

Dear Parents

A Happy New Year! Welcome back to Cedars Primary and welcome to our new families of Nursery children starting with us this term.

As always, we have a number of news items and updates.

Health and Wellbeing

The health and wellbeing theme for this half term at Cedars Primary is '**Eating a Balanced Diet**'. Throughout the half term the children will be learning about what a balanced diet looks like including types of food, portion size and reading food labels. They will also be discussing healthy snack choices and looking at the Change4Life 100 Calorie Snack campaign. We will be exploring this topic through assemblies and during PE and Personal, Social and Health sessions across the school.

NEW: Tuck Shop (open every Friday)

The School Council have received their first delivery of stock and are looking forward to opening a School Tuck Shop on Friday 19th January. The Tuck Shop will initially be open at break time on Fridays and will be selling healthy snack items. Each item will cost 50p. Supported by Miss Turner, Miss Pollendine and 'Pupils Profit' which provide high-quality enterprise toolkits to groups of children, enabling them to set up their own business within the school, the aim is to

empower children to organise, run and manage their own small business. From ordering to selling to balancing the books, the children are the driving force behind the initiative. We hope your children will find the product range exciting and tasty!

Road Safety



Please can I remind Parents during school pick-up and drop-off times to take extra care parking on the roads surrounding the school building. Unfortunately, last week there was a near miss involving one of our families.

Lost Property

Thank you to those of you who have been able to claim lost property which was displayed at the end of last term. There are still many items unclaimed. Please take a look in the lost property box which is located just outside the medical room.



PTFA

After a lot of difficult thought and with a very heavy heart, Victoria Rew has taken the decision to step down as PTFA Chair. Over the past two years, Victoria has effectively led the PTFA and organised many successful community events for the benefit of our wonderful children. On behalf of the staff and Governors, I would like to take this

opportunity to thank Victoria for all of her hard work and commitment.

We are therefore in need of a new PTFA Chair to carry on organising great community events to raise much needed funds for Cedars Primary. Without a Chair the only option would be that the PTFA would have to stop and we really hope that this doesn't happen. If you would like to discuss the role with Victoria and/or myself then please contact the School Office to arrange a mutually convenient time.

The next PTFA Meeting will be on Thursday 25th January at 7.00pm in the school staffroom and even if you don't wish to be the Chair but would like to offer some help it would be super to see you.

PTFA Movie Night, Thursday 25th January 2018, 3:30pm-5:30pm

On Thursday 25th January 2018 from 3:30pm-5:30pm the PTFA will be organising a Movie Night for the children in the School Hall. Tickets cost £2 and for this, your child will receive a drink and a healthy snack while being able to watch a film with their friends/brother and or sister. Please see the attached leaflet for further information and a booking form.

Science

During this term the children will be carrying out scientific experiments involving umbrellas. If you have an umbrella at home that you do not use anymore, please could



you donate it to the school? Your child's Class Teacher would be delighted to receive it!

Safer Internet Day, Tuesday 6th February, 9:00-10:00am



Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation.

Our Safer Internet Day will focus on the importance of keeping personal information protected and the consequences and risks involved if we don't. The children will have the opportunity to learn about the dangers we are faced with online, identify what constitutes personal information, develop their critical thinking skills and develop awareness of potential risks and how they can be dealt with.

We would like to invite you to join your child for their first lesson of the day from 9-10am. We hope you can join us. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available in the Activity Room following the lesson if you have time for a cuppa!

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 three children for a special award: 'Certificate of Achievement and Recognition', 'The Cedars' Way Award' and 'Writer of the Week'. Many congratulations to the following children for their special awards so far this half term:

Certificate of Achievement and Recognition

Laura - always trying her best and working hard in Maths.

Chase - using his neatest handwriting.

Lily - mnemonics work linked to space.

Francesca - super, positive attitude.

Maddie and Bradley - super teamwork to make a 3d planet.

The Cedars' Way Award

Alana, Jack, Talia, Hannah, Brook, Bobby and Oliver.

Writer of the Week

Edward, Gabriella, Milly, Isabelle, Morgan and Phoenix.

And finally ...

We would like to wish each and every member of our school community a happy and healthy 2018. Here's to making this year our best year yet!

Warm regards

Lisa Munday