



# EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Ambitious, Achieving and Nurturing*

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## *Newsletter – January 2018*

### A note from Miss Cooke

Happy New Year

It seems strange to say that this far in to January, but as this is the first Newsletter of the new calendar year I think I can still get away with it.

I would firstly like to welcome Miss Chloe Dakin to the school as the new class teacher in Garnet Class. Also Mrs Sinead White has been appointed to the substantive role that she has been undertaking on an interim basis since January and is the new School Secretary. Both are very welcome additions to the team.

This term, while shorter than the Autumn term, will be no less busy. We have a number of class assemblies to look forward to that have been outlined in the Diary Dates page at the end of the newsletter. We are also holding parents evenings, open afternoon and parent workshops this term that we look forward to welcoming you to.

I have been made aware of a recent question posed on the Friends of Edith Cavell Facebook page regarding the possibility of online payments for dinner money. The administration of all aspects of school lunches is dealt with by Caterlink the catering company who provide school meals. I have asked the question if they are considering moving to an online payment system in the near future and I await a reply. I will communicate their response in the next newsletter.

As a school we are currently investigating the feasibility of developing an online payment system and I will update parents when I have further information.

If parents have other questions like this, as the school does not have a Facebook account, I would appreciate that questions are emailed into the office to ensure that the school see the question and can respond accordingly. The office email address is quoted above and on all letter headed communications.

*Miss Cooke*

### Value of the Half Term

Our value this half term is Honesty. In assemblies this half term we are considering the definition of honesty and how being honest with ourselves in all situations is often hard. We have also thought about how hard being honest can be sometimes, but ultimately 'Honesty is the best policy.'

If you have examples of how your child has demonstrated our value of honesty at home, please feel free to share the scenario with your child's class teacher.

*Honesty*



## Parent Consultation Evenings

We will be holding our Parent Consultations during this half term. Timetables will be available for you to sign up for an appointment next week. We encourage every parent to make an appointment with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's progress.

KS1 & EYFS – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

KS2 (Y3, 4 & 5) – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

## Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018



National Safer Internet Day will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> February and in school we will be marking this day by undertaking a number of activities. They will remind the children about how they can be safe on line, their responsibilities to report anything that concerns or worries them on line to an adult. The theme for this year's campaign is

**"Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you". Please**

**take the opportunity of this special day to continue discussions with your children around keeping safe on the internet. Further information about Safer Internet Day can be found at**

<https://www.saferinternetday.org/web/sid/home>.



A further resource that we have become aware of is the online e-safety magazine #Ditto.

#DITTO is a free online safety (e-safety) magazine for schools, organizations and parents to keep you up to date with risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online, with a view to enjoying and learning about technology. A new edition is released approx. every 6 weeks. It is accessed at [http://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/?mc\\_cid=30fb7d16ea&mc\\_eid=c6623e8607](http://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/?mc_cid=30fb7d16ea&mc_eid=c6623e8607)

## Sponsored Event – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Sponsored Dance

At our annual sponsored event this year we have decided to attempt a sponsored dance. As well as raising money we would like to get the whole school dancing! Each class will learn an action song that they will perform alongside a whole school dance.

We are looking to raise funds this year to purchase additional iPads for the school to support learning, research and IT skills.

Sponsor forms will be sent out before half term and we ask that all children attempt to raise some money to support this event as all children will benefit if we are able to purchase a number of additional iPads. Please look out for the sponsor forms.

## Shine Bright, Wear Bright

5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February is the national Children's Mental Health Week and to support our local children's mental health charity CHUMS, we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. The theme is Shine Bright, Wear Bright, so we ask children to wear bright clothing and make a donation of £1 which will be forwarded on to CHUMS.



## Book Bags

The current trend of attaching key rings to children's book bags is resulting in problems in fitting book bags into classroom trays and being able to close the drawer. We would therefore ask that keyrings are removed from book bags to enable them to be stored away safely and easily.

## Winter clothing

During the winter months we very much want children wearing appropriate clothing for the weather, and so hats, gloves, and scarves are an essential. Please can hats, scarves and gloves be named so that when they have been dropped in the cloakroom there is a chance of returning them to their rightful owners, as younger children do not always recognise them as their own when asked.



## **Y4 Bikeability**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, we are able to offer Y4 children, who own their own bicycle and protective helmet, the opportunity to complete the Bikeability course in school. Bikeability is today's cycle training programme. It's like cycling proficiency, but better! It's about gaining practical skills and the safe handling of their bikes on the playground. The children will learn about safe starting, stopping, balance, agility, building confidence and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. This will be a two hour session, free of charge.



Bikeability gives everyone the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling.

## **Parking Reminder**

A polite reminder again please, that if you are parking on the residential roads around school that you ensure that you park considerately and do not block anyone's drive or access to their home. School has again received a complaint that parents have been repeatedly blocking access to a driveway. This behaviour does not reflect well on the school and we would ask that parents ensure they arrive in plenty of time to bring or collect their children to school and possibly park further away and then walk into school.

## **FOEC News**

This has been a really exciting week! We were lucky enough to be awarded second place in the Tesco Bags Of Help Christmas Campaign. This means we have won a massive £2000! The money has to be used to transform the patch of land at the front of the school (where the Romans remains were found) into a 'Growing Up Garden' for everyone to use with seasonal planting, a wild garden and hopefully a way to see the Roman ruins too!

Without the support of the whole school – without you! - this would not have been possible and we should all feel really proud of ourselves for achieving this. Well done!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who help with all the events that are run by FOEC – Your hard work, good will and generosity is vital to every event we run – Thank you!

