



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – May 2024

A message from Miss Cooke

Half Term is upon us! School closes on Friday 24th May 2024 and reopens on Monday 3rd June 2024.

The first half of summer term has been extremely busy and the second half of the summer term will be even busier! There are some annual events that will be happening such as, camping, sports mornings, Father's Day Breakfast and the Summer Fair. We look forward to welcoming you to these events. Please look at the diary dates on the end of this newsletter and note down the important dates.

We have been fortunate enough to extend Mrs Pearce's role in school and she is now undertaking work to support all the families of children at Edith Cavell. Mrs Pearce, as our Family Support Worker, works every day and is able to work closely with families, pupils, and staff in a number of ways including:

- Support for families who need help with form filling
- Support for families who need advice about benefits
- Routines at home
- Relationships within the family
- Early help for families
- Referring to organisations which can help families for many reasons
- School attendance

Or, she can just listen if a concern or worry has arisen. All support given will be dealt with sensitively and confidently within safeguarding parameters.

A reminder to all parents, that children in Year 4 or below, **MUST** be delivered to the classroom in a morning. Children cannot be left at the school gate to make their own way to their classroom. They must be delivered, safely to the classrooms. Children in Year 5 and 6 are allowed to arrive and leave the school site independently, but it is not acceptable for Year 5 & 6 children to deliver younger children to classrooms.

We are aware that finding places to park close to school can be a challenge and would encourage parents to ensure that they have the time to park a little way away from school and walk to the playground, while still ensuring that their children are on time for school and being on time at 3.30pm to collect their children. Parents **should not use the staff car park** at the start and end of school sessions including at lunchtime when bringing children to Little Treasures.

Have a wonderful half term holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back at 8.45am on Monday 3rd June 2024

Miss Cooke

Coffee Morning

On Thursday 6th June, parents are invited to a Coffee morning taking place in the school hall 9am – 10am.

Mrs Stanton, our SENDCO, Mrs Pearce our Family Support Worker will both be available for parents to chat with along with a representative from the Bedford Parent Carer Forum and Friends of Edith Cavell. Miss Cooke, may also drop in.

Please come along and have a chat if you have a concern about anything. We will do our best to help.

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Uniform



A polite reminder to label your child's clothing with his/ her name.

We always do our best to return all your child's belongings at the end of the day, but sadly, this can be difficult if the belongings aren't labelled. All of their uniform looks the same and often the same size. Please help us to look after your child's belongings by labelling everything. When we find clothing with names in, we will return it to the child.

Facebook and Instagram



Look out for our re-vamped Facebook page. We have uploaded lots of useful information from Bedford Borough Children's Centres for you to have a look at. Please like and follow our page for regular updates. Instagram to be updated shortly.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100079209452017>

Father's Day Breakfast – and Storytelling



Following the success of our Mother's Day breakfast in March, we propose to hold our Father's Day breakfast on Friday 14th June 2024.

We invite that important male role model in each pupil's life to come and enjoy breakfast with us at school. Following breakfast, we ask that all dad's, grandad's, step dad's, uncle's or big brothers go to their child's classroom and share a storybook with them. It is a proven fact the importance of children seeing the important male influences in their life being readers and reading to them. We ask you on this father's day event to be that positive male role model to your children.



Friday Classroom reading with parents

Thank you to all the parents who come in on a Friday morning to share a book with their children. You are demonstrating to the children the importance of reading and your support of their reading. We are aware that it is not possible for all parents to come into school on a Friday morning due to other commitments, but wish to extend that invitation to all for any occasion it does work with your schedule. We look forward to seeing any parents between 8.45am and 8.55am on a Friday morning.



Class Photos – Wednesday 19th June 2024

On the list of dates at the end of this newsletter the date for class photos is given. Please note this date so you can ensure that your child is ready to have their photograph taken on that date.

PE Kit



As we move further into the summer term, it is possible for more PE lessons to take place outside. It is important to ensure that children have the correct PE kit in school – **including correctly fitting plimsolls or trainers**. We are finding that many children do not have the correct footwear to enable them to safely take part in PE lessons.

