

Dear Parents

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

School Council - Thank you



The School Council are delighted to announce that the School Pyjama Day they arranged helped raise £290 for Children in Need. They would like to thank everybody for their kind donations.

The School Council are already busy planning our next fundraising day for Save the Children by organising a Christmas Jumper Day at school on **Friday 13th December**. We look forward to seeing your jumpers and raising money for such a great charity.



Remembrance

In our Remembrance Assembly on the 11th November we thought of



those affected by wars long ago and by wars today. We remembered people and animals who died, those wounded and those who watched people they loved go off to war, never to come back. We reflected together and

wished for peace - at home, in school and always. We held a two-minute silence on the playground.



Co-op Community Funding Project - WOW £8300.32!

In November 2018 we were delighted that



the PTFA's bid for Co-op Community Funding to further enhance the school grounds was successful. I am delighted to inform you that today in Celebration Assembly Emma Phelan & Hannah Moore presented Cedars Primary with a cheque for **£8300.32**. Thank you everyone for your support. We look forward to sharing with you next year our final plans for how we intend to spend it!

Staffing Update

At the end of this term (December 2019), Mrs Launn will be taking early retirement. Mrs Launn joined Cedars Primary in September 2004 as a general Teaching Assistant in Year 1 and progressed to our valued High Level Teaching Assistant with a specialism in Music.

Mrs Launn has taught Music across the school highly effectively for many years and shared her passion for the subject, subsequently resulting in many children taking up learning a Musical Instrument and enjoying being part of a Choir.

I would like to thank Mrs Launn for her contribution and commitment to Cedars Primary and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Miss Hudson (Years 1 and 2 Leader), like Miss Pollendine, has a talent in Music and will be taking up the post of Music Subject Leader. With careful guidance and support from Miss Hudson and Miss Pollendine, teachers will be teaching Music to their class for the rest of this academic year.

PTFA Update

Thank you to Mrs Munday and the Cedars' Parents who kindly gave their time to support our AGM on 4th November. It was a productive meeting with lots of enthusiasm and new ideas. We are delighted to announce that Lynsey Hall is continuing as our Chair.

Last year the PTFA raised an amazing **£3,976 for School to buy new I-pads (11 in total)** and this year we hope to do even better to **support additional trips, visits and or visitors for the children!**

Key dates for the diary are:

Date	Event
Friday 29 th November	Cedars PTFA Coffee Morning
Friday 29 th November	Non-uniform day in exchange for a contribution to the Christmas

Thursday 5 th December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 11 th February	Valentine Disco
Friday 20 th March	Family Bingo Night
Friday 3 rd April	Easter Competition
Thursday 30 th April	Cedars Bake-Off
Thursday 30 th April	Cedars Bake Off Cake Sale
Saturday 13 th June	PTFA Summer Fair
Monday 13 th July	End of Year Discos
Summer term	Frozen Fridays

So you can get to know our faces, here are some (but not all!) of the PTFA members Christmas Fair planning:



(Top left to right: Charlotte Brunt, Mandy Barnell, Vicky Stock (Treasurer), Jamie Wilkie, Grainne Dobbin. Bottom left to right: Nina Cooper (Secretary), Katie Tilley, Lynsey Hall (Chair), Jenny Smith (Vice-Chair).

Whilst we have a great group of PTFA members, we are lacking representation of parents/carers with children in F1, F2, Year 1 and Year 2. If you would like to hear more about the PTFA, please come and meet us for a coffee on **Friday 29th**

November in the Activity Area (after school drop). We hope to see you there!

Pantomime: Aladdin



On Wednesday 8th January 2020 at Cedars Primary, the theatre company West End in Schools will be performing the pantomime Aladdin for the children to enjoy. Children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 will see the first performance and children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will see the second performance. **Thank you to the PTFA** for funding this exciting event for the children to enjoy.

PTFA Christmas Fair



Just a reminder this year's PTFA Christmas Fair will be held on **Thursday 5th December 3:30pm-5pm.**

A PTFA Cedars Mufti Day (also known as casual clothes day, non-uniform day) will be held on **Friday 29th November** where children and staff can come to Cedars Primary School in casual clothing instead of school uniform in exchange for a donation to the Christmas Fair.



Morning and Afternoon Punctuality

A polite reminder that the start of school day is 8:55am and

children should be in school by this time. The doors open at 8:45am to enable children to arrive within this 10 minute 'window' and teachers set morning work and activities for children to complete in this time. If children arrive after 8:55am they will be marked late in the register and any children who arrive after 9:00 am should report directly to the school office.

By the same token we appreciate children being collected from school promptly at 3:15pm. We unfortunately seem to have a small number of children who are regularly very late being collected from school. Whilst we appreciate that on occasions there are extenuating circumstances, this should be an exception not a daily occurrence.

Keeping Warm



As the weather turns colder, please remind your child to bring their coats to school. We have had a many children this week without one and they have been rather chilly at break times.

Christmas Performances



A reminder of the dates for the forthcoming Christmas Nativity Performances:

Reception (in the Activity Room)
Wednesday 11th December at 9:30am
Thursday 12th December at 2pm

Years 1 and 2 (in the Main Hall)
Wednesday 11th December at 2pm
Thursday 12th December at 6pm

Please reserve your tickets via the School Office.

Church Service

A reminder of the date for final Christmas event of the year - **the Church Service**



at St Peter and St Paul's Church on Friday 20th December 2019 at 2:00pm.
We hope you will be able to attend.

Achievers

In every Friday Celebration Assembly we celebrate children's achievements both at school and from home. Each week the Class Teacher chooses children for a special award: 'Certificate of Achievement and Recognition' and 'The Cedars' Way Award'. Many congratulations to the following children for their special awards so far this half term:

Certificate of Achievement and Recognition

Imogen, Finley, Leo, Ollie, Rafael, William, Sidney, James, Phoebe W, Poppy, Joshua, Oliver, Scarlett, Grace, Amelie D, Pixie, Ellie H, Chase, Charlotte, Caitlin, Georgia M, Cleo, Gregor, Edenaya, Evie, Lucy, Talia, Amelie, Esme, Maisie, Louie, Freya, Elizabeth, Chloe-Leigh, Jack M, Andre, Jack P, Liam B, Chase, Zac, Isabella P, The whole of Sharks Class.

The Cedars' Way Award

Benjamin, Monica, Francesca, Meadow, Suri, Jamie, Dylan, Felix, Jayden, Zachary, Summer P, Georgia M, Alex, Freya A, Zachary, Clark, Ryder, Milly, Krystal, Chloe P Ely

As always we greatly appreciate and value your support and involvement in the school.

We look forward to you joining us later in the term at one of our Christmas celebrations.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Munday