



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ambitious, Achieving and Nurturing

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Newsletter – April 2024

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! We hope that there is an improvement in the weather so that we can all start to enjoy the outdoors, especially with the two bank holidays coming up in May.

We welcomed a number of new children into Little Treasures, our Pre-School class, after the Easter holidays. We welcome these children and their families to Edith Cavell and look forward to developing that vital relationship with families to ensure that their children are settled, happy and ready to learn.

Ensuring that children arrive at school, ready to learn is one of the most important parts of a school day. If children come to school, daily, on time, well rested, having eaten and bringing everything that they will need for the school day this gives every child a settled and positive start to the school day. Parents ensuring that they collect their child promptly at the end of the school day is also crucial. Parents should be waiting for their children when the end of school bell rings. Over the next few weeks, I will be writing out to parents to remind them of important points that are featured on the Home School Agreement, that all parents sign at the start of the year, or when their child joins the school. The aspects of the Home School Agreement that I will select to expand on, will be chosen as they are aspects that we have noticed are not as tight as they were at the start of the year. This could be for many reasons, and we wish to ensure that all parents are reminded and are fully aware of regular, important, procedural, expectations and processes around the school. Please look out for these reminders and read carefully.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all children, parents and families for helping to raise a whopping £1600 for our sponsored skip that took place just after February half term. This is a massive amount of money that we can use in school. I promised the children that if we managed to raise more than £1000, each class would be allocated £50 to be able to choose books for the classroom library. We have smashed this figure, so the children are excited to work together to choose books for their class libraries. The remainder of the money raised will be used to further supplement our reading book resources. The children will be involved with helping to choose additional books to join our reading scheme stock as well.

PLEASE remember that school will be closed on Monday 6th May 2024 for the May Day Holiday.

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



Family Support



Worker



To support the work that Mrs Cavill does across the school, we have appointed a new Family Support Worker(FSW) to support families and children. Mrs Hayley Pearce will be moving into the FSW role, while maintaining some of her TA duties.

Mrs Pearce will be available to speak to parents about any issues that they may be having relating to their child and school. This could include issues around attendance, any support parents may want around routines, bedtimes, supporting with homework and accessing other services. Please look out for Mrs Pearce around on the playgrounds at the start of the day, or come to reception to make an appointment to meet with her.

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.

I have particularly noticed that children are not wearing school shoes. We are well aware that children grow, but when you are purchasing new shoes for your child, there is a requirement for every child to wear school shoes.

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/>

Scooters and bikes around the school site



Parents and children are well aware of the need to refrain from riding bikes and scooters within the school grounds and in the main comply.

I ask that any adult or child riding a bike or scooter are especially vigilant when they are riding their devices in the areas around the school, especially along Slade Walk at the busy times before and after school to avoid accidents.

Bedford Borough Family Hubs and Children's Centres



Bedford Borough Family Hubs and Children's Centres want to ensure that the services they provide are right for local families. Family Hubs have created a survey to help families let them know whether or how they use the centres and what they think of the services provided as well as any suggestion for the future.

The survey is aimed at parents and carers of children aged 0-19 years (or up to 25 if they have special educational needs), as well as parents who are expecting a baby.

Families are invited to respond to the survey which can be accessed by clicking this link. The survey is open until 24th May 2024

<http://bit.ly/familyhubparentsurvey>.

Ofsted – Parent View

Ofsted have a section on their website where parents can express their views about their children's school. This is available to parents permanently, not just when a school is being inspected.

If you would like to share your views about Edith Cavell, please follow this link

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



Advance Warning



Just an advance warning about our Father's Day breakfast on Friday 14th June. All Father's, Step Father's, Grandfathers, Uncles or important male figure in a child's life is invited to join us for breakfast on Friday 14th June from 8am in the main hall – so if you need to arrange time off work to attend this event with your child, please DO IT NOW! It is really important to the children to be able to attend this event with that important male figure in their lives.

Sports Mornings

Please look at the diary dates at the end of the newsletter, for the proposed dates for sports mornings so you have them in your calendar if you want to attend.

Open Afternoon

Parents are invited into school on Monday 8th July from 2.30pm. Another date to book into your calendar to ensure that you can support your child and come and visit them in the classroom and they take you on a tour of the school.

For Parents - What is County Lines?

Grooming is often associated with sexual grooming, but as we all know the process of grooming can be used for a multitude of crimes where children and young people can be exploited.

Internet Matters have put together a really useful guide for parents explaining county lines, how children are targeted, how children may be vulnerable and some resources/support.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/online-grooming/what-is-county-lines/>



NEW: Online Safety Advice for Parents from EE

EE Learn is an online safety resource from mobile broadband provider EE, in collaboration with Internet Matters, which aims to support parents in understanding what their child needs to make learning online fun, accessible and safe. With tools to help them protect their wellbeing and navigate life in the online world.

<https://ee.co.uk/domore-with-ee/learn>



Their PhoneSmart platform, is an engaging free digital course for children, providing them with the knowledge they need to be safe and kind online, and offering reassurance for parents that their child is ready to receive their first mobile phone as they work through the activities to earn their 'phonesmart licence'. Whilst their GameSmart resource focuses on how parents can support their children to game safely online.

PhoneSmart: <https://eephonesmart.co.uk/>

GameSmart: <https://eegamesmart.co.uk/>

Message from Friends of Edith Cavell –(FoEC)

This Summer term is all about the Summer Fair which will be on after school Thursday 4th July. As we have done in the past couple of years this will be a £5 wristband inflatable event.

