



EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ambitious, Achieving and Nurturing

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Newsletter – July 2024

A note from Miss Cooke

Nearly the end of another jam-packed school year! Yet still so much to pack in in the last couple of weeks! For anyone that thinks the last few weeks are easy in school, that we are not doing much, has clearly not worked in a school! Sports days, are enjoyable for all taking part, but take a huge amount of organising, practising and trials behind the scenes. The children will still be learning, working and developing right to the end of the school year.

Thank you to The Friends of Edith Cavell, children, parents and staff for the amazing Summer Fair. It was wonderful to see children and whole families enjoying the event and raising some money at the same time. Thank you to the Friends of Edith Cavell for all their hard work in organising the event and the ongoing support of FoEC and families supporting their events.

Next year is going to be another jam packed exciting and special one. Edith Cavell school is 50 years old. We have reached our Golden Anniversary. Edith Cavell Lower School first opened in September 1974. So throughout next academic year we plan to celebrate in a variety of different ways with activities and experiences for the children in school, some of which we will share with parents at various points in the year. Please look out for details next year.

We have said 'Hello' to a large number of new children and families who have joined the school throughout the academic year. We hope that you will be remaining as part of the Edith Cavell family and will join in with all the exciting opportunities that are available to you next year. If any parent is not sure about anything, we would encourage you to read communication that has been emailed out to you, consult the school website, where most information and answers can be found and if necessary then contact the school. We want everyone to be fully informed, understand systems, the way we do things and not miss important and exciting events. But that does rely on parents and carers taking responsibility for reading communication and taking note of information.

We are saying 'Goodbye' to all our Year 6 pupils who will be moving on to their secondary schools. We wish each and every one of the Year 6 children the best at their new schools and hope that they can remember all that they have learnt while at Edith Cavell, both academically and about doing the right thing in difficult situations. The progress, achievement and personal development of this group of children, is amazing and we have rightly celebrated it in various ways.

Over the summer holidays, class email accounts will not be monitored. When your child moves into their new class in September, you will be advised of the class email address for your child's new class teacher. All other communication should be sent to the school email address, (office@ecls.org.uk) that will be monitored weekly over the summer holidays.

Have a wonderful holiday and we will see the children back in school on Tuesday 3rd September at 8.45am.

Miss Cooke



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Open Afternoon – Monday, 8th July 2024

We will again be holding our Open Afternoon, for parents to come into school and look at their children's exercise books, have a tour around the school from their children, and chat with staff, this will take place on Monday, 8th July 2024 Parents will be allowed into school from 2.30pm. They may then take their child home once they have signed them out.

Sports Mornings

We look forward to welcoming parents to our fun Sports Mornings. All the children will take part in FUN sporting events in the week commencing 8th July, weather permitting. Each of the morning events will start at approximately 9.30am, to allow for registration, set up, and organisation.

Mon 8 th July	Little Treasure – morning children
Tue 9 th July	UKS2 Sports morning Little Treasures - afternoon children – 2pm
Wed 10 th July	KS1 Sports morning
Thur 11 th July	LKS2 Sports morning
Fri 12 th July	Reception Sports morning



Please ensure that your child has their PE kit with well-fitting sports footwear, a water bottle, and a sun hat in school on the correct day. Please also ensure that they are wearing sunscreen to protect them while outside.

Our Y5 & 6 Sports leaders will be demonstrating their leadership and organisational skills by directing the activities for the younger children during the sports mornings and so we ask that parents encourage all the children taking part in the activities.

Please remember that if you are taking photographs at any of the sports events, any photos should be for family use only and should not be published on social media. The school obtains specific permission from parents to publish photographs on social media.

End of Year Reports and Parent Consultations – If required

End of Year Reports for Reception, and Y1 to Y5 will be sent home on Friday 5th July 2023.

If parents have any questions that arise after reading their child's report, they can book a **face-to-face** appointment with their child's class teacher for Tuesday 9th July 2023 (this will be for Rec and Y1 – Y5).

Reports for Y6 will be sent home on Wednesday, 10th July 2023 (After the KS2 SAT results have been returned to school on 9th July). If parents have any questions that arise after reading their child's report, they can book a **face-to-face** appointment with their child's class teacher for Thursday 11th July 2023 (this will be for Years 6).

Year 6 Leavers Performance

Parents of children in Year 6 are invited to join us to enjoy the leavers performance that their children have been preparing over the past couple of weeks. This performance will take place at 5.30pm on Wednesday 10th July 2023.

