



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ambitious, Achieving and Nurturing

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Newsletter – April 2023

A message from Miss Cooke

A little belated, but welcome back to the Summer term. There is lots going on in school this term and before we know it we will be at the end of July and the school year!

Firstly, I want to share some good news with you. Miss Martin gave birth to her daughter Elodie Mae on Tuesday 4th April 2023. Both Miss Martin and Elodie Mae are doing well and Miss Martin is enjoying getting to know her beautiful daughter.

I have been contacted again by residents of Knellor Close, concerned about parents parking on the DO NOT PARK sign, across drive ways and just stopping in the middle of the road to let children climb out of the car. My concerns are, that as well as the possible dangerous situations for children, parents and carers, that when myself, parking attendants or council representatives are in attendance on Knellor Close, parents change their parking habits and in the main park in accordance with the Highway Code. If parents can park correctly when someone is watching, why can they not do so every day? I urge parents and carers to please think about what this is demonstrating to your children. That it is OK to obey some laws/rules sometimes, when someone is watching, but you don't have to when someone is not watching. Is this the message that you want to be giving to your children?

I am aware that parking attendants have been patrolling on the morning of Thursday 27th April and that residents, parents and the school have been in touch with Bedford parking services to ask them to increase the frequency of patrols around our school.

I hope that families are able to enjoy the upcoming two bank holidays and that the weather improves to enable families to enjoy spending time outdoors.

PLEASE remember that school will be closed on Monday 1st May 2023 and Monday 8th May 2023 for the two bank holidays.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to me in the playground or make an appointment to come and see me.

Miss Cooke



Friday 5th May 2023 – King’s Coronation

On the day before the King’s coronation we are planning on celebrating the historic event by inviting the children to come to school dressed in **red, white and blue**. Throughout the day the children will be learning about the significance of the coronation, the important events that will take place and some of the history connected with the coronation. We are planning on holding a street party, outside during the afternoon and will be asking parents to donate food that the children can enjoy as part of the celebrations.



School uniform

In assemblies, the children have been reminded about the expectations around wearing correct school uniform, not wearing jewellery in school and the need to wear school shoes and not trainers.

School uniform is an important part of school life and our children should wear uniform because:

- ▶ Our uniform identifies us as a community and reinforces our culture of high expectations and raising standards in academic achievement.
- ▶ Uniform unites us as a community: we learn, practice, play and succeed together.
- ▶ Uniform reduces distractions: we are focused on our learning.
- ▶ Uniform makes us all equal: we come to school looking the same way; no one has to feel awkward about the clothes they have or don’t have.
- ▶ Uniform gives us all an identity to be part of and proud of.
- ▶ Uniforms are professional



A full copy of our uniform policy can be seen on our school website at

<https://www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk/about-edith-cavell-primary-school/school-policies/>

Information from Bedford Borough Early Years Team

Best Start Bedford is a website offering information and support for expectant parents and families with babies and children up to the age of 5 years.

Bedford Borough Council worked in partnership with parents and Early Years professionals to include useful information about health services, education, childcare choices and local activities.

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/schools-education-and-childcare/early-years-and-childcare/best-start-bedford>

Parent advice and support for Online Safety

Each month we try and provide parents with access to articles and advice on how they can continue to support their children at home with being safe online.

This month we are providing some support around gaming for parents

[For Parents - Gaming](#)



We all know that gaming is a hugely popular activity for a number of different reasons, e.g. socialisation, coping mechanism, skill building and much more. Many games are not appropriate for children and plenty of parents struggle with this. Internet Matters have put a guide together which details some alternative games beyond the most popular ones and promoting gaming as a family affair. There are games from 3+ upwards so there's something for everyone. You can download the guide [HERE](#).

Additionally, Andy Robertson from Ask About Games has some family guides which parents will find really useful. You can find all the guides [HERE](#).

Message from Friends of Edith Cavell –(FoEC)

We have some exciting news!

**Stormzy has very generously donated 2 tickets to his ONLY UK gig this year:
This Is What We Mean Day at Victoria Park, London on Friday 18th August.**

There's a second prize of a signed vinyl copy of Stormzy's album 'This What I Mean' too!

Stormzy is a massive supporter of young people reading and learning through access to books. His aim is to be a big part of ensuring the next generation have what they need to be good people and achieve their goals!

We want to do all we can to make his donation count, and so we thought the best and fairest way to raise as much money as possible is to raffle the tickets online so they can be easily accessed by EVERYONE!

Tickets are £1 and the raffle can be accessed here:

<https://raffall.com/338896/enter-raffle-to-win-stormzy-tickets-hosted-by-abi-duddleston>

Please share the raffle far and wide on social media – the more people who know, the more money we raise.

NB: The gig tickets can only be used by aged 16 or over, and all 16-17 year olds must be accompanied by an adult. We appreciate this is a shame for all of our children but please see this as an opportunity to support your children by raising money to finish the library.

Remember the tickets are only £1 each and you can buy as many as you like.

Please, please, please spread this link far and wide so that the most people buy a ticket and raise the money we need.

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Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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Class emails

Class email addresses for your child's class teacher are listed below and can be used to communicate with class teachers. A phone call can also be made by a class teacher after the end of the school day.