Part of changing for PE lessons is that all jewellery including earrings should be removed. Please ensure that if your child is wearing earrings for school, they are able to remove those earrings themselves, or parents remove the earrings at home on days that PE takes place.

Sun Safety



As the summer term progresses we are seeing some increasingly sunny and warm days. In order for children to be safe in the sun, we ask that parents apply sun cream to their children before they come to school in the morning, but also that each child has a **named** sun hat available



that they can wear when out in the sun for lessons as well as playtimes. Also it is important that children have a water bottle available every day so that they can drink throughout the day and especially when they have been running around at playtimes.

Cancellation of Wraparound Care Clubs

Now that our Care Clubs are becoming busier just a reminder about when to cancel a booking if you no longer need it.

Please note that if a booked session is cancelled within the cancellation period or your child is absent from school due to illness, it will be credited towards future sessions. The credit is held in your Parent Pay account.

To receive a credit, cancellations for GEMS After School Club must be made before 9.30am on the day of the session. Cancellations for Breakfast Club must be made **the day before** the session. **Any sessions cancelled after these times will be charged.**

Family Hubs – Bedford Borough



As you are aware Bedford Borough Family Hubs have been established within the Borough. The hubs are working to support families, children, young people from 0-19 (25 with SEND).

Each half term the Family Hubs send a newsletter out containing information on parenting support available, activities and other useful information.

Families can sign up to receive regular updates from the family hubs using this link

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKBEDFORD/signup/38470>

Family hubs are also undertaking a survey. The survey is aimed at all parents and carers of children 0-19 (25 with SEND) and will help us shape the future of Family Hubs in Bedford.

It is important that we hear as many voices as possible during this process to ensure that our offer is appropriate for all our families. The survey is open until the end of June 2024.

<http://bit.ly/familyhubparentsurvey>

Parent advice and support for Online Safety

Each month we try and provide parents with access to articles and advice on how they can continue to support their children at home with being safe online. This month we are providing further support around gaming for parents



For Parents - Nintendo Switch Parental Controls

All tech devices come with parental controls, but they're not always easy to find or understand and they can differ quite significantly from device to device.

The Nintendo Switch, which is a very popular device, has a range of parental controls such as browser access, restricting games based on age, chat settings and more and more.

Internet Matters have a great guide for parents which can be downloaded. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

For Parents - Talking About Online Harassment and Abuse

Sadly, many children and young people believe that online harassment and abuse are just a part of being online, in other words - normalised. This should never be the case, but it can be difficult to strike up a conversation. Internet Matters have a really good guide for parents which they can use for conversation starters.

You can download the guide [HERE](#).

For Parents - Managing Screen Time

With half-term almost upon us some parents will be looking for guidance about helping their children to develop a healthy relationship with technology.

Internet Matters have a series of tips and guides to help with this including setting up parental controls, finding other activities to do, agreeing on boundaries and more. You can view the guidance [HERE](#).

A message from the Friends of Edith Cavell

For those of you who are new to the school, Friends of Edith Cavell run various events throughout the year for the children and their families.

The next annual event is the Summer Fair which will be held on Thursday 4th July from 3:45 - 5:30.

This is a £5 wristband inflatables event and the wristbands will be available to buy two weeks before the 4th July.

We will have various stalls, BBQ and ice cream. On the day you will be able to buy tokens (50p each) that you and your children will use to pay for the stalls/games/food.

We will also be holding a mufti day (non uniform) on Friday 28th June. This year, if you choose not to wear uniform on that day, please donate one of the following:

Wrapped sweets

Or

Bottles for Miss Cooke's famous bottle stall

Or

£1 .

