



EDITH CAVELL LOWER SCHOOL

Ambitious, Achieving and Nurturing

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Newsletter – June 2017

A message from Miss Cooke

This time of year is always extremely busy and this year is no exception. The added excitement this year is preparing the new classrooms for our first Year 5 class as we move towards becoming a primary school.

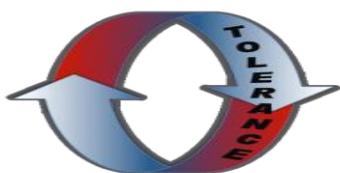
The Grand Opening of the building on Friday 30th June will mark the next stage in the process. It would be wonderful to see parents at the event as the Mayor, Dave Hodgson cuts the ribbon.

In September we will be using the new name of Edith Cavell Primary School and will be changing our signage, letterhead and uniform to reflect the change of name. There will be no need to purchase new uniform as it is only a very small change and so all existing uniform can continue to be worn until it is at the end of its life.

A huge '**THANK YOU**' to everyone who attended the Summer Fair over the weekend. The event was a **HUGE** success and it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the event that had been organised by the FoEC. The school cannot thank the FoEC committee enough for organising and staging such a wonderful community event. Thanks also have to go to the army of other parents who turned up to help on the day. Everyone pulling together for the benefit of the school was very humbling and inspiring. The money raised will be used to further enhance the outside provision of the school.

Miss Cooke

Value for the half term – Tolerance



This half term our value has been 'Tolerance.' In assemblies we have been thinking about the meaning of tolerance and how everyone around school can show tolerance in different situations. If you have seen your child demonstrate this value in a situation at home, please let your child's class teacher know so their actions can also be recognised in school.

Sports days

- Nursery – Tuesday 11th July 2.00pm
- REC – Thursday 13th July – 9.30am
- KS1 – Wednesday 12th July – 9.30am
- KS2 – Tuesday 11th July – 9.30am

It is expected that the event will take place on the school field, so please walk around the building to gather on the field.



Staff changes

At the end of the Summer term there are going to be a few changes in staff.

Mrs Anna Browning has been one of our Early Years teacher for many years now and is sadly leaving us to start a brand new Early Years Unit at Great Ouse Primary School.

Mrs Camfield will be retiring after many years' service with us and is moving her husband to pastures new and start a new life in Lincoln.

Miss Bleasby is moving to be nearer her family in Darlington. Although she has only been with us in Early Years for a very short time she will be sadly missed by all of us.

Mrs Ali, Mr Barringer and Miss Beams who have worked with us this year will also be moving on to new posts and we wish them well as they leave us.

We will be welcoming two new members of staff into Early Years, Mrs Sheryl Lewis will be our new Foundation Stage Leader and Mr Matt Bennett will be a class teacher in Early Years.

Open afternoon – Monday 17th July 2.30pm – 3.20pm



We will be holding our annual summer Open Afternoon on Monday 17th July from 2.30pm. At this event you are invited to come into school, where your child/ren will be able to show you around, show you where their new classrooms will be and share their school work and learning with you. We ask that all children return to their classrooms at 3.15pm so that they can the regular procedures for dismissal can be followed. Children will be dismissed at the normal time from their usual doors.

Swimming lessons

Bedford Modernian Swimming Club, based at Bedford Modern Swimming Pool, Clarendon Street are offering crash swimming courses over two weeks in the summer holidays, w/c Monday 24th July and w/c Monday 31st July. 5 x half hour lessons for only £5. If you are interested in booking places on these courses please call 07504 435547 or email modernianlessons@btinternet.com



Midday Supervisors

We will have vacancies for Midday Supervisors here in school from September 2017. Please contact the school office if you would like further information.

Holidays in Term Time

As we approach the end of term, please can we stress the importance of regular attendance right up to the 21st July. As we have informed you on many occasions no leave of absence for the purpose of a holiday will be authorised. The recent bout of chicken pox that we have had in the school has adversely affected our attendance figures so it is vital that children are not absent due to a planned holiday to try and stabilise attendance rates.

Water bottles

As part of our healthy eating programme children are encouraged to bring their water bottles. It has been scientifically proved that keeping hydrated and maintaining blood sugars assists children to concentrate for longer periods of time. They are available to buy from the office for £1 if you do not have one. Please also ensure it is named. Children should bring them into school every morning with water only in them and take them home at night to wash and refill.



The number of children without water bottles in school every day has been steadily rising and this means that those children are not able to keep as readily hydrated, which hinders their learning.

PLEASE PLEASE make sure that your child as a water bottle in school every day. This again is something that parents commit to ensuring when they sign the home school agreement each September.

Grand Opening



On Friday 30th June we will be having our Grand Opening of the new building. The actual ceremony will take place at 11am and will be performed by the Mayor. All parents and carers are invited to attend. There will also be lots of fun activities for all the children throughout the day.

Shuffle up afternoon On Monday 10th July it is our Shuffle Up afternoon. This is when all the children will move to their new class and meet their new teacher and teaching assistant for September. The children will return to their current classroom for 3.30pm and will be dismissed from their usual classroom in the usual way.

Our new school app

Please download our new school app!

If you have a smartphone you can download OurSchoolsApp for FREE. It is a personalised app for our school and will allow us to keep you all updated with school information, news, calendar events and contact information. It provides you access to school information at the touch of a button.

Please click one of the links below, depending on what type of phone you have, to download the app.

For Android devices: <http://bit.ly/1Q9dgcB> For Apple devices: <https://goo.gl/1FQgny>

Instructions for download:

- Using your device (iPad, iPhone, smart pad, tablet or android phone), visit the relevant marketplace for your product (Apple Store or Google Play).
- Search for 'OurSchoolsApp' and download the app.
- Once downloaded, use the search bar within the app and enter the postcode or the name of the school. Hit the search button.
- Once you see the school name displayed, just touch the screen on the school name.
- Confirm your choice by pressing 'OK'.
- You will now be presented with the correct app for your chosen school which contains news, information, calendar events, contacts and any other relevant details.

