

Dear Parents

It has been a busy and exciting December 2019 at Cedars Primary!

Whoops-a-Daisy Angel

We were thrilled with the Year 1 and 2 children's excellent two performances of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel!' It certainly made us all feel very Christmassy! The children had clearly worked hard to learn their lines, dances and songs. Well done again Key Stage 1!



Choir



I would like to express my very great thanks to Mrs Launn, Miss Pollendine and the Choir for their wonderful singing out in the local Community. The Choir sang brilliantly at the INTU MK, Castlemead Court and Westbury Grange. Well done everyone!

The Christmas Story



Well done to all of the children in Reception for their super two

performances retelling the Christmas Story. It was truly magical to see our youngest children perform for the very first time!

Singalong

The Nursery Christmas Singalong was very enjoyable. Thank you to the Parents who were able to join us.



Thank you

Christmas time is always busy for Site Managers in schools. We would like to say a **GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO MR TRUELOVE** for ensuring everything was ready from Christmas Trees to staging and chairs!

PTFA Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair was a great success. Thank you for your generous donations and great support on the day, the total profit raised was £1423.00! WOW!

Thank you to PTFA for their organisation and hard work, to the local businesses for their generous Raffle Prizes and to

all of the staff and parents who helped make this event such a success.

All of the PTFA money raised this year is contributing towards enriching the curriculum for the children. Do look out in the New Year for Trips/Visits planned for the Spring and Summer Term in your child's year group.

Christmas Tree Festival



Again this year we have taken part in the Christmas Tree Festival that takes place in the church of St Peter and St Paul. Our class names are on the tree along with our school logo. The School Council made 'Cedars Way' baubles and recorded a Christmas message. Don't forget to look out for our tree at our Church Service on Friday 20th December if you haven't seen it already!

Years 3 and 4

This half term Year3/4 have designed their own potions and made amazing bottles from clay. They have enjoyed learning new skills about how to join the clay and add detail and pattern. We have created fantastic play scripts and letters inspired by Alice in Wonderland.

In P.E we have been learning about the importance of keeping fit and healthy by completing weekly fitness sessions. Using our scientific knowledge of the properties of solids, liquids and gases we created abstract art to represent the atoms. We are looking forward to our new history based topic called 1066.

Years 1 and 2

Key Stage 1 have had a wonderful half term and have really enjoyed the topic Bright Lights Big City. A particular favourite was learning about the Great Fire of London which captured their



interest from the beginning. They have been writing diary entries in the style of Samuel

Pepys, fact files and making fire safety posters all based on their learning in this topic. The Nativity was a huge success and the children were excited and proud to share their performance with family and friends- something that was lovely to see. The lead up to Christmas from that point in key stage 1 has continued to be festive and fun with lots of arts, crafts and singing! The staff and children alike will be sorry to see Mrs Hinds (Teaching Assistant) leave on Friday as she has brought such fun, dedication and happiness to Key Stage 1 this term. We wish her all the best for her adventures to come!

Christmas Lunch

Party poppers and hats were very popular at this year's Christmas Lunch. We all had great fun!



Early Years

Reception

Reception have finished their first term at school! It's been lots of fun learning all about Autumn. We loved exploring the outdoor environment and looking at all the changes that happen in this season. We have also watched as Autumn turns into Winter and learnt about the animals that store their food ready for the cold weather. The last couple of weeks have been very busy, we impressed everyone with our Christmas Nativity performance and had fun at our Christmas Party. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

Nursery

Penguins have had a fantastic first term at Nursery. We have been exploring all of the interesting Autumn objects collected over half term and talked about what they look, feel and smell like. We have developed our creative skills by printing patterns using different shapes and colours. One of our favourite activities has been cooking on our Finding out Fridays, we have cooked up treats like pizzas, gingerbread men and mince pies. We finished the term with our

Christmas sing song, it was lovely to share our singing with our grown-ups. We can't wait for the New Year!

PTFA Father Christmas Visit

The children loved welcoming Santa Claus to their Classrooms this week. He delivered each child a Christmas Present - a book. We do hope you enjoy sharing the book with your child over the school holidays.



Collins Big Cat Book Corner

This year, The Sun newspaper are hosting a scheme called the Collins Big Cat Books for Schools. Cedars is taking part this year as the prize for collecting the tokens is over £600 worth of books. Inside 'The Sun' newspaper, there are tokens which can be collected every day. To be able to claim our books, we need to collect 3,500 tokens by February 8th 2020. We would love to have this

opportunity to expand our school's book collection so please give all tokens in to the School Office or pop them in your teacher's register. Let's get collecting Cedars!

Years 5 and 6

A couple of weeks ago, Stingrays had Mrs Patmore come in and show them examples of her art work. She talked about the materials she used and how she approached her work. The children then used acrylic paints to create a space themed piece of work. These look fantastic and the children developed their painting techniques. We are grateful to Mrs Patmore for her time.

