

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the Summer Term at Cedars Primary School. We hope you have all had a good rest and break over the holiday.

**Breakfast Club and After School Club**  
We are now very pleased to confirm that from September 2017 we will be running our own Breakfast and After School Club for children who attend Cedars Primary from 3-11 years. You

will receive a Parent Questionnaire, via ParentMail that we would appreciate you spending a few minutes completing. The questionnaire aims to give us a clear understanding of what additional provision you require for your child/children outside of the school day. Thank you in advance for your time in helping with this. As promised, we will continue to keep you updated throughout the Summer Term with this development.



**Wrap Around Care for our Nursery Children**

We are also hoping from September 2017 to be able to provide wrap around care for children who attend Cedars Primary School's Nursery. We are currently at the research stage and attach a questionnaire for you to



complete so that we can assess current demand.

## Health and Wellbeing

As you may recall from January's Newsletter, we have adopted the Milton Keynes **HIT 5** programme, a whole school approach to developing health and wellbeing.

Our aim:

- **H**eighten children's and parent's awareness and understanding of what constitutes a healthy lifestyle
- **I**ncrease children's fitness levels and physical literacy, which should in turn encourage participation in activities
- **I**mprove children's wellbeing, through understanding and empathy for others, social skills, teamwork and cooperation
- **I**ncrease attainment across whole school, through confident and happy learners
- **T**ogether, work to reduce obesity rates

**5 lifestyle changes that will make a real difference to everyone!**

The theme for this half term is **Fruity Friday**. Through school assemblies and classroom activities we are aiming to develop the children's knowledge of making healthy food choices. With this in mind we are going to have 'Fruity

Fridays'. On Fridays, we would like children to make one healthy change by adding a piece of fruit or vegetable to their playtime snack or lunchbox. This could be as an addition or in exchange for something not quite so healthy! We are talking about lots of different varieties of fruit and veg in lessons so there may be few shopping requests in the next few weeks. We will also be continuing to encourage children to make healthy choices by being more active at play and lunchtimes. We appreciate your support in our 'Cedars gets Fruity on Friday' challenge

### SATs and Other Assessments - reminders

Over the course of May, June and July children will be completing a number of assessments in reading, writing and maths. Good attendance is therefore even more important during this period as for a number of tests/assessments there are nationally set dates when all children must take the tests. The SATs tests for children in Year 6 take place during the week of 8th May and tests can only take place on the designated days. Children in Year 2 will be undertaking a variety of national tests and other assessments which will take place over the course of May and June. The final teacher assessments are completed by the beginning of July. Children in other year groups (FS/Y1/Y3/Y4/Y5) will be assessed using a variety of tests and on-going teacher assessments. The national phonics test for children in Year 1 takes place during the week of 12th June. Outcomes from the teacher assessments and year 6 SATs test will be communicated to parents at the end of the school year in your child's 'End of Year Report' sent out on the 14<sup>th</sup> July.

### Governor Uniform Consultation

Thank you to all parents who completed the uniform consultation. Governors are currently analysing your responses and the children's and will report their findings following the Full Governing Body Meeting which is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> May.

### Attendance

Congratulations to the 85 children who achieved 100% attendance last term.



Please remember that the school is

**unable to authorise any absence in term time for holidays.** The threshold at which children are considered to be 'persistently absent' is 90%. This means that if a child has attended for 90% (or fewer) school sessions in a school year, they are considered as 'persistently absent' and may be referred to the local authority. Term dates can be found on our school website and also at the end of this newsletter.

Number of days absent	% of whole school year
5	2.6%
7	3.7%
10	5.3%
15	7.9%
17	8.9%
19	10% (persistently absent)

There are 190 school days in each school year. Expected attendance is 95%+ which equates to less than 10 days' absence in a school year.

### PTFA Cedars' Bake Off

Remember it's Cedars' Bake Off on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. In order to enter, you will need to bake a cake/cakes and bring them in to school on the morning of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Each cake will then be judged during the day and the winner announced. Siblings are welcome to bake their cake/cakes together as 1 entry. All of the cakes will then be sold on the playground at the end of the school day. Good luck!



### Summer Music Concert



Save the date - this year's Summer Music Concert is on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm.** Children in the School Choir and who play a

Musical Instrument are looking forward to entertaining you. More details to follow.

**And finally** thank you again for all of your continued involvement and support of the school - it is always much appreciated.

Warm regards

*Lisa Munday*

### Term Dates

#### 2016-2017 Term Dates

	Open on the morning of:	Close at the end of the afternoon session on:
<b>Summer Term 2017</b>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April  Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May  Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

#### 2017 - 2018 Term Dates

	Open on the morning of:	Close at the end of the afternoon session on:
<b>Autumn Term 2017</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September  Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October  Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Spring Term 2018</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January  Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February  Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
<b>Summer Term 2018</b>	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April  Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May  Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July