

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, from today the recent National Restrictions cease and a tiered system to control the spread of Coronavirus has begun. Milton Keynes is in Tier 2. **There are no changes to the safety measures at Cedars Primary and we ask that you continue to observe our social distancing rules when on school site. Thank you for your continued co-operation.**

Christmas



Christmas at Cedars this year will be celebrated very differently to what we're used to due to ongoing global pandemic challenges.

Reception Christmas Performance - 10th December 2020

The true meaning of the Christmas story has not changed - it is principally about hope for a better tomorrow. Next week children in Reception are looking forward to, with their parents' permission, sending a video link of them retelling the Christmas story through illustration and photos.

Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance - 11th December 2020

Children are currently practicing their performance of the 12 Days of Christmas. With their parents' permission, they too are looking forwarding sending home a video link for their family to enjoy watching.



Celebration of Learning: Cedars' Christmas Decorations



The children have thoroughly enjoyed making their own Christmas decorations to put up in school. Look out for the Parentmail later this week detailing the video link which will enable you to view them too.

Remembrance



In our Remembrance Assemblies 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.

Safeguarding



This half term the children have been reminded about the PANTS rules. These are:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

The children have talked about the trusted adults they could speak to at home or at school if they have a problem. They could also call Childline on 0800 111. They all really enjoyed listening the Pantosaurus song.

Birthdays



Birthday celebrations on Friday were a great success. We are already looking forward to Friday 18th December, where we will celebrate children's birthdays in November and December. Remember children can wear their birthday badge if they would like!

Virtual Class Assemblies - permission

Thank you to the Parents and Carers who have responded regarding your children's work being included in this year's virtual class assemblies. Mrs Briers, Miss Morrell and Miss Hunt are looking forward to sharing the video link with you this week.

THANK YOU!

We would like to say a **VERY BIG THANK YOU** to you all for your generous donations this term. 'Hello Yellow' raised **£372** and Children in Need raised an incredible **£645**.

Jungle Climber



You may remember back in March 2020 I updated you on our plans for the playground development. As you are aware, in November 2019 Cedars Primary was presented with a cheque for £8300 through the Co-op Community Fund organised by the PTFA. We also have £3500 Healthy Pupils Capital Funding from the government. Combined this gave us a total of £11,800 to spend. For this we chose to have built a **JUNGLE CLIMBER ON ARTIFICIAL GRASS**. Our initial plan was to have it ready for the children from the beginning of the Summer 2 Term 2020, however given school closure, we needed to review this. This week the work has finally begun, and we are looking forward to giving the children the opportunity to play on it before the Christmas holidays.

Staffing Update

Mrs James will be taking maternity leave at the end of this term. From January 2021, until Mrs James returns, Mrs

Corrina Leung has been appointed to the Senior Leadership Team as the Early Years Leader. Mrs Leung is an experienced teacher and early years leader and we are looking forward to welcoming her to the Cedars' Family.

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December



Reminder, on Friday 11th December 2020, we will be taking part in **Christmas Jumper Day**. Christmas Jumper Day is an annual fundraising campaign in the UK and Ireland organised by charity Save the Children in the UK.

And **finally** ... as always, we greatly appreciate and value your continued support.

Best wishes

Lisa Munday