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# EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ambitious, Achieving and Nurturing

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## ***Newsletter – November 2017***

### **A note from Miss Cooke**

We approach the very busy festive period and there will be a great deal happening in school. The children and staff are busy preparing concerts and performances for you to enjoy. The Friends of Edith Cavell are busy preparing and organising the Christmas Fair. We hope that you will be able to come and join in and enjoy these events.

**Can I please stress again the dangers of parents parking on the verge opposite school on Manton Lane. This is an accident waiting to happen. I have also had irate members of the public contact the school to complain about parents crossing the road in front of the cars with small children. Please find alternative places to park further away from school and walk to collect your children. Also on the subject of parking responsibly, please, please avoid parking, even for a short period, on the yellow zig zag lines on Turner Way. Parking on these lines restricts the view of pedestrians wishing to cross the road and could also endanger children and parents from the school.**

*Miss Cooke*

### **Colder Weather Clothing**



The wintertime is fast approaching and with the change in the weather it is vital that the children are dressed appropriately. Wherever possible the children will be going outside for playtime so it is important that they have the correct clothing to keep them warm. This will probably include wellington boots, hats, gloves and scarves. Please make sure that items are named so that they can be returned to the correct owner if they become separated from them.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that girls are not allowed to wear knee length boots in school. They can be very uncomfortable and make it very difficult for the girls to sit on the floor during assembly, carpet time etc. If they wear them to walk to school please ensure that you bring their school shoes with them to change in to. Also trainers are not part of our school uniform, please ensure your child wears suitable black shoes for school.

### **4parenting workshops**

In January we will be hosting 3 parenting workshop/discussions. The presentations will be by Early Help professionals from Bedford Borough Council. There is no cost for these and it is open to parents of all ages. We will also be opening the sessions to parents from other schools. Further details will follow.

The discussion Groups will take place on Monday mornings from 9.30-11.30am

22nd January- Bedtime Routines

29th January- Managing Fighting and aggression

5th February - Dealing with Disobedience

### **Children in Need**



We had a lot of fun on Children in Need day and it was lovely to see all the children dressed in their spots. We raised £217 for this very worthwhile cause so thank you all very much for your kind and generous donations

### **Essential Information**

Please don't forget to return the essential information and permission forms sent home with your child if you haven't already done so.

### **FOEC Christmas Fair**

Thank you all very much for the wonderful donations of things to sell we look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair on **Saturday 2nd December 2 - 5pm**

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

Our school Christmas Dinner is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 this is still free of charge under the Universal Free School Meal Scheme, all they need to do is return the letter you have received indicating that they would like a school dinner on that day. If your child is in Year 3, 4 or 5 and would like a School Christmas Dinner on that day please send in £2.15 / £2.25 (if in Year 5) in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class and that it is for Christmas Dinner by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December..

### **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 and KS2 Christmas productions from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December, the Friends of Edith Cavell (FoEC) will be providing tea, coffee and mince pies and all parents and family members are cordially 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 to FoEC and 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

### **Our new school app**

Please don't forget to 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.

### **SNAP CHAT – NEW FUNCTION**

Snap Chat is a popular app used by many children and young people on their phones.

Recently, Snapchat introduced Snap Map, that allows you to share your location with your friends on a map.

Snapchat's introduction video to Snap Map, focuses on sharing the location of posted Snaps to Our Story, which is public, and could be useful for, say, seeing a collection of Snaps from a particular event.

But what Snapchat doesn't tell you in the video, or in the app, is that Snap Map will broadcast your exact location to anyone on your friends list every time you open the app.

When you update Snapchat and get to the Snap Map walkthrough, only three screens need to be clicked through to complete it.

Though it mentions sharing your location, it's vague on what that exactly means. Users might not understand that Snap is posting your location on Snap Map every time you open the app. Not just when you share Snaps to Our Story.

Please ensure

- you are aware of what your child is using in their phone
- that the privacy settings are on private
- that you know who is in their group
- whether they have this function on Snap Chat

If you want to disable Snap Map, select "Ghost Mode" upon Snapchat's initial walkthrough. If you've already enabled location sharing for Snap Map, tap the settings gear in the top right while viewing the Map, and select Ghost Mode from there.

Please also find the following link to a NWG parents guide to SNAPCHAT.

<https://www.nwgnetwork.org/parents-complete-guide-snapchat-dangers-impact-2016/#>

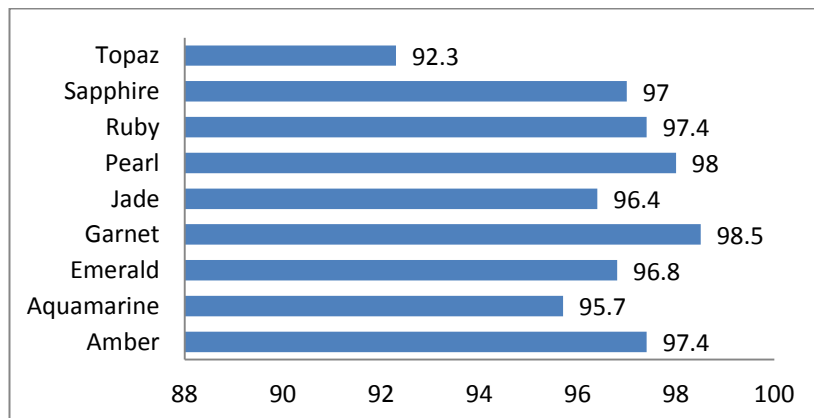
### **Attendance**

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 November have been



30 Oct-3 Nov	Amber class
6-10 Nov	Garnet class
13-17 Nov	Amber and Pearl class
20-24 Nov	Garnet class

### **Class attendance graph**



## **Dates – Autumn Term 2017**

Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	Open afternoon – 2pm
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 & 4 sports festival – selected children
Thur 30 <sup>th</sup>	Ruby Class – Violin concert
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	FoEC Christmas Fair
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Theatre of Widdershins
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 sports festival
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 – KS1 dress rehearsal 12.30 - Nursery performance 2.30pm - Reception dress rehearsal
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
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*  
*October 2017*

**Amber**

**Topaz**

**Emerald**

Jasmine Langley  
Maryam Ali  
Amy Anthony

**Jade**

Sankit Yedamakanti  
Kyle Thagie  
Tina Viglione-Bee

**Sapphire**

Arafat Hussain  
James Moore  
Petra Schaffer

**Ruby**

Kian Duffield  
Piotr Piech  
Sabrina Condrea

**Garnet**

Eryk Wrzesien  
Eniola Salako  
Qasim Ali

**Aquamarine**

Saira Naeem  
Elijah Bishop  
Maya Hussain

**Pearl**

Aimee Lindop  
Zhana Sergieva  
Delano Thomas