



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ambitious, Achieving and Nurturing

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Newsletter – June 2022

A message from Miss Cooke

An update on the removal of the layby on Manton Lane. After complaining vociferously to many people at the local authority, from the Mayor to Education staff and highways staff, eventually someone responded to my letters, emails and complaints and came out and met with me on Manton Lane to discuss the parking issue. The upshot of that meeting is that the school should have been consulted before any changes were made to the parking restrictions in the layby outside the school. The action that I was promised would take place is that following another consultation, part of the layby for short-term parking will be reinstated, hopefully sometime over the summer holidays and to be ready for the start of the new school year in September. If this does not happen I have the contact of the member of the local authority who met with me and said that this will happen.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Platinum Jubilee Day on the last day before half term. It was a fantastic event. It was so lovely to welcome parents back to a school event. The sun shone on us and the children were all amazing with their dance performances. Your help in clearing away chairs, mats, and benches was very much appreciated. Many hands made very light work!

We are within the last four weeks of the summer term and there are a lot of fun events as well as exciting learning still to take place. Parents are reminded that children should attend school every day, on time, until the last day of term Thursday 21st July 2022.

Miss Cooke

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 1st July 2022



On Friday 1st July, children are invited to help support the FoEC Summer Fair by taking part in a non-uniform day. If children choose to not wear their school uniform on that day, they should either bring some chocolate for the chocolate tombola stall, a bottle for Miss Cooke's bottle stall, or donate £1, via Parent Pay. Please ensure that outfits include sensible shoes and are appropriate for the

weather on that day.

Race for Life – Friday 8th July 2022

The whole school will have the opportunity to take part in Cancer Research's Race for Life on Friday 8th 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 28th June until the end of 15th July.

Please ensure that children have their PE kit with well-fitting footwear in school on this day.



Open Afternoon – Thursday 14th July 2022

The first Open Afternoon, for parents to come into school and look at their children's exercise books, have a tour around the school from their children, and chat with staff, for over two and a half years will take place on Thursday 14th July. Parents will be allowed into school from 2.30pm. We hope that everyone will then be able to stay and enjoy the Friends of Edith Cavell Summer Fair that will start at 3.45pm on the same day.



Friends of Edith Cavell – Summer Fair – Thursday 14th 2022 – 3.45pm

THE GREAT BIG BOUNCY ONE!

Thursday 14th July from 3.45pm to 5.30pm:

Featuring bouncy castles, bouncy slides, bouncy assault courses, Miss Cooke's famous bouncy bottle stall, soft play, hot dogs, popcorn, and even candy floss!

There's something for everyone (bring the family!) - as we bring our amazing school community together and share some fun in the sun!



Lots more details to come, but right now - WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to run the stalls and the inflatables so that we can make this fair a reality!

If you can help then please contact Abi on 07740463638 and be part of the biggest, bounciest one yet!

Sports Mornings

We look forward to welcoming parents to our fun Sports Mornings. All the children will take part in FUN sporting events in the week commencing 11th July, weather permitting. Each of the morning events will start at approximately 9.30am, to allow for registration, set up, and organisation.

Mon 11 th July	UKS2 Sports morning
Tue 12 th July	LKS2 Sports morning
	Nursery Sports – 2.30pm
Wed 13 th July	KS1 Sports morning
Fri 15 th July	Reception Sports morning



Please ensure that your child has their PE kit with well-fitting sports footwear, a water bottle, and a sun hat in school on the correct day. Please also ensure that they are wearing sunscreen to protect them while outside.

Our Y5 & 6 Sports leaders will be demonstrating their leadership and organisational skills by directing the activities for the younger children during the sports mornings and so we ask that parents encourage all the children taking part in the activities.

Please remember that if you are taking photographs at any of the sports events, any photos should be for family use only and should not be published on social media. The school obtains specific permission from parents to publish photographs on social media.

End of Year Reports and Parent Consultations – If required

Our End of Year Reports have been redesigned for this year and we hope that they are more accessible for all parents and easier to read. End of Year Reports will be sent home on Friday 8th July.