We ask that only parents attend this concert. The Year 6 children will perform to the rest of school earlier in the day.

Children in Year 6 should return to school by 5pm on that day ready for the performance to start at 5.30pm.

Last Day of Term – Friday, 19th July 2024

We would like to give parents the opportunity to collect their children early on the afternoon of the last day of term, Friday, 19th July 2024. Children may be collected at **1.45pm**.



Any child may stay in school until the normal end of the school day if parents are working or they do not wish to collect them early.

Please click on this link to complete the attached form to indicate if you plan to collect your child/ren early or wish for them to remain at school until the normal end of school day. If we do not receive a completed form, we will assume that you wish your child to remain in school until the normal end of school day time.

<https://forms.gle/4x466RMpyFHjYev79>

Please note: Year 5 and Year 6 children will not be allowed to leave early without the school receiving a completed form from parents.

Parents may collect their child/ren at the early finish time from their normal class. Any children not collected at the early finish time will be cared for in their phase groups until the normal end of day.

There will be just two points at which children may be collected or dismissed, either the early finish time indicated in the table below **or** at the normal end of day from their collection/dismissal point listed – **not** at any other time.

End of Day Collection/Dismissal Points - (For children staying until the normal end of day)

- **Reception and Nursery** should be collected from their **classrooms as normal**
- **KS1** should be collected from **Jade classroom**
- **LKS2** should be collected from **Garnet** classroom
- **UKS2** will be dismissed from **Quartz** classroom

GEMS – Afterschool Club

The after school club will be available **until 4.30pm on Friday 19th July** and bookings should be made in the normal way via Parent Pay.

Returning to School for the New School Year – Autumn Term 2024

All children return to school at 8.45am on **Tuesday 3rd September 2024**.

Breakfast and After School Club will be available on Tuesday, 3rd September and can be booked through Parent Pay in the usual way.

UKS2 General Election – Written by Sophia Lowe – Opal Class

In UKS2 we have been learning about the general election. While learning about the general election we had decided to have a school election. There were three classes competing Quartz, Pearl and Opal.

In our first lesson we came up with our team names and slogans. Opal's name was Elite and our slogan was small changes elite future. Quartz name was Bright Minds and their slogan was everybody has a spark. Pearl's name was School Saviours and their slogan was Don't be a fool, Save the school. We then wrote up our manifestos which included so many different ideas like how we can improve the hygiene, how we can make nicer school meals and how we can improve our library. Then we had to pick our party leader. After that we had a debate with the other classes. Then we got to perform our speeches. For the next couple of days, we started to go around to the different classes and campaign.

Finally, it came to the election day where every child in school got a ballot paper and we crossed off who we wanted to lead our school. At the end of the day we found out who was going to lead our school and it was Elite. I (the party leader) got to become Miss Cooke for the day. So, the next day, on Friday 5th July I went to Miss Cooke's office and I spent a day being her.

First, we had a cup of tea and then I got to run Celebration Assembly with Miss Cooke. After assembly, we had a meeting with Mrs Campbell, the School Business Manager about the new catering contract for the school. Next, I had to sign some orders, for the school to pay for Spelling Shed for another year, to have the trim trail safety inspection and for some really strong glue for Mr Shehu, the site manager to use. I also watched Miss Cooke have to pay some of the bills for the school for things like the new PE equipment we have had, the grass to be cut and the bins to be emptied. I helped Miss Cooke to write part of her report for the school governors and this report for the newsletter.



I also discussed with Miss Cooke, the manifesto ideas that my class The Elite Party had come up with. We talked about which ideas would actually be possible and which would just cost too much for the school. The whole of The Elite Party had Hot Chocolate with the Head, in our classroom while Miss Cooke and I fed back about the manifesto ideas.

I really enjoyed being Miss Cooke for the day, but was very scared in Assembly!

Caterlink Parental Survey

As your catering provider we value feedback from all stakeholders to help us improve the service we provide to you and your pupils. This term we are completing a **Parent/Guardian survey** on the meal provision we provide.

We would like Parents/Guardians to be part of this survey, please use the survey link below to take part. The survey will close on 31st July. School will receive feedback from the survey in the autumn term.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN9XYWJ>

Lost Property

We have a great deal of lost property that has accumulated over the past couple of terms. These are mainly items of clothing that do not have names in them.

On the last day of term, weather permitting, we will be putting out tables at the start and end of the day with the lost property displayed. Please have a look if your child has lost any items over the year.

