



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – May 2022

A message from Miss Cooke

This has been a short but incredibly busy half term and so the half term holiday fast approaching is welcome to the children and staff. School will close on Friday 27th May and will reopen on Monday 6th June 2022.

I am aware that the removal of the layby on Manton Lane, two weeks ago, has been causing many parents a problem when picking up and dropping off to school. The school were not informed or consulted that this change of road usage was going to happen before it happened. I have tried repeatedly and am still trying to make contact with someone at Bedford Borough Highways to try to understand why this change of road usage has been introduced and find out if it can be changed back to a layby. I have included the local councillor, the Mayor as well as officers in the Highways team in my quest to have an answer to my questions, but as yet I have not had any response. I will keep trying.

Although the layby is not available to parents for parking, the staff car park **MUST NOT** be used by parents at ANY point in the school day. The staff car park is only to be used by staff and visitors to the school. Parents should consider parking further away from school and walking the last part of their journey to the school. This is advised as it reduced car fumes close to the school and also is a healthy option for parents and children to walk each day.

Miss Cooke

Platinum Jubilee Day



As part of the school's celebration of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, we will be holding celebrations in school on **Friday 27th May 2022**.

On that day, we are asking that the children come to school, 'dressed to impress' this could be in formal wear, fancy dress, party clothes, or in culturally traditional dress.

The children will take part in Jubilee celebration activities during the morning and at lunchtime the whole school will have a Jubilee picnic on the field.

To mark this unique landmark for the country and Queen Elizabeth, each phase of the school has been learning about a different decade of The Queen's reign and the dance styles that characterise that decade.

We are inviting parents to come into school and watch the children perform their Jubilee dances from 2pm on the school field. The children will sit around the three sides of the patio on the field and parents are invited to sit or stand behind the rows of children.

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If the weather forecast changes to predict rain, we will have to cancel the outside performance and move to indoor performances and unfortunately, it **will not be possible for parents to attend indoor performances. We will advise parents via text message before 11am if they will no longer be able to attend the performances at 2pm.**

Friday Classroom reading with parents

Thank you to all the parents who have started to come in on a Friday morning to share a book with their children. You are demonstrating to the children the importance of reading and your support of their reading. We are aware that it is not possible for all parents to come into school on a Friday morning due to other commitments, but wish to extend that invitation to all for any occasion it does work with your schedule. We look forward to seeing any parents between 8.45am and 8.55am on a Friday morning.



PE Kit



As we move further into the summer term, it is possible for more PE lessons to take place outside. It is important to ensure that children have the correct PE kit in school – **including correctly fitting plimsolls or trainers.** We are finding that many children do not have the correct footwear to enable them to safely take part in PE lessons.

Part of changing for PE lessons is that all jewellery including earrings should be removed. Please ensure that if your child is wearing earrings for school, they are able to remove those earrings themselves, or parents remove the earrings at home on days that PE takes place.

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.

Class Photos – Wednesday 22nd June

On the list of dates at the end of this newsletter the date for class photos is given. Please note this date so you can ensure that your child is ready to have their photograph taken on that date.

Parking on Turner Way and Kneller Close

We again respectfully ask that parents observe the Highway Code, road markings and respect our neighbours when parking to collect or drop off children to school. We are aware that the pressure on the roads surrounding the school has increased with the removal of the layby on Manton Lane and are trying to make representation to Bedford Borough to relook at the parking situation around the school.



Every driver is responsible for ensuring that when they park they obey road markings, road signage and show consideration for the residents of the street on which they are parking. Inconsiderate parking on local roads paints the school in a bad light with local residents and tarnishes the schools' good reputation in the local community and I would strongly urge every driver to examine their own behaviours and consider parking further away and walking in to school.

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.

We have also added additional resources to the school web site to support parents with online and e-safety.

A message from the Friends of Edith Cavell

There will be a Summer Fair Mufti Day on Friday 1st July!

No uniform for the children in exchange for any one of the following donations:

- A bottle for Miss Cooke's Famous bottle stall
- Chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola
- £1 donation

We are so looking forward to the fair and can't wait to see everyone there!!

We still need a few more volunteers and here's the poster...

With massive thanks for your continued support.