If parents have any questions that arise after reading their child's report, they can book a **face-to-face** appointment with their child's class teacher for Tuesday 12th July 2022. Booking for this face-to-face meeting should be made using the School Cloud system.



Year 6 Leavers Performance

Parents of children in Year 6 are invited to join us to enjoy the leavers performance that their children have been preparing over the past couple of weeks. This performance will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 13th July.

We ask that only parents attend this concert. The Year 6 children will perform to the rest of school earlier in the day.

Children in Year 6 should return to school by 6pm on that day ready for the performance to start at 6.30pm.



Garnet Class – Ukulele Performance.



The parents of children in Garnet class are invited to a short concert on Friday 15th July. Garnet class have been learning to play the Ukulele this term and would like to show their parents the skills that they have been developing.

The concert will take place in the school hall and will start at 2.30pm.

Accelerated Reading



In previous newsletters, we have informed parents that we will be changing the way in which we organise our reading scheme. We are moving to a new system called Accelerated Reader, where the KS2 children specifically, will read books

that are organised in a numerical form. (ZPD) This means that we are moving away from the coloured book bands. Children in Reception and KS1 will read books that are specifically matched to their phonics abilities and learning.

We have purchased a whole range of new reading books to support the move to Accelerated Reader, but to enable us to complete the move to the new system, most children will stop bringing home reading books after Friday 8th July. Some children will still be given reading books to bring home after this date, but for most, we would ask that parents still listen to their children read each day using books that they have at home. If families have a limited number of books at home, please consider joining the Bedford Library, where multiple books can be borrowed for free.

We will provide more information to parents about how Accelerated Reader works in September.

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.

If any family find that their children have grown out of parts of their school uniform, we would be very happy to receive donations if it still is in good condition and can't be passed on to younger siblings.

We often support families who join our school, with good quality second hand uniform and are always looking to replenish our stock. So as the end of the year is approaching, and you are considering kitting out your children for the new school year, please consider if you could donate any outgrown uniform that is still in good condition.

Please send any donations to the school office.



Sun Safety



As the summer term progresses we are seeing some increasingly sunny and warm days. In order for children to be safe in the sun, we ask that parents apply sun cream to their children before they come to school in the morning, but also that each child has a **named** sun hat



available that they can wear when out in the sun for lessons as well as playtimes. Also, it is important that children have a water bottle available every day so that they can drink throughout the day and especially when they have been running around at playtimes.

Eligibility to Free School Meals. (FSM)

We are very aware that some families may be facing changing financial circumstances due to the cost of living squeeze on family finances. If through a 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 website 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.



If any family is 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.

Staffing update

At the end of the school year we will be saying goodbye to a number of staff as well as welcoming some new members of staff in September.

Miss Jones – Sapphire Class – will be leaving on Friday 15th July as Miss Prior returns from her maternity leave on Monday 18th July.

Mr Bennett – Garnet Class, Miss Bailey – Ruby Class and Miss Lobban – Amber Class will be leaving at the end of term on Thursday 21st July. We thank each of them for the contribution that they have made to Edith Cavell and the children that they have taught and wish them well in their future careers.

Mrs Roberts – UKS2 - will also be leaving the school after over 20 years of working at Edith Cavell. She has supported hundreds of children over her time at the school and made an invaluable contribution to all that she has supported.

Final Day of term – Thursday 21st July

We would like to give parents the opportunity to collect their children early on the afternoon of the last day of term, Thursday 21st 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.

We will forward a link to parents to indicate if they wish to collect their child/ren early on the last day of term or if they give permission for their Y5 or 6 children to walk home independently. This link will be sent out in the week commencing 11th July 2022.

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 **or** at the normal end of day from their collection/dismissal point listed – **not** at any other time.

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GEMS – Afterschool Club

The after-school club will be available **until 4.30pm on Thursday 21st July 2022** and bookings should be made in the normal way via Parent Pay.

Returning to School for the New School Year – Autumn Term 2022

All children return to school at 8.45am on **Monday 5th September 2022**.

