

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy December 2021 at Cedars!

Christmas

The true meaning of Christmas has been shared with children in Religious Education.

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

In today's' day and time,
It's easy to lose sight,
Of the true meaning of Christmas
And one special night.

When we go shopping,
We say 'How much will it cost? '
Then the true meaning of Christmas,
Somehow becomes lost.

Amidst the tinsel, glitter
And ribbons of gold,
We forget about the child,
Born on a night so cold.

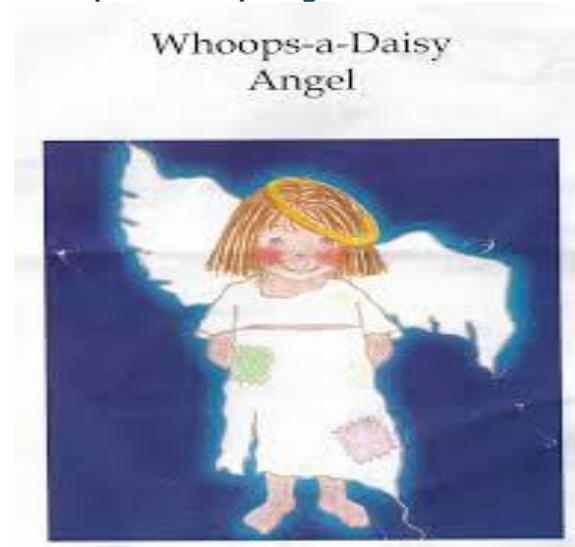
The children look for Santa
In his big, red sleigh
Never thinking of the child
Whose bed was made of hay?

In reality,
When we look into the night sky,
We don't see a sleigh
But a star, burning bright and high.

A faithful reminder,
Of that night so long ago,
And of the child we call Jesus,
Whose love, the world would know.

By Brian K. Walters

Reception Christmas Performance: Whoops-a-Daisy Angel



We were very proud of the children's confident performance of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'! It certainly made us all feel very Christmassy! Well done again Ladybirds and Butterflies.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance: What's a Christmas?

It was truly magical to see year 1 children perform for the very first time and be so well supported by the year 2 children. The standard of the children's singing was excellent! Well done again Hedgehogs, Owls and Badgers!

The joy of Key Stage 2 Christmas Carols



Music has the power to move us and no more so at Christmas when carols unite singers and listeners alike. Thank you years 3 - 6 children, an enjoyable experience for parents and staff.

Christmas Tree Festival

Cedars' Primary School were delighted to design a tree for the festival in St. Peter & St. Paul's Parish Church. The school council are looking at increasing our recycling and chose to make a tree out of recyclable objects! It was a great hit and thank you to everyone involved with the creation of this masterpiece.



Early Years

Nursery

Our half term started with a bang as we looked at how fireworks and Diwali are celebrated. As Christmas has approached we have learned about the Christian story of the birth of Jesus and enjoyed singing some Christmas nursery rhymes. Each week, Penguins have enjoyed cooking everything from bread stick sparklers to chocolate crispy, Christmas puds! We have observed the coming of autumn and learned about the changing season. We are learning how to get along together, how to share and how to be more independent and care for

ourselves. We encourage the children to say "I can't do it - YET!" when faced with a challenge and celebrate when challenges are achieved.



Reception

This half term, the Reception children have enjoyed the topic based around 'Why do squirrels hide their nuts'. The children had to pretend they were squirrels and went to the outdoor area to hide their conkers. The children then had to go back out in the afternoon and try to remember where they had hidden their conkers.

The children thoroughly enjoyed making soup from a range of vegetables that they had explored and learnt facts about. The children have practised their peeling and chopping skills whilst continuing to develop their fine-motor skills and how to eat healthy.

Reception enjoyed their Christmas lunch whilst wearing their Christmas hat and listening to Christmas songs in the background. As part of our topic, we explored Christmas food from around the world and had a food tasting session.

The children had a fun filled Wednesday this week, having made their own Christmas party hats. During the afternoon they played some party games in the activity room and enjoyed their party food.



Christmas Jumper Day



Thank you for supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day - we have raised a fantastic £119.

Years 3 and 4

Year 3/4 have enjoyed watching stage performances of Alice in Wonderland and then using this to write their own play scripts. Their performances were filmed to share with the younger pupils in school. We enjoyed learning about Christmas traditions around the world when designing and making the Christmas hoops to decorate

the school. We wish everyone a restful Christmas break and Happy New Year!

Cedars' Christmas Decorations

We hope you enjoyed virtually viewing Cedars' Christmas Decorations.



Years 5 and 6

This half term has been another busy one for Upper Key Stage 2. The children all thoroughly enjoyed learning about Christmas traditions around the world and creating their class hoop to celebrate these. During our curriculum day, alongside the hoops, the children made Christmas tree decorations, which have made the hall and activity room feel very festive! The corridors have been filled with the sound of Christmas songs and it was lovely to welcome so many parents to sing along with us for our Carol Concert, after rounding off the half term with a trip for the Year 6

children to Lovat Hall for 'Christmas Cracked.' We would like to thank Geoff and the Bridge Builder team for putting this together for us, the children reflected well on what Christmas means to Christians. As always, the children have worked incredibly hard and the Upper Key Stage 2 team are very proud of the work that they have produced in all areas of the curriculum. We would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to welcoming you all back in January.

Gardening Club Update

Gardening club have been very busy this term. We harvested the last of the vegetables, collected seeds from the climbing French beans, cleared the bed, dug out all the roots, dug in manure and re-did the paths with bark chippings. We also made some mini bug hotels for mini-beasts in the wildlife area and created our own seed packets of French beans and marigolds.



A big thank you to Caitlin's family (Y6) for providing the manure and to all of Gardening Club for their hard work. We have also ordered two mini-greenhouses from the Morrisons' Good to Grow

scheme - many thanks to all who contributed Grow Tokens, we are looking forward to using them in the spring.

PTFA



The PTFA would like to thank the parents & carers who have supported our fundraising projects this term.

Thanks to your support, these projects have raised **£1000** in funds, which will be used to enhance our children's educational experiences. Many thanks, and Happy Christmas from the PTFA.

Breakfast and After School Club

You are able to book places for the first week of Spring Term **until midnight on Thursday 30th December 2021**. Please ensure all bookings are made by this deadline.

Years 1 and 2

Years 1/2 have had a very successful half term of learning. We have particularly enjoyed pottery painting, our geography field trip to look at Newport Pagnell high street and doing the Christmas performance! It was wonderful to see the children sing and perform again and we all really enjoyed it. We hope you have a lovely Christmas and New Year!

Certificate of Achievement and
Recognition

*Esmae, Ava M, Jacob, Jack, Cleo, Oliver,
Hedgehogs Class, Summer, Phoebe K,
Suri, Rose, Sekinah, Kenzi, Phoebe,
Ellie-Mai, Felix, Isabella, Artie, Edward,
Riley, Mac, Cooper, Sid, Ava*

The Cedars' Way Award

*Izzy, Ellie, Adhisaya, Honey, Edie, Lena,
Zak, Oscar B, Sara, Ely, Archie, Harry,
Gabriella, Evie, Caelen, Eliza, Ava,
Victoria, Florence, Arthur, Eddie, Evie,
Riley, Evelyn, Letchan*

And finally ... thank you for a successful Autumn term. It has been wonderful to welcome you back into school. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of everyone at Cedars Primary and Nursery, may we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

Best wishes

Lisa Munday