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# EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ambitious, Achieving and Nurturing

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## ***Newsletter – December 2017***

### A note from Miss Cooke

As we approach the end of the Autumn term, it is a great time to reflect on what has been achieved in this first term of being Edith Cavell Primary School. The increase in the size of the school is the first phase of what will be a three year plan to see the school reach a full primary school. The development of the new curriculum for the upper key stage 2 (year 5 & 6) is progressing well and the current year 5 are flourishing in their role as the pioneers of upper key stage 2 in the school. The learning and progress that each and every child in the school has achieved this term is clear from reviewing their books and I am sure parents could clearly see that when they looked over their child's books at the recent open afternoon. When we return in January there will be new exciting topics and learning for each year group to enjoy.

A huge **THANK YOU** to the Friends of Edith Cavell and everyone who attended and helped at the Christmas Fair. The event was so well attended and the number of parents who gave their support to not only attend the event but also to set it up and clear up after it was fantastic. This term the FOEC have raised over £1,500 at events and this money will be used to support the school with resources that the school budget cannot stretch to.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every family a very happy holiday period and prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.

*Miss Cooke*

### Staffing changes

At the end of term we will be saying 'a sad goodbye' to Mrs Hunt in the school office. Mrs Hunt has worked at the school for over 15 years and seen many changes and developments in the school in that time. Her vast knowledge of the children, staff and school will be greatly missed, but we wish her well with her new role with the Borough Council.

In January we will be welcoming Miss Chloe Dakin as the full time permanent class teacher for Garnet class. Miss Smith will return to her role as Inclusion Leader full time and Mrs Jepps will be moving on to other roles. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

There will be a change of staff at Gems after school club at the start of the Spring term. Ms Toner, Mrs Rayner and Mrs Harrison will be taking over from Mrs Dennis, Mrs Bevan and Mrs Cavill. Mrs Dennis will be moving to support to breakfast club.

### Tesco's tokens

Just to remind you, we have been selected by Tesco to be a finalist in their Bags of Help scheme. During November and December, in Tesco stores in Bedford, customers can choose to vote for the 'Edith Cavell Growing Up Garden' to transform the land at the front of our school into a brand new garden for our children, for us and for the local community. We are already guaranteed £1000 but we could win £4000 if we come first in the vote!! Please don't forget to keep voting for us when you do your shopping!

## **Triple P... taking the guess work out of parenting**

When it comes to raising children and teenagers, everyone has an opinion.

There are so many ideas out there, so how do you know what's best and what works?

Early Help 'Triple P' gives parents simple tips to help manage the big and small problems of family life. Problems like toddler tantrums or teenage rebellion, Self-esteem issues, Bedtime battles, Disobedience, Aggression. Triple P can help you deal with them all – and more.

Triple P – Positive Parenting Program responds to the needs of parents introducing core parenting skills – giving parents simple and practical strategies to help them confidently manage their children's behaviour, prevent problems developing and build strong, healthy relationships.

How it's delivered?

Early Help's Triple P delivery is a FREE service, aimed at families with children aged 3 to 16 years. Delivering a variety of universal programmes such as – personal consultations, group courses, larger public seminars and other self-help interventions, delivered in schools and local community venues, across a range of times and dates over the coming months.

The programme contains a variety of discussions, video clips, worksheets and booklets for you to take away.

Our aim is to empower and equip parents with key skills to better deal with the everyday and on occasions extreme parenting challenges. Giving parents the kind of solid parenting information and support that can reduce their distress and help prevent behavioural problems in children.

Edith Cavell will be hosting three Triple 'P' discussion groups in the new year. These are FREE to parents.

Session 1 – Developing good bedtime routines – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 – 9.30am – 11.30am

Session 2 – Managing fighting and aggression – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – 9.30am – 11.30am

Session 3 – Dealing with disobedience – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – 9.30am – 11.30am

Please contact the school office if you would be interested in attending these sessions.

## **Christmas Jumper – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December children can come to school on this day wearing a Christmas themed t-shirt or jumper. They must still wear their normal school trousers, skirt or dress as it is not a mufti day, just Christmas Jumper Day.



## **Christmas Performances**



At all Reception, KS1, LKS2 and Y5 Christmas productions from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December, parents and family members are invited to enjoy refreshments at the end of the performance. (Children will **not** be able to join parents) While there will be no direct cost for these refreshments, there will be a collection box for any donations towards the costs. Any donations of mince pies would be gratefully received.

If you have younger children please could you bring them to the Dress Rehearsals rather than the performances and we would ask that you are prepared to take your child out of the hall if they are disturbing the performance.

Please refer to the dates section at the bottom of this newsletter for exact dates and times

## **Change of term dates for next year**

We have decided to change the Christmas holiday dates slightly for 2018/2019, so they will no longer be in line with the Borough dates. The school will now be open until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018; and the children will return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Further information can be found on our website, which is <http://www.edithcavell.ik.org/term-dates.html>

## **Healthy snack at play time**

We will be cracking down on healthy snacks in the New Year – if a child is seen with a snack that is not considered healthy, it will be taken away from them and returned to you at the end of the day. Healthy snacks include, fruit, vegetables, raisins, yoghurt, bread sticks, cheese, cereal bars, plain (not sweetened or salted) popcorn. Unhealthy snacks would be items containing chocolate, buns, cakes, muffins, crisps etc.



## **Internet Devices & eSafety**

If your child is going to be lucky enough to receive a new device from Santa – please ensure that the parental controls are set up immediately. Here is a link to a digital parenting magazine, which we have sent out previously - <https://parentzone.org.uk/digital-parenting-online-safety-magazine-archive>

For an alternative site for advice and instructions on setting up the most popular devices (parental controls, internet filters etc.) please see the Internet Matters website -

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/interactive-guide/>

## **Contact Numbers**

If parents or other family members, for who we have contact details, are lucky enough to receive a new phone from Santa, please ensure school is supplied with any new phone numbers immediately in January.



