

Dear Parents

It doesn't seem possible that it is already half-term - how time has flown! As usual we have a number of updates and news items for everyone.

Questionnaires

We have had an excellent response to the parent questionnaires, thank you to all who have completed them. We appreciate your time and your views are really important to us. The outcomes will be reported in the next newsletter.

What a Knight Production

A big thank you for all of the support with costumes and learning lines. All of the children were superstars! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performances.

Music



In our last newsletter we shared the exciting news that Cedars was the first school in Newport Pagnell to be awarded the Quality Music Mark. This week, our children have showcased their musical talent to their families and friends in our Summer Concert.

Our instrumentalists are taught by experienced teachers from the Milton

Keynes Music Co-operative. We are finalising our lessons for next year and have very few spaces left. If your child would like this exciting opportunity to have quality instrumental tuition at school, then please contact the office. A letter will also be issued to all pupils who are keen to learn following a repeat performance of our Summer Concert to the school shortly after half-term. We offer lessons for brass, flute, violin, guitar and keyboard.

Walk to School Week

Happy Shoesday was a great success, raising £131 pounds for the 'Living Streets' charity. Plans are being finalised for the new cycle shelter and scooter rack. Along with other Primary Schools in Newport Pagnell, an order will be placed within the next half term. We can't wait for this new facility to be ready for September.

Quiz Night - well done Team Rainbow

The Quiz Night was a great success, the total raised was £297.63, fantastic! The money raised will go towards renewing and developing the line marking on the playground. Children have also requested racquets, long skipping ropes and balls. The new line markings will be ready for September.

Frozen Friday!

This will be in full swing next half term thanks to the support and hard work of our Parent Teacher Friends Committee. Please remember to have your money ready on Fridays to enjoy a 'taste of summer'!



Summer Fair – Friday 1st July

We are all hoping that by the beginning of July the weather will be much warmer



and that we will be blessed with lovely sunny skies for our Summer Fair. Plans are now well underway for this long established annual event and we shall be writing nearer the time with more details.

PTFA Raffles

The PTFA has raised an amazing £87, so far, from raffle ticket sales at assemblies and performances. Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket and well done to all the winners. An extra thank you for those who have donated their winnings back to the school.

The PTFA will continue to hold these mini raffles at each performance and look forward to raising lots more!

Holiday Dates and Holiday Leave

Please remember that the school is unable to authorise any absence in term time for holidays.



In addition, a number of parents have asked about the school holiday dates for next year - these are on the school web site and I have included them again on this newsletter.

Year 6 Residential

Year 6 had a fantastic week at PGL's Caythorpe Court. We had a truly adventurous time, trying out Zip Wire, Trapeze (a terrifying leap of faith!), archery, rifle shooting and many more activities. We worked well as teams, supporting and encouraging each other to overcome fears and doubts. The staff

were relieved to have a weekend to recover and catch up on some sleep!

Photographs of the residential visit for Year 6 have been uploaded to the web site for parents to see. Please click on 'Events' and then scroll down to 'Year 6 Residential visit to PGL Caythorpe Court'.

We are pleased to confirm that we have booked for next year for the current Year 5 children. Letters went home to parents on Wednesday 25th May, if you require another copy please contact the school office.

School Uniform

Please can I remind everyone that it is **expected that all children come to school dressed in school uniform and wear PE Clothing** in line with our policy. Please remember that summer shoes/sandals should be appropriate and robust; flip-flops, open-toed flimsy sandals are not suitable. In addition shorts may be worn but they should be proper tailored school shorts.

There is a rising popularity for painted decorative nails! **Please remember that nail varnish should be removed before coming to school.** We know that many of the girls love to have their nails painted for special occasions, however this is not suitable for school.

In addition, any **sweatshirts/cardigans should have the school logo.** We do have some second-hand uniform in school, if you are interested please see a member of the school office team.

Sport Achievements

Well done and congratulations to the Year 5/6 children who recently

participated in swimming, gymnastics and rounders - three inter-school sporting competitions. Our first outing to a Gymnastics competition and the Gymnastics team came 5th out of 18 - well done.

Great news for the Yr 5/6 boys' football team. Following a very successful season that saw them finish third in their pool, they have qualified for the end of season finals night to be held at Woughton on the Green on Thursday 14th June. Good luck boys!

Governor's Report

The end of another school year is rapidly approaching. It has been a busy and most successful year for Cedars Primary School and a time to look back and evaluate the past year.

What is it that makes Cedars such a special school? We all have our own ideas and opinions and over the next few weeks as the year draws to a close it is a great opportunity to gather together all the views from parents, pupils and staff.

To this end your child has brought home a questionnaire. On behalf of the Governors I would like to say a big thank you for your participation. Your comments are valued and considered in the planning process to work towards an even more successful future for your children and the School.

Jenny Turner

Achievers of the Week

Many congratulations to the following children for their special award of 'Achiever of the Week' :

Alana, Caelan, Callum, Charlotte, Elizabeth, Freya, Isabella, Louie, Poppy, Riley, Ted and Victoria - for all being excellent learners.
Ava, Charlotte, Esme, Florence, Gabriella, Isla, Jack, Jayden, Julia and Kaylin - for always trying their best.
Kyla - great effort in maths.
Issy and Cadee - for their helpful attitude.
Finlay - improved behaviour.

Summer Term 2 2016

May I remind parents that children return to school on **Tuesday 7th June.**

And finally ... it has been a fabulous first half term and as always, thank you all for your wonderful support!

Yours sincerely

Lisa Munday

Holiday Dates 2016-2017

	Open on the morning of:	Close at the end of the afternoon session on:
Autumn Term 2016	Monday 5 th September	Friday 21 st October
	Tuesday 1 st November	Friday 16 th December
Spring Term 2017	Wednesday 4 th January	Friday 10 th February
	Monday 20 th February	Friday 31 st March
Summer Term 2017	Tuesday 18 th April	Friday 26 th May
	Monday 5 th June	Friday 21 st July

School will also be closed on **Monday 1st May 2017** - Spring Bank Holiday.