



# EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Ambitious, Achieving and Nurturing*

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## *Newsletter – June 2023*

### A message from Miss Cooke

While this hot weather is lovely; it can also be dangerous. I have been concerned in the past few weeks at how few children are wearing a hat when outside playing. The children's lunch break is across the hottest part of the day, and while we encourage them to stay in the shade as much as possible when playing on the school field, children want to run around. If they are wearing a hat and sun tan lotion has been applied at home at the start of the day, then this is much safer.

The other aspect of staying safe in the hot weather, is every child having access to water throughout the day. I have become increasingly concerned about the number of children who are coming to school without a water bottle each day. In the past, as a school we have been able to supply a plastic cup for children to be able to have a drink, but in a drive to be more sustainable and to reduce costs, we are no longer purchasing single use plastic cups and therefore **ALL** children **MUST** bring a water bottle to school every day.

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 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Parents should also ensure that they are collecting their children on time at the end of the school day. All children that must be collected by an adult finish school at 3.30pm and parents should ensure that they are waiting for their children at this time.

*Miss Cooke*

### Non-Uniform Day – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023



On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 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 wrapped sweets, bottles for Miss Cooke's famous bottle stall or a £1.**

Please ensure that outfits include sensible shoes and are appropriate for the weather on that day.

### Open Afternoon – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022

We will again be holding our 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, this will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023– 3.45pm



FOEC are super excited for this year's Summer Fair!  
This will be held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> July at 3.45 until 5.30.  
For £5 a child this is an unlimited inflatables event. £5 can be paid via ParentPay for a wristband for your child.

We will be selling tokens on the day for the other stalls. **Please bring cash to buy these tokens.**

We will also have hotdogs (meat and veggie options), candy floss, popcorn, drinks, ice pops and cakes. We will be holding a Lego building stall in the new library, Miss Cooke's famous bottle stall and a couple of games plus tattoos.

This year there will be the opportunity to paint a fence post to add to the fences around the school.

We have a stall selling art/craft bags for the bargain price of £2 each.

This year is extra special because we will be opening the new school library! We have invited all the companies and people outside of our school community who helped us achieve this.

As ever we really hope you can come and support this event and please if you can give your time to run a stall let the office know.

This is the highlight of FOEC events and we look forward to seeing you there.

### NEU Teacher's Union Industrial Action (strike action)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 have been published as dates when members of the NEU are exercising their right to strike.

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teacher workload, lack of funding for schools and teacher pay, and not because of any issues at our school. As a result of the strike action, it will be necessary to ask parents to keep children at home from certain classes.

**Children in Emerald and Jade class should not come to school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

**Children in all other classes should attend school as normal.**

Breakfast Club and After School club will operate as normal for children in classes that are expected in school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. It **will not be** available to children in Emerald and Jade class who are not expected to attend school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Children in Emerald and Jade class should return to school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

### 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 10th July, weather permitting. Each of the morning events will start at approximately 9.30am, to allow for registration, set up, and organisation.

Mon 10th July	UKS2 Sports morning
Tue 11th July	LKS2 Sports morning
	Nursery Sports afternoon – 2.30pm
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Sports morning
Thur 13th 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**

End of Year Reports for Reception, and Y1 to Y5 will be sent home on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

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 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (this will be for Rec and Y1 – Y4). Booking for this face-to-face meeting should be made using the School Cloud system.



Reports for Y6 will be sent home on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (After the KS2 SAT results have been returned to school on 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (this will be for Years 5&6).

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

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.



### **Sing on – Ruby Class – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Ruby Class will be performing along with a number of other schools on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at Bedford Corn Exchange. Parents who wish to come along and watch the performance should purchase tickets from Bedford Corn Exchange box office or via this link.

<https://www.bedfordcornexchange.co.uk/events/sing-on-9/>

### **Race for Life – Friday 14th July 2023**

The whole school will have the opportunity to take part in Cancer Research's Race for Life on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> June until the end of 14<sup>th</sup> July.