Platinum Jubilee Book

As part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, all children in primary schools will be given a special edition commemorative hardback book celebrating the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. These books have arrived in school this week and we will shortly be presenting them to the children for them to bring home and keep as a souvenir of the Platinum Jubilee Year.

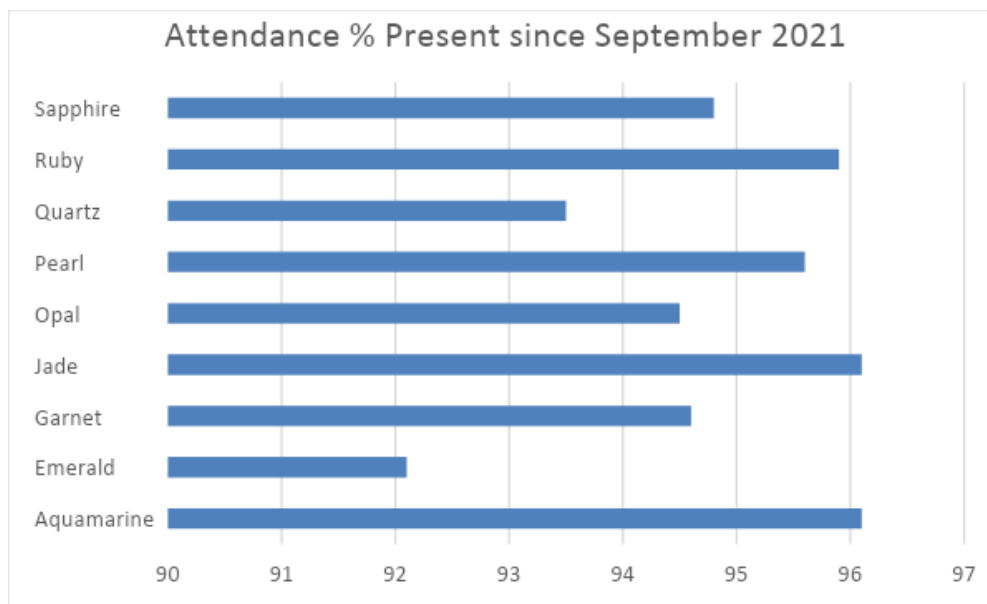


Attendance

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 May have been



2 nd – 6 th May	Pearl Class
9 th – 13 th May	Ruby Class
16 th – 20 th May	Pearl Class
23 rd – 27 th May	Sapphire Class



Summer Term 2022

Fri 1 st July	Non-uniform day for FOEC Summer Fair
Mon 4 th July	Year 6 Transition Day – Dependant on school transferring to
Tue 5 th July	Y6 SAT's results Day
Wed 6 th July	Year 6 Transition Day – Dependant on school transferring to
Friday 8 th July	Year 6 Transition Day – Dependant on school transferring to 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 – 3.45pm – 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

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.

Stars of the Week
May 2022

Amber

Azaan
Amber Class
Martinas
Oliver

Pearl

Sophia
Pearl Class
Maciej
Malvina

Emerald

Damian
Ivan
Kyra
Joe

Jade

Kian
Zephy
Chester
Adelina

Opal

Tina
Year 6s
Ruby
Miki

Ruby

Bobbie
Macey
Ruby Class
Ella

Garnet

Mollie
Filip
Lottie
Garnet Class

Quartz

Kajetek
Rares
Mia

Aquamarine

Aquamarine Class
Kife
Jenna
Piotr

Sapphire

Theodora
Sheila
Henr
Abigail



**THE
INFLATABLE
SUMMER FAIR
PARTY!**



THURSDAY 14th JULY

**EDITH CAVELL
PRIMARY SCHOOL 3.30-5.30pm**

**HELTER SKELTER OBSTACLE COURSE RODEO BULL
CASTLES PILLOW BASH CANDY FLOSS
GLADIATOR HOT DOGS CHOC TOMBOLA
£5 WRISTBAND or 50p TOKENS!**