The cake sale this term had the most donations ever received – it was amazing! Thank you to all who baked, donated, bought and ate cakes!

In other news we have a brand new event coming up...

### ***The Great Edith Cavell Car Boot Sale!***

We are holding a car boot sale on the school playgrounds on Sunday 25th March. Pitches are £10 and you keep all the money you make! These stalls are booking up fast, so if you want a pitch please contact Abi urgently on 07740463638. Hopefully there will be a bouncy castle there, refreshments for sale (provided by us!), second hand uniform and a whole treasure trove of other glorious goods! There's an entry fee of 50p each for adults and free for children. Please spread the news!

And finally...We hope to see you all at the Valentine Disco on Thursday 8th Feb for romance and hand holding (or messing around with glo-sticks!)

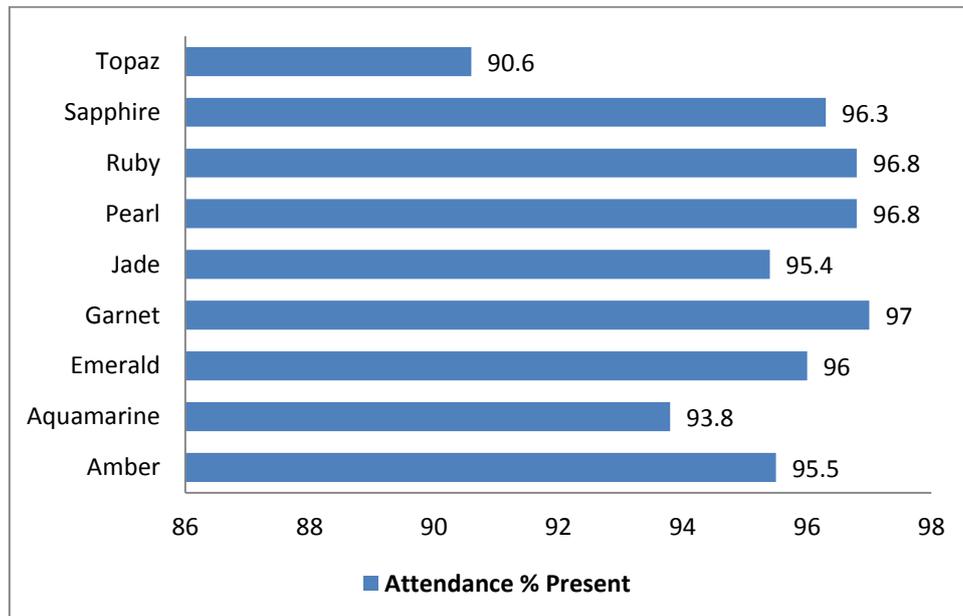
## Attendance

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.



4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Jade class
11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> December	Pearl class
18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Garnet class

## Attendance by class from September 2017 – January 2018



*Stars of the Week*  
*December 2017*

**Amber**

**Topaz**

**Emerald**

Daniyal Naseer  
Maryam Ali  
Whole Class  
Anna Dimitrova

**Jade**

Whole Class  
Cassium Callum  
Sharez Mohammed  
Claudia Bleda

**Sapphire**

Whole Class  
Samina Kouser  
Chido Nyandoro  
Paulina Dul

**Ruby**

Deepika Kaur Shari  
Lenae Hawking  
Whole Class  
Joseph Bowering

**Garnet**

Jennifer Stacey-  
Norbury  
Eniola Salako  
Whole Class  
Yousif Najimi

**Aquamarine**

Felix Willmott  
Reece Edwards  
Whole Class  
Avaneesh Shanmugam  
Manikandan

**Pearl**

Selina Akhter  
Jesser Rodriguez  
Whole Class  
Whole Class

## Dates – Spring 2018

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Triple P - Managing fighting and aggression  
Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Y2 SAT parents sessions  
Wed 31<sup>st</sup> FoEC Lego Club (Y1&2)  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Shine Bright, Wear Bright – non uniform day  
Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Triple P - Dealing with disobedience  
2pm – KS1 & EYFS parent consultations  
Tue 6<sup>th</sup> 2pm – KS2 parent consultations  
Thur 8<sup>th</sup> FoEC Valentine Disco  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Bikeability Y4  
Finish for ½ term

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Training Day  
Tue 20<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Day back for children  
Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> Sponsored Dance  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> FoEC Lego Club  
Thur 1<sup>st</sup> March World Book day  
FoEC Movie Club  
Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Bikability – Y5  
SEND consultation evening from 3.30pm  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Ruby class assembly  
Garnet – sports festival  
FoEC Lego Club  
Thur 8<sup>th</sup> 11.15am Mini music concert – Whole school  
FoEC – Mother's Day Shop  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Jade class assembly  
FoEC Lego Club  
Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Jade sports festival  
Aqua – Violin play day – Kings House  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Sapphire class assembly  
FoEC Lego Club  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Sport Relief  
Sun 25<sup>th</sup> FoEC Car Boot – 12noon – 2pm  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Open Afternoon – 2.30pm  
Thur 29<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

## Summer Term

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> April First day of Summer term for children  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Pearl class assembly  
11<sup>th</sup> May Aqua sports festival  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Class photos  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Pearl sports festival  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Finish for ½ term

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> June First day back for children  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Proposed Y3 adventure day  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Sapphire sports festival  
Thur 14<sup>th</sup> Proposed Y4 camping trip  
Sat 30<sup>th</sup> FoEC Summer Fair  
Wed 4<sup>th</sup> July Topaz class assembly  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Last day of the school year