

Dear Parents

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to you all for your amazing support of our recent charity events.

- 66 full shoe box gifts were donated to Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child' - this is a far greater number than the original number we had hoped to donate.
- A total of £448.63 was received for Children in Need.

The Cedars Primary Choir performed brilliantly at the special televised



Children in Need event at the Stadium MK.

Well done to everyone who

took part in this and many thanks to Mrs Launn and Miss Pollendine for teaching the children to sing the song.

Mrs Launn gives a recount of the event below:

"On Friday 18th November, a very excited coachload of children and staff set off from school at lunchtime for the Stadium MK. After weeks of rehearsals and anticipation, the big day had finally arrived.

Our choir, together with 5 other school choirs from Milton Keynes, gathered in the hospitality room to meet the producers and presenters of the show. We were even given

a welcome from one of the MK Dons team. Before long, we were led down to our seats in the stands and had our first run-through of the song, Lean on Me, as one huge choir.

Soon it was time to put on our bright Children in Need hoodies, ready for our first live broadcast on BBC Look East evening news. A surprise appearance from Pudsey, sprinting from the tunnel and along the pitch side, delighted all the children - and teachers!

Although we were at the stadium for 8 hours, we were so busy and interested in all that was going on that the time rushed by and it was soon time for the live broadcast as part of the nationwide children's choir. The children stood quietly, listening for our countdown from London and the cue to start singing. When the time came, the child sang with such joy, perfectly in tune and in time with all the other choirs around the country that it was very moving.

Every member of the choir was a credit to Cedars. They sang beautifully, followed instructions and direction from the BBC staff without any fuss and even made some new friends from other schools during the short rest periods. I know this unique experience will be something the children will always remember.

The BBC has informed me that, of the 15 local regions, ours has so far raised an amount of £4 million, beaten only by London. Thank you for your support in enabling your child to be part of the Children in Need evening."

Please see the school website for photos of the day.

Christmas Fair – Friday 9th December

As you know this event is coming up very soon – Friday 9th December. In aid of the Fair we will be holding a non-uniform day on



Friday 2nd December when children are invited to bring donations to be used at the Fair. Please see below for what we would like you to bring – just in case you missed it in the previous newsletter.

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!

The class which donates the most goodies will receive a prize! All profit made at the Christmas Fair will be going towards the continued playground improvements.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Parent Workshop (SPAG)

It was lovely to see so many of you yesterday attending the Parent SPAG Workshop. We do hope you found it informative. Thank you to Mrs Koszykowska and Miss Hunt for organising.



Christmas Performances – F2/KS1



Just a reminder of the forthcoming Christmas Performances. Please note that for all of these events parents

have been offered two tickets per performance. **Entry will be by ticket only, therefore please keep your tickets safe!**

Lunchtime and After School Clubs

Thank you to those of you who have given your views on the Governors' Consultation regarding Charging for Clubs. If you have not given your views yet, there is still time to tell Governors what you think. The Consultation will close on **Friday 2nd December**.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday 14th December we will be taking part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Further details to follow.

New Governors

A warm welcome to our two new Governors: Dan Griffin is our new Parent Governor and Jayne Warbey has been appointed as a Co-opted Governor. Dan brings to the Governing Body IT and business experience, and Jayne is a

Human Resources professional. They will have a four year term of office.

You can read profiles of all our Governors on our website, click on 'About Us' and 'Meet the Governors'.

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:

Henry - fantastic addition with a number line.

Zavier - super writing.

Lola - writing a fantastic nonsense poem.

Bayley - thoughtful answers in guided reading.

Matilda - 100% effort in all areas.

Haresh - always working hard in order to move onto next steps.

And finally ... thank you, as always for your support of the school.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Munday