



Edith Cavell Academy

Newsletter 17

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2017

Dear Parents, Carers and families,

We all left for half term knowing our school is now recognised as a 'Good' school across the board. Although we are delighted with this outcome, we know we still have a big job to do and our ambition and determination keeps us on our journey. We have successfully recruited more excellent teaching staff to add to our already great team and this will be shared with you after the children know.

This last term allows us to reflect and go forward with new ideas for our teachers and learners for the next academic year. We are at present planning our long term storytelling plans which will be shared with you on our website too. We take great care to ensure your child receives an all-rounded education and that learning is fun. Please may I remind you to be thinking ahead for purchases of school uniform and book bags etc so there is not a rush at the end of term. Thank you

Notes From our Head of School



Save the Children



On Friday 16th June we will be using our grounds to build dens, this is linked to a fundraising initiative for Save the Children. The pupils had an assembly to learn about how Save the Children helps children who have been in a disaster. We learned about the children who were affected by the earthquakes in Nepal, and how Save the Children always make sure they set up some sort of shelter for children without a home. We will be holding a competition in classes to build dens, either inside or outside. Please provide your child with a 50p donation to take part in this lovely event! Also, if you have any old sheets, tarpaulins, ropes etc which you would be happy to donate for the children to use, please bring them in and give them to the class teachers!

We are asking for donations of shoeboxes for the new Reception intake to create their own Chatterboxes ready for September. Chatterboxes are special to each child and they are a part of speaking and listening activities. If you have a spare shoe box that you are willing to donate then please drop it off at the Office or either hand to one of the members of staff in the Reception classroom.

Thank you!



This week we have received confirmation from Comic Relief of the total amount raised by the school on **Red Nose Day - an impressive £319.55!** That's a fantastic sum of money, so well done to everyone who got involved. We will proudly be displaying our certificate in the entrance area.

If you would like to see a short film thanking all schools who took part, please visit:
rednoseday.com/thankyouschools

Year 6 held their class assembly about their Camp to Mersea Island. They invited Year 4 and 5 and all of the parents to attend. There was a great turnout and the children were so proud to show their parents their wonderful experience. Thankyou to all parents who made it possible for the pupils to go, and for those who came to the assembly. Thankyou to all of the children who were unable to attend camp who helped support our assembly too!



Year 1 have been busy this week with fantastic phonics activities using real words and nonsense words. This term we are carrying on with the dinosaur topic around the Harry and the bucketful of dinosaurs story. All week we have been thinking about being creative writers by making changes to our story of the term. The children been using adjectives in their writing to make their work sound interesting as well as adding brilliant illustrations.

Week Ahead

Monday 8.50-9:30 Enrichment clubs for whole school 12:45-1:10 Gardening club	Tuesday	Wednesday 8.30- 8.45 Wake up Shake up Club 12:45-1:10 Football Gardening club	Thursday Reception family drop in session 14:40	Friday 12:45-1:10 Gardening club
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We have a mix of play leaders that are a mix of years 5 and 6 who work together to lead and encourage children to take part in playtime activities. These activities range from skipping and parachute games to rounders and cricket!

Norwich City Council is planning to implement a Controlled Parking Zone for the Lakenham area of south Norwich. This is likely to mean that Duckett Close will be parking permits only, and on Barrett Road it will be an urban clearway at any time (set down and pick up allowed but no parking).

These changes will affect parents who drive their children to school. It has been suggested that parents park in the Hall Road retail park and walk across to the school. This is now possible as a new footpath has been constructed from Lakenham way to the back of the Hughes store in the retail park with a footpath to the car park. There is a gate in place at present and this should be unlocked. **We have been informed by some of our parents that this gate has not yet been unlocked, please be assured that we are looking into this matter; the company who own the gate are currently checking to ensure that it is safe for pedestrians to access the gate and will open it when this is completed.**



The internet can be a fantastic tool if used in the correct way. Children often understand technology far better than most adults but often don't think in a "street safe" way when it comes to browsing the internet. As a school we monitor internet traffic and filter out any material that is unsuitable for children (these filters are compliant with Department for Education guidelines). As a parent it can be hard to keep tabs on what your child is searching, watching or playing on the internet at home. There are lots of resources to help you keep your child safe while they are using the internet, in particular we recommend <http://parentzone.org.uk/>. If you have any further concerns then please do not hesitate to seek advice from the school, who will put you in touch with one of our Trust ICT Managers who will be happy to advise you.

Well done to our 'Celebration Assembly' winners below; keep up the good work!

Winners from 3rd March



Norfolk County Council

2016-2017

Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 1 & 2 September and 4 January and two others of the schools choice. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these

Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised and depending on circumstances you may be referred to Norfolk County Council for a fixed penalty notice. Taking your child out of school during term time will be detrimental to their educational progress. Please note that all children should be in school for the whole month of May due to SATS exams.

More Dates for your diaries (N.B: dates are provisional and subject to change)

Mon 12th - Fri 16th June
Week 2 Dinner Menu

Mon 12th June - Yr 1
Phonics screening week

Reception Reading Cafe
Thursday 15th, 14:15
onwards

Fri 30th June - Sports day
afternoon

Mon 3rd July reports and
Transition time - details to
follow

End of term - Friday 21st
July

Back to school -
Wednesday 6th September