

Dear Parents/Carers



Welcome back to Cedars Primary School and Nursery and a special warm welcome to our new children and families!

In this year's September Newsletter you will find information about procedures and everyday routines, plus we have a few news items.

Staffing News



Congratulations to Miss Hunt and Miss Hudson who both got married during the summer holidays. Miss Hunt will be keeping her maiden name for teaching purposes. Miss Hudson is now Mrs Spring.

Names of Classes and Teachers

Nursery

Penguins Class

Mrs Pritchard (Teacher)

Reception

Ladybirds Class

Mrs Leung (Early Years Leader - maternity cover for Mrs James)

Butterflies Class

Mrs Jones and Miss Armitt

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

Badgers Class

Mrs Spring (Key Stage 1 Leader)

Hedgehogs Class

Miss Forrest (previously Mrs Morrell)

Owls Class

Miss Pollendine

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)

Zebras Class

Miss Hunt (Lower Key Stage 2 Leader)

Giraffes Class

Mrs Lockley

Lions Class

Miss Stankowski

Mr Tearl (Student Teacher)

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6)

Stingrays Class

Mrs Briers (Upper Key Stage 2 Leader)

Dolphins Class

Miss Parker-Routh

Sharks Class

Miss Saddler

Deputy Head

Mrs McGarragh

SENCO

Miss Alger

Attendance and Punctuality

I would like to thank you in advance for your understanding and support in ensuring good attendance and punctuality for your child.

- **Nursery 9.00-3.00pm**
- **School 8:55am-3:15pm**
(doors open at 8:45am to ensure your child is in class ready for the register at 8:55am)

You can find our Attendance Policy on our website.

Annual Calendar

Our Annual Calendar 2021-2022 can be found on the school website under 'News and Events'. As I am sure you can appreciate, at present this could be subject to change at any time due to COVID-19. Parents and carers will be invited to attend the events in person subject to Covid-19 rates of infection.

Home and School Communication



We know that good communication between home and school is a vital part of our partnership. If you need to get a short message to us you can either write a note or speak with the Class Teachers at the beginning or end of the school day. For extended messages may we request you telephone, write us an email and/or

set up a meeting with the Class Teacher or other members of staff as required. We have attached our Home-School Agreement for your information.

Reading



Reading is prioritised at Cedars. A record of your child's reading is important and communication with school regarding this is important too. Your child will have brought home a Reading Record. Please see the Homework Policy for year group expectations.

Cycling and Scootering to School

If your child would like to cycle or scooter to school this academic year, we would request that your child wears a suitable helmet, have a roadworthy bike/scooter and have had basic instruction in cycle/road safety. Children in Reception to Year 4 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Fruit, Healthy Snacks and Water



We are very pleased that children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2 are provided with a healthy fruit or vegetable snack during the school day. In line with promoting a healthy lifestyle all children in Years 3-6 are encouraged to bring their own healthy snack to have during morning play - this should be fruit, vegetables or dried fruit (snack bars or any other sort of biscuit/crisp snacks are not permitted). I would also like to remind parents that **children should not bring nuts or nut containing products into school** as we have some children that have severe Nut Allergies.

We also ask that parents supply a suitable **water bottle** for their child to have in school. During the day water bottles are stored in a tray in the classroom and it is therefore vital that bottles are clearly named. For hygiene reasons water bottles will need to be taken home at the end of each day for washing.

Medical

If your child needs to use an inhaler in school, **please ensure you send the inhaler into school**, clearly labelled with your child's name. You will need to sign and return a medical form as soon as possible please. Medical Forms can be found on our website as follows: Information - Find out more - Parent Forms.

If there have been any changes to your child's medical condition please let your child's class teacher know.

School Hot Lunches

Children in Reception and Years 1 & 2 receive their hot meals free of charge (paid for by the government). The cost

for children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) is £2.50 per day. Some children in Key Stage 2 will be entitled to a hot meal also paid for by the government. If you think your child is entitled to a free meal, please speak with the School Office team or follow the link on our website under 'Information', 'Food and Drink at School'.

Hot lunches must be ordered via the Parentpay website by midnight on Tuesday for the following week. Use the link: www.parentpay.com

Online Safety



Our website features an Online Safety section with links to helpful websites that can help you ensure that you and your children are keeping safe on-line.

Go to our website and on the home page click 'Information' and then click 'Online Safety' to get up-to-date.

We have attached our E-Safety Agreement for your information.

Mobile Telephones

I would like to remind everyone about the school policy on the use of mobile phones. **Children should not bring mobile phones or any other portable electrical devices into school.** If children in Year 5 or Year 6 are coming to school independently of a parent and for safety reasons parents wish their child to have

a mobile phone for the journey, **they must be handed to their class teacher at the start of the school day.** Should you wish to have us look after a phone for your child, please complete a request form (on the website as follows: Information - Find out more - Parent Forms.) Any phones found in school which are not registered with us will be taken into safe keeping and will only be returned to an adult.

Children are not permitted to use mobile phones on the school premises - this includes making/receiving calls or messages and using devices for recording (audio or images). The school will regard any transgression regarding the use of mobile phones, as a serious breach of our Attitudes and Behaviour Policy.

ParentMail

Please can I remind you that we do not usually send home paper copies of whole school communication. This is to try and reduce copying costs and administration and in many cases we often find that newsletters and letters stay crumpled in the bottom of children's bags. We publish newsletters and letters on our school website and our **preferred method of post is email** - this means that whole school communication can be emailed directly to parents on the day of publication and saves the age-old problem of the lost communication in the bottom of a bag! Newsletters will usually be published on a Friday at the end of each month.

If you are happy to receive communication by email, and have not signed up already, please sign up to ParentMail. For more details, please speak to the School Office.

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If you would like to give a talk this academic year to children in Years 5 and 6 about your profession, we would love to hear from you. Please drop us an email.

And finally please remember to read the following:

- **Home School Agreement**
- **E-Safety Agreement**
- **Homework Policy**

Thank you all for a super start to the new school year.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards

Lisa Munday