

Dear Parents

With the darker evenings now with us, it really does feel like autumn is turning into winter! We have just a few updates and reminders for everyone this week.

MK Primary School Cross Country Championship

On Saturday 5th November Cedars Primary School entered a Team of Runners in the Annual MK Primary School Cross Country Championships. We were very proud of the children's excellent performances. In particular the Senior Girls' Team was the overall Small School Winners. Well done girls!

Junior Boys' Team

Alfred 87th and Charlie 103rd

Senior Boys' Team

Phillip 83rd, Fin 7th, Daniel 87th and Eden 84th

Junior Girls' Team

Grace 103rd, Tilly 104th, Jacqueline 88th, Isabelle 23rd and Zoe 22nd

Senior Girls' Team

Gemma 2nd, Lauren 40th, Ella 6th, Molly 7th and Elsie 19th

Children in Need - Friday 18th November



On Friday 18th November we will be supporting Children in Need with 'The Big Spotaacular'. We are holding an heroic fundraising event with a spotty-themed fancy dress up day with a donation of £1 per child. We are especially excited this year because our choir has been invited to take part in the BBC East Live Event. The children will spend most of the day at The Stadium:MK preparing for the live broadcast which starts at 7pm. Together with only five other schools from the area, we'll be part of a nationwide choir of 2000 children who will sing "Lean On Me" at 8.40pm. Look out for us!

Christmas Fair - Friday 9th December



The next event is the Christmas Fair - this year we are holding a non-uniform day in aid of the Fair on **Friday 2nd December**. In return for coming to school not wearing uniform we ask that children bring a donation for the Fair. To avoid having too many items of the same kind we would like each year group to bring items for particular stalls as below. However, the PTFA would like to stress that any donations at all are

appreciated. Please can children bring in their donations on the morning of **2nd December** with the exception of cake donations as these are best coming in on the day of the Fair!

- Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 - any form of chocolate or confectionery. This can be a bar of chocolate, a bag of sweets, box of chocolates etc.
- Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 - any form of new bottle donations. Use your imagination on this one. This can be alcohol (Parents must drop this to the school office), soft drinks, ketchup etc. From shampoo to champagne!

These will all be used for our NEW seasonal Tombola and therefore, we would be most grateful of anything you are able to donate.

The class which donates the most goodies will receive a prize! Please hand all donations to the class teacher (exception being alcohol) and we will then count up what is received. The winning class will be announced when the raffle is drawn at the Fair.

In addition to this, we will of course need your continued donations of good quality toys and games for the beloved toy stall.

All profit made at the Christmas Fair will be going towards the continued playground improvements. We do hope to see many of you there and would like to thank you for your continued support.

NEW: Touchscreens in the Classroom



Over the half term break new CLEVERTOUCH screens were successfully fitted in each classroom. Teachers and children are both enjoying using this latest technology to learn.

Christmas Performances



Christmas performance details regarding tickets will be coming home shortly to you. In the meantime, just a reminder of the dates of forthcoming events:

- Monday 5th December, 2pm
Foundation 2 Nativity Play
- Tuesday 6th December, 9:30am
Foundation 2 Nativity Play
- Wednesday 7th December, 2pm
Year 1 & 2 Christmas performance
- Thursday 8th December, 6pm
Year 1 & 2 Christmas performance
- Tuesday 13th December, 9.30am
Foundation 1 Christmas performance
- Wednesday 14th December, 2.30pm
Foundation 1 Christmas performance
- Wednesday 14th December, Christmas Lunch and Christmas parties in the afternoon

Lunchtime and After School Clubs

Our Governors are looking at extending and enhancing the provision of extra curricular (lunchtime and after school) clubs at Cedars Primary, which would mean charging a fee to cover materials, equipment and staffing.



We are therefore consulting with parents and carers to find out if you would be prepared to pay, and if so, how much per club per week.

This would not apply to clubs such as Karate and Tennis which are run by outside professionals - who will continue to take payment directly from parents.

Please would you indicate on the ParentMail survey or by letter if you would be prepared to pay, and suggest a maximum amount.

Uniform Sale

After many years of selling Cedars Primary uniform, John Lewis have advised us that they will no longer be able to supply this on our behalf. We are buying up their remaining (limited) stock and this will be on sale at reasonable prices at the PTFA Christmas Fair on Friday 9th December. This includes fleeces, polo shirts and cardigans and a very small number of sweatshirts.

Uniform will still be available to buy from Tesco online at: tesco.com/ues

Achievers of the Week

In every Friday Celebration Assembly we celebrate children's achievements both at school and from home. Each week the Class Teacher chooses a child for a special award called 'Achiever of the Week'. Many congratulations to the following children for their special awards so far this half term:

- 5/6JK - for a fantastic class assembly.
- Ruby - for always following the Cedars Way and being an excellent role model.
- Emily - for working hard in topic.
- Olivia - a fantastic piece of topic homework over the half term.
- Louis - returning to school with a positive attitude and following the Cedars Way.
- Emilija - for settling well in to Cedars Primary School.
- Lilly - trying her best with her handwriting.
- Frankie - his positive attitude and 100% effort in all areas.
- Connie - fantastic maths and neat presentation.
- Noah - trying his best with his handwriting.

And finally ... thank you, as always for your support of the school and we look forward to another exciting and busy month ahead of us!

Yours sincerely

Lisa Munday