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# EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ambitious, Achieving and Nurturing

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## ***Newsletter – October 2017***

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

As we approach October half term, I always think about changing the clocks and how the nights will be drawing in. It is especially important that when it will be necessary for children to spend more time indoors during the winter months and they will possibly be accessing the internet more that parents are clear about the privacy settings / parental settings that are set up or enabled on any devices that their children use that are connected to the internet. Please, please ensure that the sites/apps that your children are accessing are suitable for their age group; that you have discussed internet safety with your children; that you look at and monitor regularly what your children have been accessing and if at all possible, you are in the room when they are accessing the internet. The NSPCC publish advice to parents on online safety on their web site which can be found at:- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/>

Have a great half term and we will see all the children back in school bringing their beautiful smiles on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

*Miss Cooke*

### **Message from the Police**

Bedfordshire Police want to ensure that Halloween is a happy and safe time for everyone, whether young or old and as always we are asking for your support in assisting with this.

If possible, parents and guardians should go out trick or treating with their children, sticking to well-lit areas and only knocking on the doors of people they know. Some people may have 'No trick or treat' posters up at their doors, we ask that these are respected.

Bedfordshire Police is also reminding children and parents to be mindful that some of the more vulnerable or elderly members of the community may feel intimidated by people calling at their doors and appeals to all residents to look out for their neighbours who may feel frightened during this time. Extra patrols will be on hand over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period to ensure that the evenings can be enjoyed safely.

### **Have fun and stay safe this Halloween**

Our tips –

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- Extra patrols will be on hand over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period to ensure that the evenings can be enjoyed safely. If you do have any concerns during Halloween, it's important that you call 101 in order to keep 999 free for genuine emergencies - 31 October is one of the police's busiest nights of the year!

For more advice about Halloween please visit [www.bedfordshire.police.uk](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk)

## **Message from Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service**

### ***Halloween Safety***

Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service want everyone to enjoy a safe and spooky Halloween, but every year many adults and children are injured when lit candles come into contact with trailing costumes and wigs.

At the moment these costumes are classed as toys and therefore, are not subject to the same requirements as children's clothing. It is important to be aware of the danger this poses and that costumes are kept away from open flame. It is also important that children know what to do if their clothing is set alight. You can make a game of teaching your children to "Stop, drop, cover and roll" if their costume does catch light. This means having them practice stopping still, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.

### ***Firework and Bonfire Safety***

The majority of fireworks and bonfire accidents happen at private parties. Organised displays will be safer than having a party of your own. If you do hold your own party Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service want you to keep safe and have advice on our website [www.bedsfire.com](http://www.bedsfire.com)

### **Harvest**

Our Harvest Assembly is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, and once again we will be giving any donated items and food to The Prebend Day Centre and The Bedford Food Bank.

The people who work there are always very grateful for tinned and packet food especially tinned vegetables, tinned fruit and items which just require hot water eg. Pot Noodles, soups They are also very grateful for toiletries.

Please could you start sending in your donations as soon as possible so we can display them in the hall.

Please could you delay sending any fresh produce until Tuesday.



### **Wear it Pink**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October we will be supporting the Wear it Pink campaign. We ask that all the children wear some form of pink for the day and make a minimum £1 contribution that will go to the charity. This day is **NOT** a general non uniform day, but an opportunity to show support for this charity by wearing at least one item of pink clothing.



### **Midday Supervisors**

We currently have vacancies for relief, and Maternity Leave cover Midday Supervisors here in school. Please contact the school office if you would like further information.

(Szkoła chętnie zatrudni osobę, która będzie dorywczo pomagać dzieciom w czasie obiadu podczas nieobecności któregoś z pracowników. Osoby zainteresowane prosimy o kontakt ze szkołą.)

### **Uniform**

Please can I remind you that all children should come to school in black shoes and not trainers. Also, 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.

### **Packed lunches**

If your child brings a packed lunch please make sure you provide them with a drink as well.



### **FOEC**

Next up for us is the Christmas Fair which is being held on the afternoon of Saturday 2nd December. We really hope you can all come along and enjoy yourselves - there's a brand new Santa's Grotto, a whole bunch of animals to meet, mulled wine, hot sausages as well as brand new games, tombolas and even Miss Cooke wearing antlers in the stocks.. Don't ask!!

We will be asking your children to design the poster for the fair and we'd love as many entries as possible.

If you would like to get involved by running a stall or helping to set up, then please do get in touch.

**BIG ANNOUNCEMENT:** We've had some really exciting news this week; 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!! We will be sending home more details soon and asking you to try and get as many votes as possible to help us win the money for the school. Exciting times everyone!

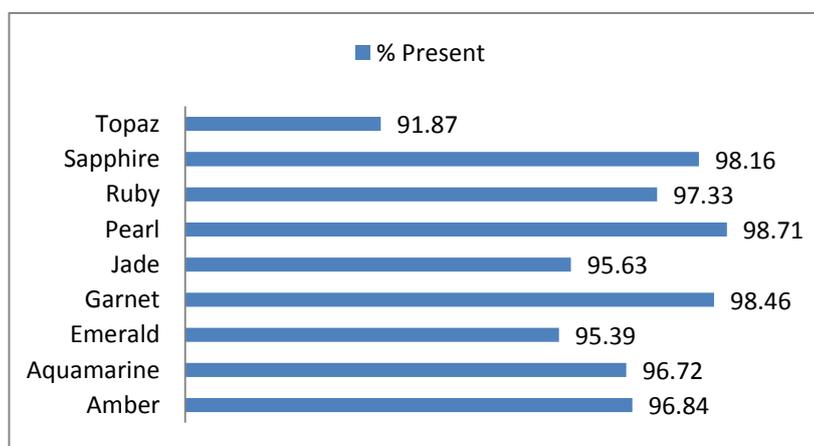
### **Attendance**

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



2-6 Oct Pearl class  
9-13 Oct Jade class

### **Class attendance graph**



## Dates – Autumn Term 2017

Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival 2.30pm EYFS parent consultations
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup>	FoEC disco
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Wear it Pink day Half term
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Training day
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> day back for children – No Gymnastics for Y3 &4
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	FoEC – 3.30pm - Hot chocolate & a biscuit
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Emerald Sports Festival
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Anti Bullying week – All different All equal 3pm SEND parent consultations
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need
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

*Stars of the Week*  
*September 2017*

**Amber**

**Topaz**

**Emerald**

Skye Duffield  
Anna Dimitrova  
Safaa Ali  
Ruby D'Arcy

**Jade**

Kevin Bacaonau  
Carter Bickerton  
Sebastian Sibley  
Leah Clarke-Cree

**Sapphire**

Jesse Ahmed  
Deshauna Johnson  
Antonio Greco  
Maja Neumann

**Ruby**

Esha Malik  
Mateusz Supera  
Dara Ajibola  
Boden Elphee

**Garnet**

Daniel Rizzo  
Mathew Johnstone  
Ophelia Watson  
Jimmy Johnson

**Aquamarine**

Tommy Willars  
Andrei Stoian  
Alessio Marotta  
Felix Willmott

**Pearl**

Rachael Lehain  
Dominika Dul  
Harry Roffe