FOEC

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 April have been

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| 28 th March - 1 st April | Garnet Class |
| 18 th - 22 nd April | Aqua & Sapphire Class |
| 25 th - 29 th April | Aqua Class |



Summer Term 2022

May

Fri 27th Platinum Jubilee Day
Half term

June

Mon 6th First day back at school for children
Wed 8th Y3 Adventure Day
Thur 9th Y4 Camping Trip
Y5 Football coaching
Fri 10th Y5/6 Cricket competition (Selected children)
Mon 13th Y5 Camping Trip
Tue 14th Y6 Camping Trip
Mon 20th SEN parents' consultations
Tue 21st Y5/6 Girls football festival (Selected children)
Wed 22nd Class Photographs
New Reception Parents evening – 6pm

July

Fri 1st Non uniform day for FOEC Summer Fair
Mon 4th Year 6 Transition Day – Dependant on school transferring to
Tue 5th Y6 SAT's results Day
Year 6 Transition Day – Dependant on school transferring to
Wed 6th Year 6 Transition Day – Dependant on school transferring to
Biddenham Steam Fair
Friday 8th Race for Life
Annual Reports out to parents
Mon 11th UKS2 Sports morning
Tue 12th LKS2 Sports morning
Nursery Sports
Parent consultations – if required
Wed 13th KS1 Sports Morning
Y6 Leavers Concert – 6.30pm
Thur 14th Last Y5 football session
Open Afternoon – 2.30pm
FoEC Summer Fair – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Fri 15th Reception Sports morning
Tue 19th KS2 internal rounder's tournament
Thur 21st 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

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.

Stars of the Week

Amber

Adriana

Oscar

Daisy

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April 2022

Emerald

Nabila
Emerald Class
Joe

Pearl

Deshauna x2
Hooriya

Jade

Aleemah
Julien
Ava

Opal

Muhammad
Bozhidara
Lainey-Mae

Ruby

Macey
Ryker
Connor

Garnet

Garnet Class
Joshua
Naveed

Quartz

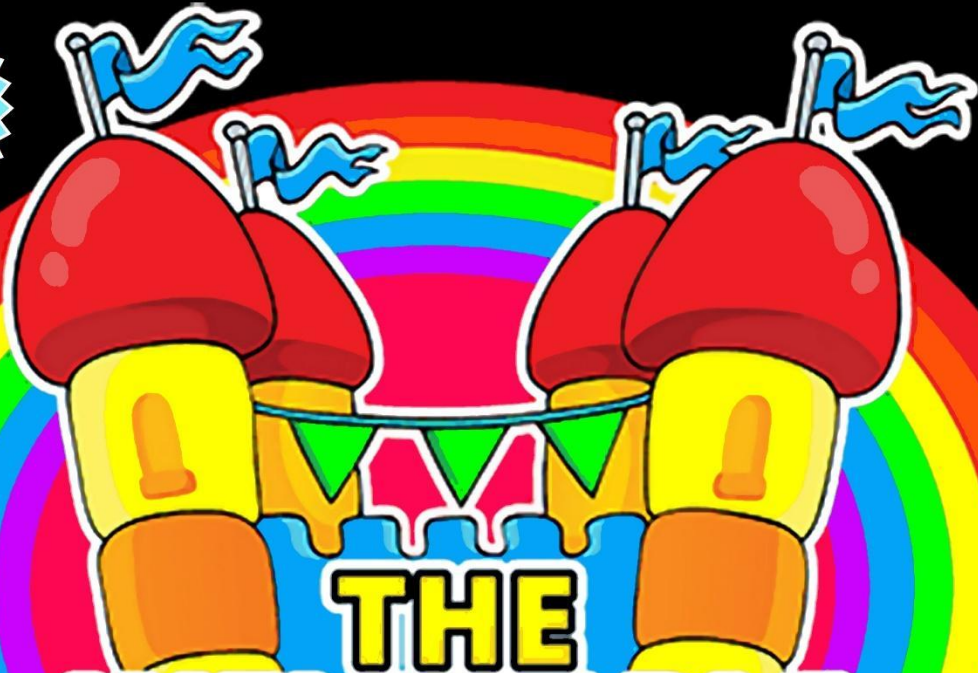
Safaa
Marshall
Dyllan

Aquamarine

Millie
Sophia
Godfrey

Sapphire

Isaac
Amelia
Aqsa



**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!**