Race for life

On Friday 7th July we will be holding our annual Race for Life event for Cancer Research UK.

Our youngsters are the generation that could see ground breaking treatments and cures for cancer in their lifetime. They're the young warriors who could be the researchers and lifesavers of tomorrow. By taking part in Race for Life and uniting together against cancer, they'll be doing something really special.

Cancer Research UK receives no government funding for their research, so the more of us who join the fight against cancer, the more money we can raise to beat cancer sooner.

We are asking for a minimum donation of £2 from each child who would like to take part in the Edith Cavell Race for Life. Each child who takes part will receive a medal when they complete the race. The distance of the race will be dependent on the age of the child.



NSPCC Assemblies

On Tuesday 27th June the NSPCC will be delivering two assemblies in school. One to KS1 and Reception and one to KS2. They will be delivering the 'Speak out. Stay safe' assemblies which is a programme designed to ensure that our pupils have the knowledge and understanding to stay safe from abuse and complements the work on 'Pants' that was covered earlier in the year. You will receive further information about the content that has been covered after the assemblies.



New Traffic Camera on Manton Lane

Last week new traffic cameras were installed on Manton Lane specifically trained on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school. These cameras will record any vehicles stopping or parking illegally on the yellow zig zag lines at any time of the day. Any vehicle found to be stopping or parking will be fined.

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 May have been



1-5 May	Aquamarine Class
8-12 May	Garnet class
15-19 May	Garnet class
22-29 May	Emerald class

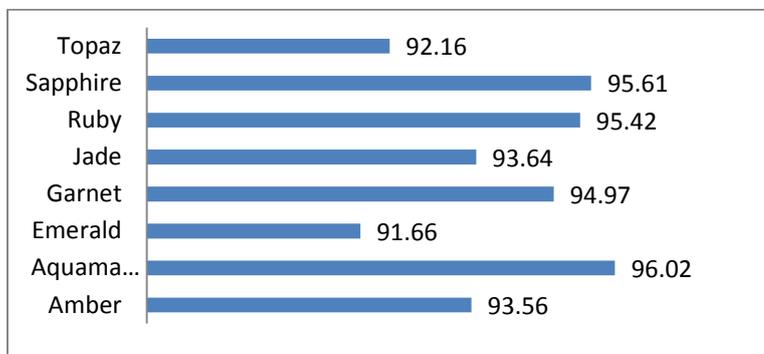
FOEC

Thank you to the team (crack team of Mums) who painted the wall. There are fab plans a foot to make the wall look fantastic.

Thank you all for supporting the Summer Fair. It was a really great day and it really felt like a school community. Thanks to all the parents, carers and teachers that volunteered on the day.

On the last day of term after school we will be doing scones, jam, cream and lemonade on the field. It would be lovely if you could join us.

Class attendance Graphs -



Dates – Summer 2017

Thur 29 th	Y3 to Bedford School
Fri 30 th	Official opening of new classroom block
Wed 5 th July	Topaz class assembly
Thur 6 th	Biddenham Steam fair
Fri 7 th	Race for life
	Reports out to parents
Mon 10 th	Shuffle up afternoon
	FoEC movie club
Tue 11 th	KS2 Sports morning
	Nursery sports
	Consultation evening
Wed 12 th	KS1 Sports morning
Thur 13 th	Reception Sports Morning
Mon 17 th	Open Afternoon
Fri 21 st	End of school year
	FoEC summer party

New Academic Year Term Dates - 2017 – 2018

Mon 4th September – Fri 20th October – 1st half of the autumn term

Mon 23rd October – Mon 30th October – Half term holiday

Tue 31st October – Tue 19th December – 2nd half of autumn term

Wed 20th December – Tue 2nd January 2018 – Christmas holidays

Wed 3rd January 2018 – Fri 9th February 2018 – 1st half of spring term

Mon 12th February 2018 – Fri 16th February 2018 – half term holiday

Mon 19th February 2018 – Thur 29th March 2018 – 2nd half of spring term

Fri 30th March 2018 – Mon 16th April 2018 – Easter holiday

Tue 17th April 2018 – Fri 25th May 2018 – 1st half of summer term

Mon 28th May 2018 – Mon 4th June 2018 – half term holiday

Tue 5th June 2018 – Fri 20th July 2018 – 2nd half of summer term

Monday 23rd July 2018 – Mon 3rd September 2018 – Summer holiday

Term dates for 2018 – 2019 can be viewed at:-

http://www.bedford.gov.uk/education_and_learning/schools_and_colleges/school_term_and_holiday_dates.aspx

Stars of the Week
May 2017

Aquamarine Class

Zaskia Wharton
Mahek Rustom
Owen Almond
Shakirah Naeem

Sapphire Class

Aniqah Ali
Bradley Whittaker
Whole Class
Dara Ajibola

Ruby Class

Vladimirs Hodukins
Dziugas Rusteika
Agata Neumann
Piotr Piech

Garnet Class

Tallula Robertson
Dawid Zacharzewski
Melissa Shala
Whole Class

Jade Class

Steffan Wibberley
Connor Gilhooley
Whole Class
Qasim Ali

Emerald Class

Claudia Bleda
Samina Kauser
Sophia Sahota
Harvee Liburd

Amber Class

Mia Doherty
Teddy French
Ruby D'Arcy
Rebecca Watts

Topaz Class

Olly Bashford
Safaa Ali
Safurah Ali
Lainey-Mae Neal