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



### **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.

### **Ordering New Uniform for September**

All orders have now been placed for delivery to school in July.



Any pre-orders placed after 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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.

We hope, in the Autumn term there will be the option for you to order directly from the manufacturer.

<https://www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk/parent-pay/>

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.



**We currently have a supply of good quality second hand uniform in school and are happy to support any families who are pupil premium (Free School Meals). A date will be arranged to try on uniform. Please contact the office if you are interested.**

### **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	£4.50	£4.70
ASC 1 <sup>st</sup> hour of care	£5.00	£5.20
ASC two hours of care	£8.50	£8.90

## 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 Prior – Quartz Class – Mrs Murch and Mr McCartney - Opal Class - will be leaving at the end of term on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

We are very pleased to welcome Mr Mehdi Shehu who is our new Site Manager.

In September we will be welcoming two new teachers to the teaching staff, Mr Mortimer and Miss Tolley. We look forward to them meeting their new classes on our shuffle up afternoon.

## Edith Cavell Pre-School – New for September 2023

From September 2023 we will be operating two nursery sessions per day.

8.40am – 11.40am

12.30pm – 3.30pm

Parents may choose which session they would like their child to attend. Children **will not** be able to attend both sessions.

Children may be enrolled the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. A consistent place at Little Treasures Pre-School is dependent on parents completing funding forms each term.

If you would like more information about Little Treasures Pre-School, please see our school web site on <https://www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk/information-for-parents/pre-school/>

If you would like to enrol your child to one of our Pre-School sessions, please contact the school office on [office@ecls.org.uk](mailto:office@ecls.org.uk)

## **Can you help in any way to advertise Edith Cavell Pre-School?**

Can you post the advert to your Facebook feed?

or are you involved in any local groups where you could take along leaflets to advertise the Pre-School or

do you know friends who may be interested in registering their child?

If you think you could help us to advertise Edith Cavell Pre-School, please contact the school office on [office@ecls.org.uk](mailto:office@ecls.org.uk)



**Edith Cavell Primary School presents:**

**LITTLE TREASURES PRE-SCHOOL**

Contact us for a visit!  
01234  
345636

Funded places available:  
Mornings: 8.40 - 11.40 or Afternoons: 12.30 - 3.30

[www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk](http://www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk)

### **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.](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.**

### **Nut Free School**

We ask that **NO NUTS OR PRODUCTS MADE WITH NUTS** are sent into school as snacks or in lunchboxes as we have children in school with severe nut allergies.



### **Final Day of term – Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July**

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

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **GEMS – Afterschool Club**

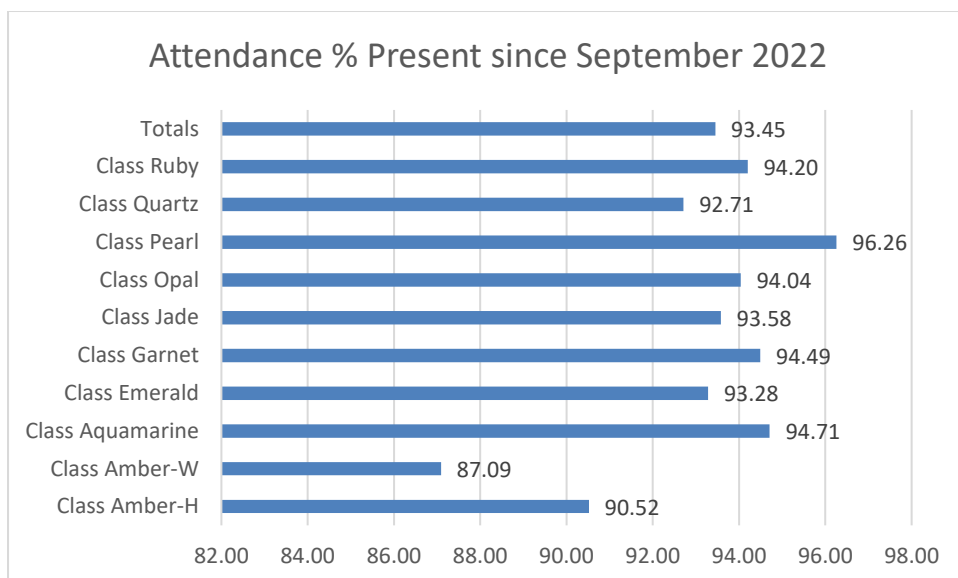
The after-school club will be available **until 4.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023** and bookings should be made in the normal way via Parent Pay.