Any items not claimed at the end of the day will be recycled and NOT available in September.



Attendance

On newsletters each month, we include the attendance of each class. This is an attempt to highlight to parents the importance of regular attendance at school.

The government sets a minimum expectation of 94% attendance for each child. As a school, our attendance level this year has 93% This is well below the expected attendance level for a school.

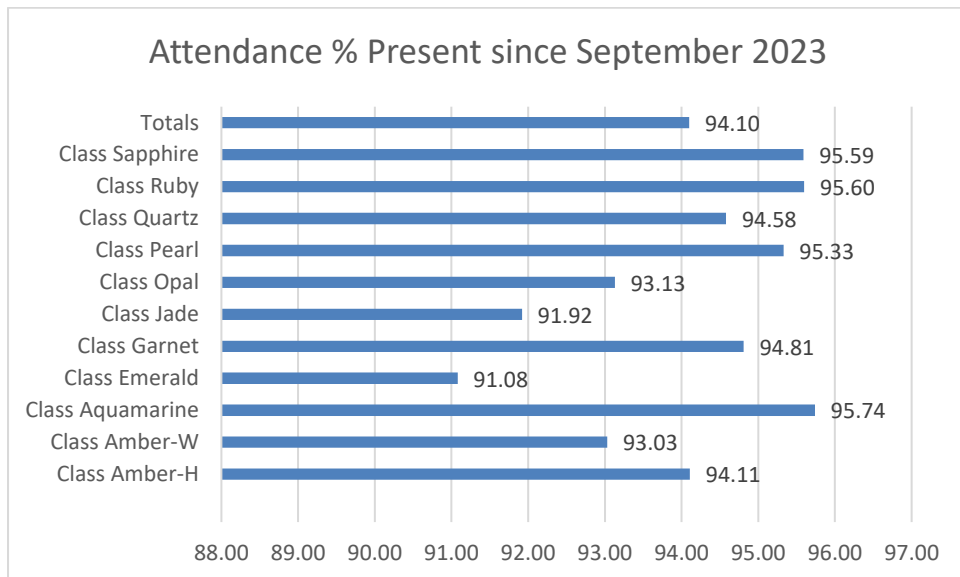


This figure is affected by children being ill, but it is also significantly impacted by the number of families taking holidays in term time. This could be returning a couple of days late at the start of term or leaving early at the end of a term. All these days out of school affect your child's learning and our school attendance levels.

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On your child's end of year report, your child's attendance was colour coded. If your child's attendance was coloured red or yellow, then there should be improvement in their attendance next academic year. If a child's attendance is only 90% for the year as a whole, that is equivalent to 4 whole weeks of lessons, 20 days missed learning. Any missed learning leaves gaps in understanding and can be difficult to catch up.

Please do not plan to take holiday in term time, ensure that medical appointments are made for the school holidays and that children arrive at school on time and ready to learn.



Summer Reading Challenge



The Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge starts on Saturday 13 July and finishes on Saturday 7 September. Children can register for the challenge between these dates in [all libraries](#) during staffed hours, as well as the [mobile library](#). It's completely free to take part, and children will receive everything they need to earn rewards for reading library books.

- 6 books = certificate
- 12 books = door hanger
- 18 books = medal

Children or their parent/guardian will need to have a library card to register for the Summer Reading Challenge. You can join during staffed hours at any library, on the mobile library, or [join online](#). There will be free crafts for children in all libraries every day of the school holidays, as well as regular activities like Lego Club, Sunday Funday, and Story Time. Check your [local library](#) for what's on.



The Summertime Book Review Competition is back!
Win a full library of 200 books for your school, and the winning KS2 class will get the chance to talk to 'Skandar' author A F Steadman!

What could you win?

A F Steadman is the globally bestselling author of the 'Skandar' series, a gripping story set on a mysterious island off the British mainland and featuring young unicorn riders. Skandar and the Unicorn Thief received widespread acclaim and went on to scoop the prestigious Waterstones Children's Book of the Year 2022. The second instalment of the series, Skandar and the Phantom Rider, followed in 2023 and the third, Skandar and the Chaos Trials, published in April of this year. The fourth book, Skandar and the Skeleton Curse, will be out on 10th October this year.

With thanks to our partners at Wob, the two winning schools will each receive the fantastic prize of 200 books to boost their school library! The winning pupils will each receive a certificate and a £25 book voucher.



