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Dear Parents, Carers and families,

As we welcome back our current and new children, we would like to extend our welcome to family members bringing their children to school and collecting them. Our philosophy is 'Happy children achieve.' Remember, we are here for you and if you need a discussion with us, come to the office, make an appointment and we will be glad to see you.

So, **What is New** at Edith Cavell Academy and Nursery apart from some new staff ?

We are excited to say we are now a 'Story Telling School', which means that our children are storytellers themselves. Our storytelling approach raises writing standards and language acquisition. Children like it- they become engaged. It is an inclusive method, everyone can access it. We link as much of the learning back to a main text to understand and deepen their learning on a story, extend sentence structure and achieve across the curriculum. Homework, issued on a Thursday, will link to the text and will need to be handed in to the class teacher by the following Wednesday at the latest.



HIGH EXPECTATIONS



'Learning Values'; Quite simply a learning value is designed to develop our children's attitude to learning.

Once they develop their attitudes to learning, have the tools to improve, see the point of improving and feel the benefit of their extra effort, they cannot fail!

Throughout the year, our school will have six over-arching values and the tag-lines associated with them, which allow them to meet the value, are decided by our School Parliament. This half term's Learning Value is; **High Expectations**.

Our new sentence structure programme is influenced by Alan Peat, a Staffordshire Literacy Advisor and extend writing, which is more interesting for the reader. Learning through fun is what we are all about! Has your child told you about list sentences?



Thank you to those of you who returned the questionnaires last term. We learned a great deal from them; one such lesson has resulted in us planning more parent meetings/phone calls with our teaching staff about your children, so that you know more information more often. Your child will have dates to follow linked to their house colour. More next week!

We are focused on our child learning and having fun. Help us raise our children's confidence in themselves by getting them in school on time every day. On Monday we have a surprise for your child, it will not only improve their fitness but will make playtimes even happier!



The well being of your child is our concern too. The staff in school are here for you and your family and we would like you to know our job roles and responsibilities. Therefore, next week, you will receive a newsletter with all of this information, together with an image of us, so you can match a name to a face.

This half term, each class is studying a different country and, we will invite you to our 'International Celebration event'. Children are learning to cook for this and will make crafts related to their country of learning.

For more information on the learning in your child's class, please read the class curriculum map on the chalk board. Our website holds all our long term curriculum plans.



Have you seen our revamped library? Here's our story bedroom. We also have a story garden. Come in and see. There is so much new exciting learning for your child to look forward to this year and if there is anything else you would like to know, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks,

Ms. P. Jones
Head of School