

EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – May 2023

A message from Miss Cooke

This half term has flown by but it has been an incredibly busy half term and so the half term holiday fast approaching is welcome to the children and staff. School will close on Friday 26th May and will reopen on Monday 5th June 2023.

Over the past couple of weeks, I have written to you about school uniform and the school Golden Rules. In this newsletter I would like to expand on a different point that forms part of the Home School Agreement about collecting children on time from school.

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 children finish school at 3.30pm and should be collected **at 3.30pm** from their class staff. Parents and carers of children in these year groups should be waiting for their children at this time. If you have more than one child to collect at 3.30pm, we are aware of siblings within school and the need to collect more than one child. If you do have more than one child to collect at 3.30pm.

Thank you to the majority of parents who are on time to collect their children at the end of the day, but we would ask that some parents make extra efforts to ensure that they are on time collecting their children each day. It may only be a few minutes late, but if it is a few minutes late every day, how would your boss feel if you were late for work every day? Or how would you feel at being expected to stay at work a few minutes every day?

If children are not collected at 3.30pm it could cause them to become anxious and worried. We understand that emergencies happen and situations may change within the school day. If this is the case and you are aware that you are going to be late collecting your children, we would ask that you contact the school office so that your child/ren and staff can be made aware.

We are also aware that finding places to park close to school can be a challenge and would encourage parents to ensure that they have the time to park a little way away from school and walk to the playground, while still being on time at 3.30pm to collect their children. Parents **should not use the staff car park** at the start and end of school sessions including at lunchtime when bringing children to Little Treasures.

Have a wonderful half term holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back at 8.45am on Monday 5th June 2023

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Uniform Ordering for September



This term we are changing the way we order school uniform ready for the new school year in September.

If you wish to order any school branded products, such as sweatshirts, cardigans or bookbags, in readiness for September, please pre-order via the normal way on <u>Parent Pay by</u> <u>19th June 2023.</u>

Orders will be delivered in July – we will confirm the collection date as soon as the clothing company informs us.

Any pre-orders placed after 19th June 2023 will not be passed to the clothing company until we return in September, after the summer break and therefore will not be delivered to school in time for the start of the new school year. Unfortunately, as this is a very busy period for the clothing company, we cannot guarantee when we will receive the uniform, once the order has been placed with them.

This link will take you to the Parent Pay ordering page:

https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=1083

As a school we will not be holding large stocks of school branded uniform in school and you will NOT be able to come into the school office to buy a new item of school branded uniform to take away with you there and then. So if you are wanting to purchase new school branded uniform in readiness for September, you **MUST** order by 19th June 2023.

Going forward, we will only be ordering school branded uniform once each half term. We will publish a date each half term for school branded uniform orders to be placed by and any orders received after that date will not be ordered until the next half term.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school

Father's Day Breakfast – and Storytelling



Following the success of our Mother's Day breakfast in March, we propose to hold our Father's Day breakfast on Friday 16th June 2023.

We invite that important male role model in each pupil's life to come and enjoy breakfast with us at school. Following breakfast, we ask that all dad's,

grandad's, step dad's, uncle's or big brothers go to their child's classroom and share a storybook with them. It is a proven fact the importance of children seeing the important male influences in their life being readers and reading to them. We ask you on this father's day event to be that positive male role model to your children.



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.



<u>Class Photos – Wednesday 21st June</u>

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.

<u>PE Kit</u>



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.

Cancellation of Wraparound Care Clubs

Now that our Care Clubs are becoming busier just a reminder about when to cancel a booking if you no longer need it.

Please note that if a booked session is cancelled within the cancellation period or your child is absent from school due to illness, it will be credited towards future sessions. The credit is held in your Parent Pay account.

To receive a credit, cancellations for GEMS After School Club must be made <u>before 9.30am</u> on the day of the session. Cancellations for Breakfast Club must be made <u>the day before</u> the session. Any sessions cancelled after these times will be charged.

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 further support around gaming for parents



XBox Gaming Safety Toolkit

Many children and young people will be using Xbox gaming stations at home and as such Microsoft have put together quite a comprehensive toolkit (a PDF document) for parents, children and young people that goes into quite a lot of depth, including parental controls, guidance for all ages, common safety risks, bullying, unwanted contact and more. There is also age-specific guidance (from 5 years upwards) and case studies.

The toolkit has been produced for gamers in Australia and New Zealand, but we can see no reason at all why this can't be used by any person in any country, the information is all the same regardless.

The link to the toolkit, which is a free PDF download is below <u>https://assets.xboxservices.com/assets/b1/00/b100259a-3152-4f0a-a194-5eb1e42db368.pdf?n=Australia_Xbox-Gaming-Safety-Toolkit-v2.pdf</u>

A message from the Friends of Edith Cavell

There will be a Summer Fair Mufti Day on Friday, 30th June!

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

Las few days to buy your raffle tickets for the Stormzy tickets.

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.

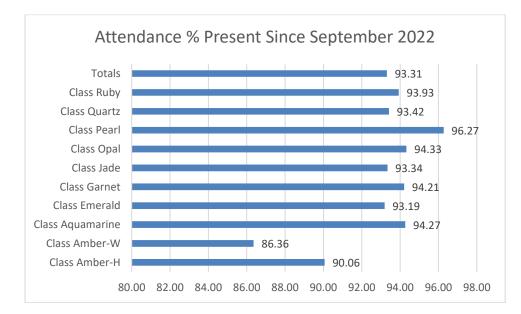
There's a second prize of a signed vinyl copy of Stormzy's album 'This What I Mean' too!

Tickets are £1 and the raffle can be accessed here: <u>https://raffall.com/338896/enter-raffle-to-win-stormzy-tickets-hosted-by-abi-duddleston</u>

With massive thanks for your continued support.

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<u>Attendance</u>



Summer Term 2023

Fri 26 th May	Half Term
Mon 5 th June	1 st Day back for children
	Bikeability for Y5&6
	Y4 – MTC weeks
Tue 6 th	Y3 Adventure Day – Shuttleworth – CONFIRMED DATE
Thur 8 th	Y5/6 sports festival – Athletics Stadium
	New Reception Parents Information Evening
Fri 9 th June	Jade Class – sports festival – BMS
Mon 12 th	KS1 Phonics tests week
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
Mon 19 th	School Uniform order to be placed
Tue 20 th	Y5/6 – Girls Football – Sports Festival – Biddenham
	SEN Co-Production Parent Consultations
Wed 21 st	Class Photos
Wed 21 st	Lego Club
Wed 28 th	Lego Club
	New Reception Starters Class Visit
Fri 30 th	FoEC – Summer Fair Mufti Day
Mon 3 rd July	Y5 – to UoB – Rogan Books
Tue 4 th	Y6 Transfer Days
	Y4 – to UoB – Rogan Books
	Shuffle up afternoon
	New Reception Starters to Stay and Play
Wed 5 th	Y6 Transfer Days
	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
	6.30pm - Y6 leavers concert to their parents
Thur 13 th	Rec sports morning
	Y5 & 6 Parent Consultations
Fri 14 th	Race for life
	Y6 leavers overnight camp at school
Mon 17 th	KS2 Internal rounder's competition
Wed 19 th	Ruby Class – Sing on – Bedford Corn Exchange – CHANGE OF DATE
Fri 21 st	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

<u>Academic Year 2023 – 2024</u> 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

New Reception Starters – Monday, 11th September 2023 at 11am Existing Pre-School Children – Monday, 18th September 2023 New Pre-School Children – Tuesday, 19th September 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 2023 – 2024 are available on the school web site.