As part of their Religious Education work, Year 6 visited Newport Pagnell Baptist Church where they learned about the meaning of Christmas to Christians. The children enjoyed participating in a range of activities and they listened carefully to the stories they were told. We would like to thank them for their kind donations to the school.

PTFA December 2019 Update

After a successful Cedars Community Coffee morning in November the PTFA is delighted to have grown in size (and that's before the festive treats)! A very warm welcome to Natalie Taylor, Eleanor Cooper, Cristina Amieva-Garcia, Emma Sear and Lyndsay Kingston. What a difference your help has already made!



A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to our successful Cedars Christmas Fair earlier this month - we raised a fabulous £1423.00. Special



thanks to our generous High Street for donating raffle prizes, our Year 6 super-star helpers (you know who you are!), our awesome teachers,

school staff and PTFA members. Parents, carers and children - thank you for your generosity and support!



So, what does the PTFA have planned in the New Year?

Love will be in the air at the Valentine School disco on Tuesday 11th February!



Children, calling all rising comedians! Who can make Mr Truelove laugh the most? Email cedarsptfa@gmail.com with your funniest joke (along with your name and class) and see if Mr Truelove selects your joke for the next PTFA update. There will be a prize! Here's some festive fun to get you all started... *'What do you get if you cross Santa Claus with a duck? A Christmas quacker!'*

Parents and carers, would you like to take part in a 5K or 10K to help raise funds for the School? The PTFA is planning to organise for a group of parents, carers and teachers to take part in the MK Festival of Running on the 15th March 2020. We are looking for enthusiastic runners (no experience required!) to participate in this event. If you are interested, please let a PTFA member know, or send an email to cedarsptfa@gmail.com.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year!

From the Cedars PTFA

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' and 'The Cedars' Way Award'. Many congratulations to the following children for their special awards:

Certificate of Achievement and Recognition

Chris S, Cody, Isabella, Jason, Lewis A, Zac, Chase, Mac, Logan, The Whole of Year 1/2 for their performance, Thomas, Sam, Ruby, Isla, Henry, Sylvie, Sophie, Harvey-John, Harry C, Willow, Marcelo, Summer T, Grace W, Edith, Zak, Sydney, Adhisaya, Albert S, Jennifer, Vinnie, Amelie C, Max, Riley F, Paul O, Jaylon, Imogen, Malachy, Phoebe W, Bonnie, Amelie Mc, Harry, Oliver, Jamie, Maddie, Lois, Summer P, Edenaya, Laycie, Harrison, Kendall, Evie H, Cleo, Jack P, Tazmin, Milly, Krystal, Jack M, Lila P, Noah, Isaac, Ryder, Libby, Cassie, Scarlet, Kingsley, Luca, Dylan, Deacon, Grace, Alfie S, Luke, Talia, Amelie D, Esme, Maisie, Louie, Freya, Olivia, Alfie R, Isla O, Eliza, Caelan, Emma W, Xavier, Harry, Louie, Macy, Aston, Jess, Lilly, Gracee, Alessandro, Cody, Carmen, Jasper, Ava, Edie, Josh.

The Cedars' Way Award

Ely, Chloe P, Thea, Sara, Calum, Lily-Mae, Freyja, Ava P, Anna, Summer T, Chloe P, Lottie, Grace A, Kristina, Eli, Cleonice, Felix, Adhisaya, Teddy, Rosalie, Ella, Jack F, Josh, Nicholas, Leah, Georgia, Freddie, Eddie, Jacob, Lucy, Alex, Lois, Riley, Evie H, Georgia, Chloe-Leigh, Cayden, Jack M, Ava M, Elizabeth, Milly, Tazmin, Nellie, Liam, Ryder, Macie, Noah, Huey, Leo, Sofia, Chris, Dylan, Deacon, Matilda, Amelie R, Alfie S, Finn, Freya, Zachary, Clark, Siyar, Isabella, Sonny R, Lana, Megan, Alessandro, Edie, Keith, Kirsten.

Clubs - Spring Term 2020

Clubs will begin week beginning 13th January 2020. You will receive a letter from Miss Pollendine on Tuesday 7th January 2020 detailing what we will be on offer for the children.

Church Service

We are very much looking forward to the final Christmas event of the year - **the Church Service at St Peter and St Paul's Church at 2:00pm tomorrow afternoon**. Due to limited space in the church, can you please ensure that the children do not bring their school bags in tomorrow, just their lunch box as normal.

And finally ... thank you for another great term at Cedars Primary. Your support and involvement is appreciated. It has been great to see so many families at the Christmas festivities and Celebration of Learning over the last few weeks. On behalf of everyone at Cedars Primary we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to Cedars Primary on Tuesday 7th January 2020!

Best wishes

Lisa Munday