

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy December 2022 at Cedars!

### Christmas

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

*Christmas is all about celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is the reason for the season. Yes, Santa, Christmas trees and gifts are fun, but if we aren't careful, the true meaning of Christmas can easily get lost.*

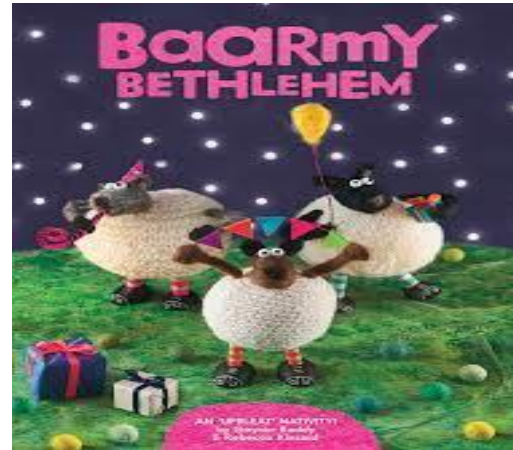
### Reception Christmas Performance: We're going on a Baby Hunt



We were very proud of the children's first performance of retelling the Christmas Story. Well done again Bears Class!



### Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance: Baarmy Bethlehem



Key Stage 1 children put on a very entertaining performance of Baarmy Bethlehem. We were kept entertained throughout. There was much laughter and it certainly made us all feel very Christmassy! Well done again Hedgehogs and Owls!

### Christmas Tree Festival

Cedars Primary School and Nursery were delighted to design a tree for the festival in St. Peter & St. Paul's Parish Church.

This year, the School Council wanted to create a tree out of paper. We created pyramids and stuck them together to create a larger version. We then created presents using cubes!



## Early Years

### Nursery

This half term we were blessed with glorious weather and have enjoyed lots of learning outside. We have observed the changing season and have used all the materials gathered to learn about the natural world. We have compared leaf shapes and sizes and used conkers and other seeds to practice our counting and used them as ingredients in our mud kitchen. The half term has also been filled with lots of exciting celebrations with Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas and we have enjoyed exploring these through art and storytelling. The children especially enjoyed the Hindu story of Rama, Sita and the 10 headed monster Ravana! We have welcomed new staff to Nursery and the children have made them feel very welcome. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



### Reception

It's hard to believe that Bears Class are already finishing their first term at school. We have had another busy half term, we explored everything about Autumn and have spent the last couple of weeks learning the Christmas story and completing lots of Christmas activities like tasting traditional Christmas foods

from around the world. We have learnt lots of different songs this half term and always enjoy any time we sing together. Our favourite book has been Owl Babies and we worked hard creating a piece of artwork based on the story, returning to it over a couple of weeks to add lots of detail. We can't wait to learn all about cold and hot places with our new topics in the Spring term.



## Christmas Jumper Day



Thank you for supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day - we raised a fantastic £158.





### **Cedars' Christmas Decorations**

The children have enjoyed decorating the school with their Christmas decorations. Each class made a Christmas Hoop telling part of the Christmas Story and a stained glass window. Each child made a Christmas decoration for the trees.



### **Years 3 and 4**

Year 3 and 4 have had a busy term on their topic Scrumdiddlyumptious. The children have enjoyed their design technology project to evaluate, plan and prepare soup. They started by taste testing a range of existing products and deciding what flavours they liked. Using this research, they then planned their own product thinking about the target audience. Finally, they used a range of utensils to peel, chop, slice and prepare the ingredients before cooking and taste testing their soup.

The children have also enjoyed learning about human and physical features of Brazil as part of their Geography learning. They had a visit from Tom, 'The Coffee King', from the head office of Costa, who talked about the process that occurs to grow, pick and process coffee beans. The Year 3/4 team wish you a very Happy Christmas and thank you for all the support this half term.

### **Christmas Raffle**



Thank you for supporting Cedars' Christmas Raffle. We raised £475. This money will be used to buy two new iPads.

### **Years 5 and 6**

This half term has been another busy one for Upper Key Stage 2. The children all thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Titanic tragedy and wrote excellent complaint letters. They have made some fantastic igloos in Design and Technology and demonstrated their sound

understanding of human and physical features of geography.

This half term was rounded off 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. The children were pleased to share this with so many of their grown-ups at our Celebration of Learning.

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.

### **Years 1 and 2**

Key Stage 1 thoroughly enjoyed their Design Technology day tasting, making and eating cheese straws. We definitely had one or two possible contestants for future Bake Off's!

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

You are able to book places for the first week of Spring Term 2023 **until midnight on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2022.** Please ensure all bookings are made by this deadline.

### Certificate of Achievement and Recognition

Jasmine, David, Matilda, Sophie, Leah, Ivan, Reuben, James, Cassidy, Olivia, Emery, Abrah, Albert, Charlie, Lilianna,

Anna, Eli, Rosalie, Harry, Ismail, Teddy, Willow, Lyla, Clark, Isaac, Joseph, Evie, Sonny, Archie, Liam

### The Cedars' Way Award

Oliver, David, Lula-Belle, Sophie, Leah, Oscar, Reuben, Ella, Ruby, James, Tilly, Beth, Edie, Harvey, Maryam, Willow, Luca, Eli, Lena, Charlie, Harry, Felix, Cayden, Poppy, Jemima, Phoebe, Lyla, Eliza, Willow, Isla, Ellie

**And finally ...** if you are able, we look forward to seeing you at St Peter and St Paul's Church at 2pm tomorrow.

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

Children return to school on **Tuesday 3rd January 2023.**

Best wishes

*Lisa Munday*