When by?

All entries need to be submitted by 5pm
on Saturday 30th September 2024!



Important information

This is a competition for pupils of primary school age in the UK. By entering the book review competition participants and their parent(s) or guardian(s) are deemed to have accepted and agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions.

The child's name and age and an adult's contact details must be included with each entry. Please also include the name and town of the entrant's primary school so we can contact them. Any entries will be anonymised if publicised, see T'c and C's for more information.

You can use one of the templates on our website, one from your school, or create your own.

**Send entries by e-mail to admin@schoolreaders.org or post them to:
Schoolreaders, Bedford Heights, Brickhill Drive, Bedford, MK41 7PH.**

To find out more visit www.schoolreaders.org

For full details about the competition; suggestions for what to include in your review; templates; and terms and conditions visit: <https://www.schoolreaders.org/bookreview>

New Uniform for September

Please ensure that you put your child's name in any new school wear so it can be returned to them if it becomes lost.

If any family find that their children have grown out of parts of their school uniform, we would be very happy to receive donations if it still is in good condition and can't be passed on to younger siblings.

We often support families who join our school, with good quality second hand uniform and are always looking to replenish our stock. So as the end of the year is approaching, and you are considering kitting out your children for the new school year, please consider if you could donate any outgrown uniform that is still in good condition.

Please send any donations to the school office.



We currently have a supply of good quality second hand uniform in school and are happy to support any families who are pupil premium (Free School Meals). A date will be arranged to try on uniform. Please contact the office if you are interested.

On-Line Safety - For Parents

For Parents - Y6 Transition to Secondary School

As children make that move into secondary school it's likely that many will experience many 'digital firsts'. Internet Matters have a lovely, useful guide for parents about children moving to secondary school with advice such as:

- What are children doing online.
- Are they ready for a smartphone (if they haven't already got one!).
- Activities children and parents can do together.
- and more

You can find the guidance [HERE](#).

Childnet - Updated Resources

Childnet have got quite a few free resources for schools and recently they have updated two of those, specifically Screen Time and Healthy Balance (for 7-11 year olds) and To Stream or Not to Stream (for 11+).

You can access both of these resources [HERE](#).

For Parents - WhatsApp Safety Guide

Given that WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world it's no surprise I find children from Year 3 upwards using it with very little understanding of what safety features are available. Internet Matters has a great guide for parents about privacy settings, where to get support and more.

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

Campaign - Think Before you Share

There are increased warnings that the soliciting and sharing of nude imagery has become normalised among young people and as such the Internet Watch Foundation has launched a new campaign called Think Before you Share which aims to help young people understand the harm of sharing such images of themselves and others.

On [THIS](#) page there is information for teenagers, parents and carers, plus advice/guidance for educators.



Message from Friends of Edith Cavell



A huge thank you to all of the donations for the Summer Fair on Mufti Day. And another huge thank you to everyone who attended the Summer Fair. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves and hear lots of laughter!

The Summer Fair is the main event for FOEC and the money raised will all go back into school in various ways.

Thank you to the Year 6's who helped set up the fair and for running the Penalty Shoot out !

A massive thank you to all the children, parents, carers, grandparents and family, staff and governors who ran stalls, set up and cleared down afterwards!

Fingers crossed the last two Thursday's are sunny so we can sell ice lolly's after school.

We hope you all have a lovely Summer holiday and look forward to seeing you next term.

Dates - Summer 2024

Dates for your Diary - Summer 2024

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 STEM 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
Fri 19 th	End of school year Early finish

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

There are different start dates for Reception and Little Treasures Pre-School, these will be communicated separately

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 2025 – 2026 are available on the school website.

Stars of the Week
June/July 2024

Amber-H
Cohen
Maite
Reanya
Zion

Amber-W
Ayize
Celia
Yousif
Aria
Sami

Pearl
Whole Class
Whole Class

Emerald
Whole Class
Whole Class

Jade
Maxwell
Bilal
Whole School
Zahrah
Bilal

Opal
Whole Class
Clara
Junaid
Chiadika
Frankie

Ruby
Dalton
Oba
Clay
Hashim
Kyra

Garnet
Kian
Jessica H.
Miller
Whole Class
Eliza

Quartz
Amelia
Nathan
Rishon
Rishon
Meerah

Aquamarine
Ray
Lucyanne
Whole Class
Ire
Eljoina

Sapphire
Franklina
Whole Class
Sean
Hajira