## **New booking system for Gems and Breakfast club**

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018, **no money, payment or bookings will be taken by the staff in Gems or breakfast club.** All money, payments and bookings will be administered by the school office. All money and payments **must** be placed in a sealed envelope with the child's name clearly printed on the front along with the session dates that are being paid for. Receipts for payment for these clubs will continue to be given to parents when they collect their child from Gems or drop off at breakfast club. We would like to remind all parents that sessions **must** be paid for in advance.

### **For breakfast club**

If parents do not complete a booking form and pay for the dates that they wish their child to attend breakfast club, their child **will not** be booked in and parents will not be able to drop their child at school until 8.45am.

### **For Gems**

If parents do not complete a booking form and pay for the dates that they wish their child to attend Gems, their child **will not** be booked in and parents will need to collect their child at 3.30pm.

### **For both clubs**

If bookings are not made for sessions that parents require their children to attend breakfast club or Gems we cannot guarantee that a place will be available due to staffing ratios and lack of pre-payment. Bookings will not be made on the presumption that the child always attends. The responsibility for booking and paying for sessions prior to attending lies with parents.

## **Snow Closure**

We significantly hope that the Bedford area will not be further adversely affected by snow this winter, but if conditions warrant the closure of the school we will report this on our web site which can be found at [www.edithcavell.jk.org](http://www.edithcavell.jk.org) and the Bedford Borough Web Site that can be found at [www.bedford.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/schoolclosures). Please be assured that through any bad weather I will do all that I can to keep the school open and operational so long as it is safe to do so. Even if other schools in the local area are closed, children from Edith Cavell should make every effort to attend school. We will also use the school text service to keep you updated of the situations so please ensure that we hold a current mobile phone number for you, especially if you are fortunate enough to receive a gift of a new mobile phone from Santa!!



## **A Note from FOEC**

Thank you everyone for all the donations and support at the Christmas Fair. We all had a fab time and hope you did too.

For our last event this term we have 'The Christmas Shop' which will be open on Wednesday after school... Glorious gifts for all the family !

This term we raised enough money to pay for Theatre of Widdershins to visit the school with their annual Christmas show. We have paid for the additional playground markings and we also now have enough to complete the outdoor classroom with benches, bird boxes and bug stations etc.

Next term we have more Lego Club sessions, a Valentine disco, movie club, a Mother's Day shop and we're planning something egg-citing for Easter (is it too early for an egg gag?!) too!

Thank you all so much for all your fund raising this term! And don't forget to keep asking for blue tokens in Tesco - we'll find out in the New Year just how much money they are going to give us! Keep up the good work and...

Merry Christmas !

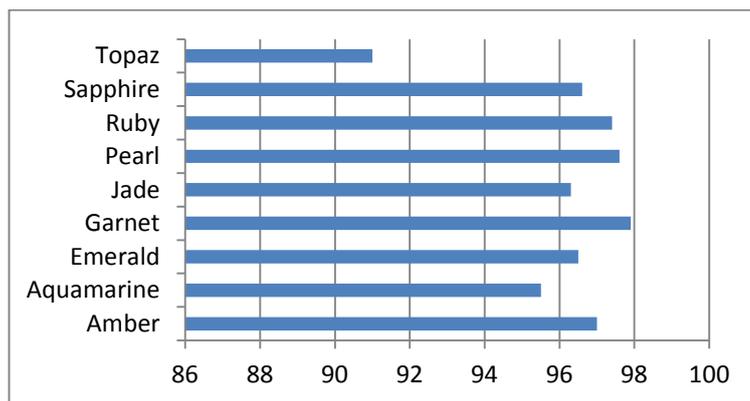
## Attendance

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 December have been



27Nov – 1 Dec            Emerald class  
4-8 Dec                 Jade class

## Class attendance graph



## **Dates – Autumn Term 2017**

Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 - Reception performance 10.45 - LKS2 dress rehearsal 2pm - KS1 performance
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 - KS1 performance 10.45 – UKS2 dress rehearsal 2pm - LKS2 performance 3.30pm - FoEC Christmas Shop
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 - LKS2 performance 2pm – UKS2 performance
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner Wear your Christmas Jumper to school
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children's parties
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of term

## **Spring Term 2018**

Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Children return to school – not part time Nursery
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery children return to school
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Individual photographs
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Aquamarine class Assembly
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	School closed for Training Day
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Ruby class assembly
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Jade class assembly
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sapphire class assembly
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Relief
Thur 29 <sup>th</sup>	School breaks up for Easter holidays

## **Summer Term 2018**

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	School closed for Training day
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pearl class assembly
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School closed
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Amber class assembly
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	School breaks up for half term holiday
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Topaz class assembly
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	End of school year

*Stars of the Week*  
*November 2017*

**Amber**

**Topaz**

**Emerald**

Rabiya Hussain  
Shaun Hay  
Sammy Jassi  
Whole class

**Jade**

Kayla Manley  
Miki Buniowski  
Mia Doherty  
Ilyan Sergiev

**Sapphire**

Khairi Hamrouni  
Sophia Sahota  
Ruby Singh  
Steffan Wibberley

**Ruby**

Julia Gibas  
Esha Malik  
Tom Lindop

**Garnet**

Charlie Bateman  
Emily Moore  
Valentine Flatt

**Aquamarine**

Emilija Zaludaite  
Petru Nita  
Zanita Roberts

**Pearl**

Serenity Dacres  
Tallula Robertson  
Dawid Zacharzewski  
Chloe Bowering