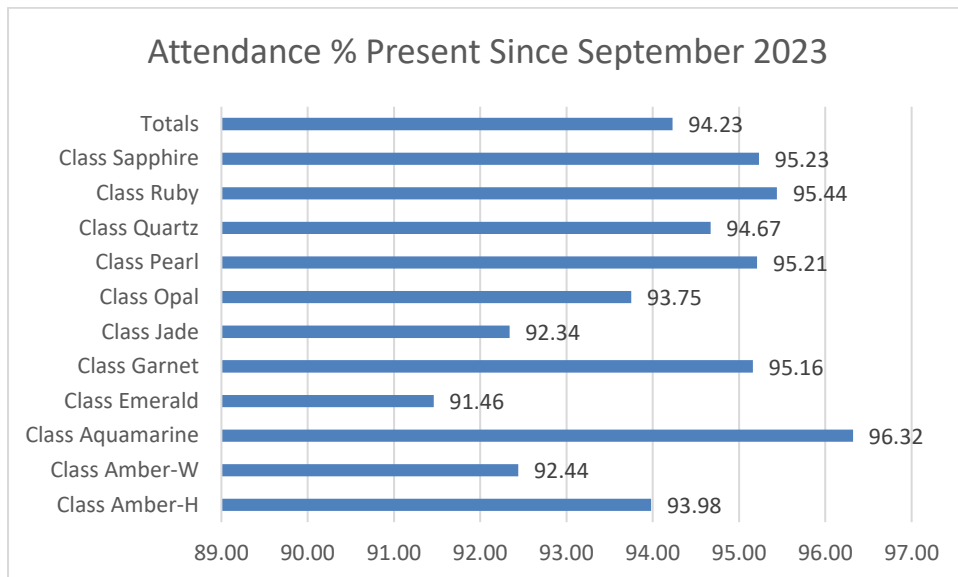
What we really, really need on the day is helpers. Can you run a stall with a friend - if so, please get in touch with the school office.

Let's keep our fingers crossed for great weather!

Thanks so much

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Attendance



Dates for your Diary - Summer 2024

Fri 24 th May	Last Day before Half term
Mon 3 rd June	1 st Day back for children
Wed 5 th	Year 3 Adventure Day
Thur 6 th	Coffee Morning 9am – 10am
Mon 10 th	Y1 Phonics Test week
Tue 11 th	FoEC – Father's Day Shop after school
Wed 12 th	Year 4 Camping
Thur 13 th	Year 6 Camping Year 4 come home
Fri 14 th	Father's Day breakfast – 8am Year 6 come home
Tue 18 th	SEND Parent consultations
Wed 19 th	Class photos Lego Club
Thur 20 th	New Parents information evening (Reception 2024)
Wed 26 th	Lego Club
Fri 28 th	Non-uniform day for FoEC Summer Fair
Tue 2 nd July	Y6 Transfer day
Wed 3 rd	Lego Club
Thur 4 th	FoEC Summer Fair
Fri 5 th	Reports out to parents (Not Y6)
Mon 8 th	Open afternoon from 2.30pm
Tue 9 th	Y6 SAT's results returned 9.30am UKS2 Sports morning Parent consultations, if required (Not Y6)
Wed 10 th	9.30am KS1 Sports morning Biddenham Steam Fair Y6 reports out Lego Club Y6 leavers concert
Thur 11 th	9.30am LKS2 Sports morning Y6 Parent consultations, if required
Fri 12 th	9.30am Reception sports morning
Mon 15 th	KS2 rounders competition
Tue 16 th	UKS2 music showcase 2pm
Fri 19 th	End of school year Early finish

Academic Year 2023 – 2024

Summer Term 2024

Training Day – Monday 15th April 2024
Children return – Tuesday 16th April 2024
May Day – Monday 6th May 2024
Half term – Monday 27th May 2024
Children return – Monday 3rd June 2024
Term ends – Friday 19th July 2024

Academic Year 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Training Day – Monday 2nd September 2024
Children return – Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Half term – Monday 28th October 2024
Children return – Monday 4th November 2024
Term ends – Tuesday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

Training Day – Monday 6th January 2025
Children return – Tuesday 7th January 2025
Half term – Monday 17th February 2025
Children return – Monday 24th February 2025
Term ends - Thursday 4th April 2025

Summer Term 2025

Training Day – Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Children return – Wednesday 23rd April 2025
May Day – Monday 5th May 2025
Half term – Monday 26th May 2025
Children return – Monday 2nd June 2025
Term ends – Friday 18th July 2025

The school term dates for 2024 – 2025 are available on the school web site. 2025 – 2026 will be available before the end of June.