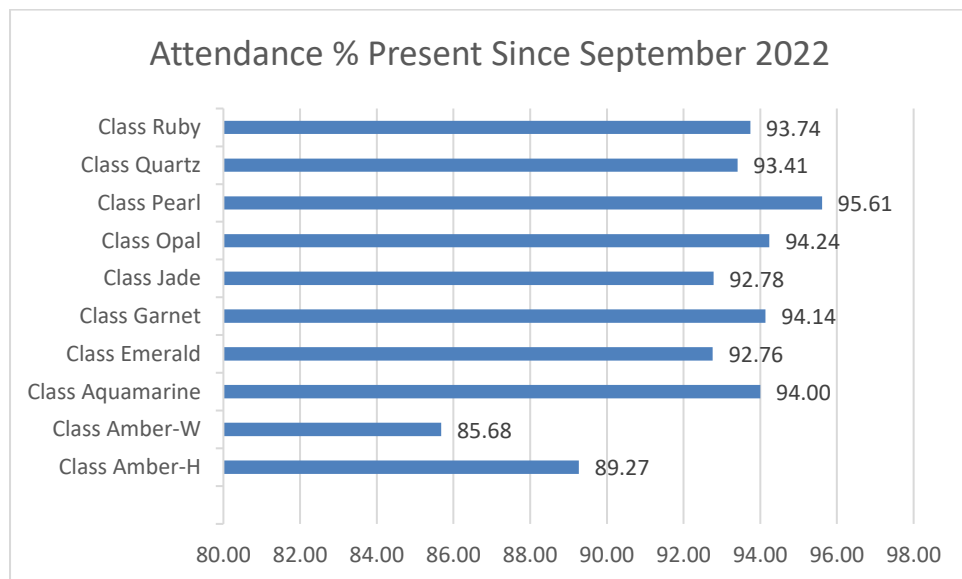
The school office can be contacted on 01234 345636 or office@ecls.org.uk

Class	Email address
Pearl	pearl@ecls.org.uk
Opal	opal@ecls.org.uk
Quartz	quartz@ecls.org.uk
Aquamarines	aqua@ecls.org.uk
Sapphire	sapphire@ecls.org.uk
Garnet	garnet@ecls.org.uk
Ruby	ruby@ecls.org.uk
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Amber amber@ecls.org.uk
Little Treasures treasures@ecls.org.uk

Attendance



Stars of the Week
February 2023

Amber-H

Anugraha
Diva

Pearl

Carter
Ruby

Emerald

Mikayla
Oliver

Jade

Franek
Ellie

Opal

Shaun
Jasmine

Ruby

Jessica J.
Kelvin

Garnet

Ella
Isaiah

Quartz

Czarek
Safaah

Aquamarine

Denis
Feilipe

Amber-W

Artur
Isla B.

Important Dates – Summer 2023

Mon 1 st May	School closed – May Day Bank Holiday
Tue 2 nd	NEU strike day
Wed 3 rd	Lego Club
Fri 5 th	Coronation celebrations
Mon 8 th	School closed – Bank Holiday
Tue 9 th	Y6 SAT's
Wed 10 th	Y6 SAT's – Lego Club
Thur 11 th	Y6 SAT's
Fri 12 th	Y6 SAT's
Mon 15 th	Pearl class – sports festival – Scott
Wed 17 th	Lego Club
Tue 23 rd	Y3/4 sports festival – Athletics Stadium
Fri 26 th	Half Term
Mon 5 th June	1 st Day back for children Bikeability for Y5&6 Y4 – MTC
Tue 6 th	Y3 Adventure Day – Shuttleworth
Thur 8 th	Y5/6 sports festival – Athletics Stadium
Fri 9 th June	Jade Class – sports festival – BMS
Mon 12 th	KS1 Phonics tests
Wed 14 th & 15 th	Y4 Camping – Shuttleworth
Wed 14 th	Lego Club
Thur 15 th	FoEC – Father's Day Shop
Fri 16 th	Father's Day Breakfast
Tue 20 th	Y5/6 – Girls Football – Sports Festival – Biddenham SEN Co-Production Parent Consultations
Wed 21 st	Lego Club
Wed 28 th	Lego Club
Mon 3 rd July	Y5 – to UoB – Rogan Books
Tue 4 th	Y6 Transfer Days
Wed 5 th	Y6 Transfer Days Shuffle up afternoon Lego club
Thur 6 th	Biddenham STEAM fair 2.30pm – Open afternoon 3.45pm – FoEC – Summer Fair
Fri 7 th	Rec, Y1 to Y5 Reports out (not Y6)
Mon 10 th	Sports Day week UKS2 sports morning
Tue 11 th	LKS2 sports morning Nursery sports afternoon Parents consultations Rec & Y1 – Y4 (not Y5 & 6)
Wed 12 th	KS1 sports morning Y6 Reports sent to parents
Thur 13 th	Rec sports morning Y5 & 6 Parent Consultations
Fri 14 th	Race for life

Mon 17th Y6 leavers overnight camp at school
Thur 20th KS2 Internal rounder's competition
Fri 21st Ruby Class – Sing on – Bedford Corn Exchange
End of School Year – 1.45pm finish

Academic Year 2022 – 2023

Summer Term 2023

Training Day – Monday 17th April 2023
Children return – **Tuesday 18th April 2023**
May Day – Monday 1st May 2023
Additional Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May – Change from previously published dates
Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023
Children return – **Monday 5th June 2023**
Term Ends: Friday 21st July 2023

Academic Year 2023 – 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Training Day – Friday 1st September 2023
Children return - Monday 4th September 2023
Half term – Monday 23rd October 2023
Training Day – Monday 30th October 2023
Children return – Tuesday 31st October 2023
Term ends – Tuesday 19th December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Training Day - Wednesday 3rd January 2024
Children return – Thursday 4th January 2024
Half term – Monday 19th February 2024
Children return – Monday 26th February 2024
Term ends - Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024

Training Day – Monday 15th April 2024
Children return – Tuesday 16th April 2024
May Day – Monday 6th May 2024
Half term – Monday 27th May 2024
Children return – Monday 3rd June 2024
Term ends – Friday 19th July 2024

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