invaluable in building confidence and life skills. Educational visits and trips could not happen without the time and commitment of the staff and we are hugely grateful to them for enabling such memorable experiences for the children.

Finally, I would like to say goodbye and good luck to families and staff who are leaving Edith Cavell at the end of the academic year, wishing Year 6 all the best and that they continue to flourish and achieve in the next stage of their education.

Wishing you all a happy and restful summer holiday

*Gillian Bishop*  
Chair of Governors

## Stars of the Week June/July 2022

### **Amber**

Amber Class  
Lily S  
Mikayla  
Paulina  
Eljoina  
Nyasha

### **Amber**

Alice  
Archie  
Dawid  
Ellie  
Lilly  
Iremide

### **Pearl**

James  
Pearl Class x 2  
Harvee  
Miracle  
Antonio

### **Emerald**

Clay  
Tola  
Emerald Class  
Nabila

### **Jade**

Elspeth  
Roman  
Rafe  
Jade Class x 2  
Noah

### **Opal**

Sebastian  
Opal Class  
Cassius  
Phoebe  
Teddy  
Kyle

### **Ruby**

Rithighaa  
Georgia  
Skye  
Ruby Class  
Richard  
Jessica J

### **Garnet**

Shazad  
Ayesha  
Etienne  
Felicity  
Insha

### **Quartz**

Ayaan  
Quartz Class  
Reesha  
Wojciech  
Abdul  
Rabiya

### **Aquamarine**

Kife  
Elsina  
Erinayo  
Jhene  
Annabella  
Bentley

### **Sapphire**

Isaac  
Czarek  
Mohammed  
Safaah  
Elijah  
Sapphire Class

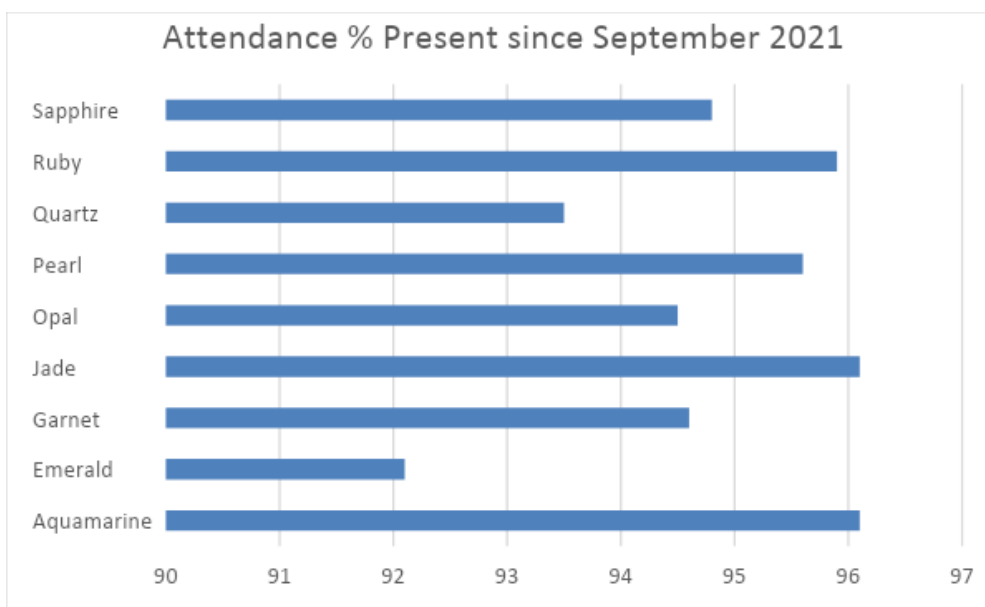
## Attendance

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 June/July have been

6 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Aquamarine Class
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Jade Class
20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Ruby Class
27 <sup>th</sup> - 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Quartz Class
4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Pearl Class
11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Opal Class



## **Dates - Summer 2022**

Thur 21<sup>st</sup> July                      Last day of term – End of the school year

### **Academic Year 2022 – 2023**

#### **Autumn Term 2022**

Training Days – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022  
Children return - **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
Half term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
Training Day – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022  
Children return – **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022**  
Term Ends: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

#### **Spring Term 2023**

Training Day – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023  
Children return - **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
Half Term: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Children return – **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
Term Ends: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### **Summer Term 2023**

Training Day – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Children return – **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023**  
May Day – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023  
Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023  
Children return – **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
Term Ends: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

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