



EDITH CAVELL LOWER SCHOOL

Ambitious, Achieving and Nurturing

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Newsletter – July 2017

A message from Miss Cooke

Here we are at the end of the school year and the end of an era. These are the last few days of Edith Cavell Lower School. The school opened 43 years ago in September 1974. Some of you may remember our 40th birthday celebrations two years ago. When we return in September we will be Edith Cavell Primary School - not a new school but a new chapter, the next phase in the development of the school. This year has seen huge changes in terms of the new building - can you remember what the field looked like last September? Do you remember the mound? In the next chapter some things will be new, some will stay the same, such as our values, our focus on high standards and our positive attitudes to learning and hard work. We will still be ambitious achieving and nurturing. But there will also be some new avenues such as the new Year 5 curriculum, further development of the outside area, new staff, further excavations of the Roman finds on the site, new classes and new learning.

I want to thank parents for their support of the school and your children over the past academic year and look forward to continuing the journey of development as we morph in to Edith Cavell Primary School. Have a wonderful and restful holiday time and we will see your bright beautiful smiles back safe and sound at school on Monday 4th September.
Happy holidays!

Miss Cooke

Race for life



A very big thank you to all of you for your generous donations and to the children for taking part in our Race for Life on Friday 7th July. We raised £432.15 for Cancer Research UK which is fantastic.

Keech Hospice

On Friday 26th May we held a non-uniform day to raise money for Keech Hospice in Luton. We raised £166.70 so once again thank you to everyone who donated.



Reading challenge

Just to remind you of the Summer Reading Challenge which is organised by Bedford Library. Why not pop along to the library during the holidays to find out how you can encourage your child to become an Animal Agent as they read and take part in the challenge.

Send a post card to your new class

If you are going on holiday during the summer break or maybe just going somewhere lovely for the day, why not encourage your child to send a postcard to their new class. This very short but worthwhile task will help them to remember what they did over the holidays and share their experiences with their new class friends. The school address is at the top of the newsletter.



Mural at food bank

The Bedford Foodbank invited all children to design a mural for the wall of their community room with a focus on the food and supplies giving service that they provide to support our local community.

Two winners were chosen by Sarah Broughton, Foodbank Manager and they were Anandita Sidhu in Emerald Class and Tom Lindop in Garnet. The children chose a friend to help them paint their designs and a ribbon cutting unveiling with Miss Cooke, Miss Smith, Mrs Cavill and Sarah took place on Thursday 20th July with photos taken by Bedfordshire on Sunday newspaper.

Price rise for upper KS2 dinners (Year 5 pupils)

I would just like to inform you that the cost of dinner for Year 5 pupils will have a slight increase to current prices. The cost will be £2.25 per day, £11.25 per week

Lost library and reading book amnesty

Any books which you find over the holidays, please return them in September to your child's class. Thank you

Instrument lessons

If your child is interested in having violin or piano lessons and you haven't yet returned your form, please contact Will Alleyne directly on walleyne@bedsmusic.coop and he will add your child to his list for September.

Mobile phones and devices

Please don't forget when you're out and about with your child over the holidays leave your phone, ipad etc in your bag or at home and spend the time talking to your child. It's amazing how much they learn about the world and their surroundings just by talking to you.

FOEC Suumer party

Don't forget the Friends of Edith Cavell are holding their scones and lemonade party after school on Friday. Prices are £2.00 for 1 plate and £1.50 for each plate of scones after that. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible there and would make a lovely end to the year.

Lost property

There will be a table of lost property on the road between KS1 and KS2 playgrounds, please pop along and claim anything that belongs to your child. Anything left will be donated to charity.

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.



New Traffic Camera on Manton Lane

A short time ago 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.

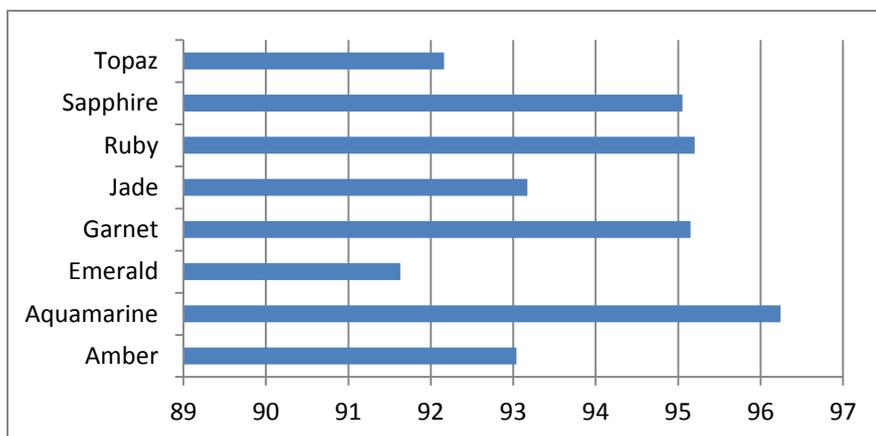
Attendance

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 June and July have been



5-9 June	Aquamarine Class
12-16 June	Aquamarine Class
19-23 June	Aquamarine Class
26-30 June	Aquamarine Class
3-7 July	Garnet Class
10-14 July	Aquamarine Class

Class attendance Graphs –



Best class for the whole year – Aquamarine Class

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
June 2017

Aquamarine Class

Whole class
Elsa Leahy
Micah Taylor

Sapphire Class

Boden Elphee
Felix Willmott
Alfie Keggan
Amelia Kuklinska

Ruby Class

Charlie Bateman
Hafiza Rahman
Eniola Salako

Garnet Class

Whole class
Melissa Shala
Whole class
Luca Knotte-Reed

Jade Class

Maja Lisowska
Yousif Najimi
Steffan Wibberley
Owen Mukuru

Emerald Class

Anandita Sidhu
Whole class
Ruby Singh
Kyle Thagie

Amber Class

Shaun Hay
Rares Saxon
Whole class
Khadija Fatima

Topaz Class

Kristo Stopani
Riley Ruff
Shay Wright
Dylann King

Stars of the Week
July 2017

Aquamarine Class

Aimee Lindop
Delano Thomas
Whole class

Sapphire Class

Avaneesh Shanmugam
Manikandan
Ophelia Watson
Reece Edwards

Ruby Class

Sienna Thagie
Rele Bedward
Whole class

Garnet Class

Katie Ludford
Zac Carr
Whole class

Jade Class

Mia-Rose Simmons
Tenzing Rai Bhotia
Antonio Greco and
whole class

Emerald Class

Iliyan Sergiev
Dion Stevenson
Mallaky Wilcox

Amber Class

Vanja Jeremic
Harry Stacey-
Norbury
Rabiya Hussain

Topaz Class

Whole class
Phoebe Mann
Jeff Adane-Boateng