We will be looking for volunteers to run the inflatables and the additional stalls. We rely on support so please get in touch if you can run a stall.

The Tesco Stronger Starts blue tokens in all the Bedford stores is going well. If you do shop in Tesco please put some blue tokens in our section. If we get the most tokens we would be receiving £1500 that will pay for lots of lovely books for our school library.

We are hoping to sell ice lollies on sunny Thursday afternoons!

Thanks for all your continued support.

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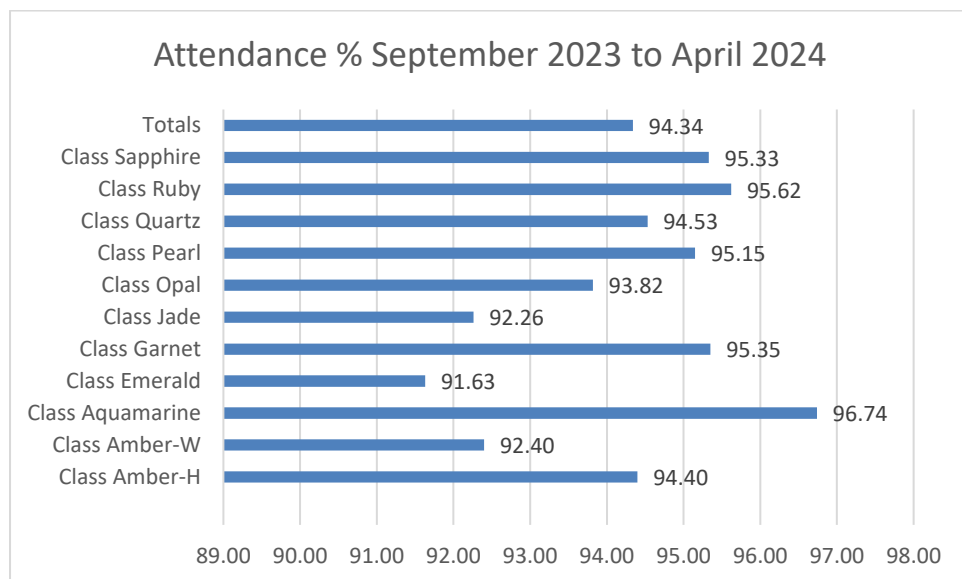
Class emails

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
Emerald	emerald@ecls.org.uk
Jade	jade@ecls.org.uk
Amber	amber@ecls.org.uk
Little Treasures	treasures@ecls.org.uk

Attendance



Dates for your Diary - Summer 2024

Mon 6 th May	May Day – No school
Wed 8 th	Lego Club
Mon 13 th	Year 6 SAT's week
Wed 15 th	Lego Club
Wed 22 nd	LKS2 visit to Holdenby House
Fri 24 th	Last Day before Half term
Mon 3 rd June	1 st Day back for children
Wed 5 th	Year 3 Adventure Day
Mon 10 th	Y1 Phonics Test week
Tue 11 th	FoEC – Father's Day Shop after school
Wed 12 th	Year 4 Camping
Thur 13 th	Year 6 Camping Year 4 come home
Fri 14 th	Father's Day breakfast – 8am Year 6 come home
Tue 18 th	SEND Parent consultations
Wed 19 th	Class photos Lego Club
Wed 26 th	Lego Club
Tue 2 nd July	Y6 Transfer day
Wed 3 rd	Lego Club
Thur 4 th	FoEC Summer Fair
Fri 5 th	Reports out to parents (Not Y6)
Mon 8 th	Open afternoon from 2.30pm
Tue 9 th	Y6 SAT's results returned 9.30am UKS2 Sports morning Parent consultations, if required (Not Y6)
Wed 10 th	9.30am KS1 Sports morning Biddenham Steam Fair Y6 reports out Lego Club Y6 leavers concert
Thur 11 th	9.30am LKS2 Sports morning Y6 Parent consultations, if required
Fri 12 th	9.30am Reception sports morning
Mon 15 th	KS2 rounders competition
Fri 19 th	End of school year Early finish

Academic Year 2023 – 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

Academic Year 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Training Day – Monday 2nd September 2024
Children return – Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Half term – Monday 28th October 2024
Children return – Monday 4th November 2024
Term ends – Tuesday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

Training Day – Monday 6th January 2025
Children return – Tuesday 7th January 2025
Half term – Monday 17th February 2025
Children return – Monday 24th February 2025
Term ends - Thursday 4th April 2025

Summer Term 2025

Training Day – Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Children return – Wednesday 23rd April 2025
May Day – Monday 5th May 2025
Half term – Monday 26th May 2025
Children return – Monday 2nd June 2025
Term ends – Friday 18th July 2025

The school term dates for 2023 – 2024 and 2024 – 2025 are available on the school web site.

Stars of the Week
March/April 2024

Amber-H
Yousra
Caleb
Ali

Amber-W
Yousif
Summer
Lyla

Pearl
Whole Class
Whole Class

Emerald
Isla B
Whole Class
Deoleen

Jade
Olivia
Tudor
Trishel

Opal
Isaiah
Isaiah
Safaah

Ruby
Richard
Samuel
Freddie
Samuel

Garnet
Karen
Jessica J
Nell
Georgia

Quartz
Rishon
Eliza
Millie

Aquamarine
Adriana
Whole Class
Mu'Tasim
Lucyanne

Sapphire
Madiya
Ryker
Aleemah
Isheunesu