### **Returning to School for the New School Year – Autumn Term 2023**

All children return to school at 8.45am on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

Breakfast and After School Club will be available on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September and can be booked through Parent Pay in the usual way.

## Attendance



## Summer Term 2023

Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Lego Club New Reception Starters Class Visit 4pm – 5pm
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	FoEC – Summer Fair Mufti Day
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y5 – to UoB – Rogan Books
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Transfer Days Y4 – to UoB – Rogan Books Shuffle up afternoon New Reception Starters to Stay and Play
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	NEU Strike Day Lego club
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup>	Biddenham STEAM fair 2.30pm – Open afternoon 3.45pm – FoEC – Summer Fair
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	NEU Strike Day Rec, Y1 to Y5 Reports out (not Y6)
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day week UKS2 sports morning
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	LKS2 sports morning Nursery sports afternoon Parents Consultations Rec & Y1 – Y4 (not Y5 & 6)
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 sports morning Y6 Reports sent to parents 6.30pm - Y6 leavers concert to their parents
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup>	Rec sports morning Y5 & 6 Parent Consultations
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Race for life Y6 leavers overnight camp at school
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Internal rounder's competition
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ruby Class – Sing on – Bedford Corn Exchange
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of School Year – 1.45pm finish

## **Academic Year 2022 – 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

**Additional Bank Holiday – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Change from previously published dates**

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

## **Academic Year 2023 – 2024**

### **Autumn Term 2023**

Training Day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

Children return - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Half term – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

Training Day – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Children return – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

Term ends – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**New Reception Starters – Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 11am**

**Existing Pre-School Children – Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**New Pre-School Children – Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

### **Spring Term 2024**

Training Day - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Children return – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Half term – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Children return – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Term ends - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### **Summer Term 2024**

Training Day – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Children return – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024

May Day – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Half term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Children return – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Term ends – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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



**Stars of the Week**  
**May 2023**

**Amber-H**

Jacob  
Ornela  
Maverick

**Pearl**

Leah  
Kajtek  
Reesha

**Emerald**

Emmanuel  
Emil  
Whole Class  
Esme

**Jade**

All of Year 1  
Haajirah  
Sean  
Lucyanne

**Opal**

Charlotte  
Jenna  
Mollie  
Abdul

**Ruby**

Whole Class  
Cameron  
Habib  
Isaac

**Garnet**

Whole Class  
Georgia  
Whole Class  
Henry

**Quartz**

Naveed  
Piotr  
Ayesha  
Naveed

**Aquamarine**

Felipi  
Rex  
Nimrat

**Amber-W**

Aarav  
Nuha  
Jaleigha  
Mazvitaishé

# Little Treasures Pre-School

At Little Treasure Pre-School, children are nurtured to achieve their full potential and to develop a love and enthusiasm for lifelong learning. We see each child as an individual, each with their own gifts and talents, which we endeavour to nurture and develop through their time with us. We strive to ensure that our children thrive in an environment where they feel happy, valued and safe. The relationship between pre-school and home is one of the most important factors in ensuring the success of each and every child.



Pre-School **funded places** are available from the term after your child's 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.

We are open Monday to Friday for morning or afternoon sessions. **Places are available!!**

**Morning 8.40 – 11.40**

**Afternoon 12.30 – 3.30**

## Just Ask the Children

**“ You can makes lots of friends”**



Little Treasures Pre-School is at Edith Cavell Primary School. The Pre-School has its own dedicated classroom and outdoor play area. We welcome you to visit with your child, please make an appointment.



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