

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy term! The children have been working hard, making good progress and I have been very impressed with their enthusiasm, resilience and manners. All the staff and children have made me feel very welcomed to the school and I am looking forward to being part of the continuing onward learning journey for Cedars.

Year 2 and Year 6 have been completing their SATs this half term and we are all proud of their hard work and commitment throughout the year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff involved for their dedication to the children. We now wait for the results in July!

It has been lovely to see so many parents attend our celebration of learning this week. The children really enjoy sharing their school life with you and please do continue to support your child at home by reading regularly with them.

A quick reminder that from September the school day will be changing. The gates will open at 8.30am. The teachers will be welcoming in the children at 8.35am and registration will be prompt at 8.45am. The school day will continue to finish at 3.15pm.

Attendance



Good attendance leads to academic success. At Cedars we would like every child to have an attendance of 97%. The school day starts at 8:45 am and it is important that the children arrive on time so that they can settle quickly and be ready to learn.

Each week in assembly we will be announcing which class or classes had the highest attendance for the week.

The classes who have achieved this target are:

Lions, Giraffes, Zebras and Stingrays.

Nursery

This half term, our learning has focused on traditional tales. We have had lots of fun with a variety of stories and with our latest story of *The Three Little Pigs* the children have been heard 'huffing and puffing' as they re-enact the story through their play. The Penguins, have built houses from all sorts of different materials and their ability to create enclosed structures has really developed. We have looked at different types of buildings and structures, such as houses and bridges. We have begun to learn about different materials such as wood, brick, glass and plastic and about the properties of the materials they are made from.

We have continued to observe the changes to our school environment and are super excited that we are now finding lots of insects and mini beasts in the garden.

We regularly enjoy going down to the Activity Hall to do 'Sticky Kids' - a mixture of singing and movement, to build up our strength, coordination and listening skills.

We have been learning to talk about our emotions and looking closely at how different characters might be feeling in the stories we have read and how those emotions link to our Zones of Regulation. The nursery staff wish you all a happy holiday and look forward to sharing more learning next term.



Reception

This half term Bears Class have explored a vast range of traditional tales. We have learnt new vocabulary, retold stories and made up our own fairy tales. We have looked at what was the same and what was different in the stories we have read and made a chart to display our findings. We have really enjoyed the sunshine and have spent a lot of time developing our gross motor skills outside, building obstacle courses and inventing games to play. We had lots of fun during our Coronation week and learnt about Kings and Queens from the past, what they wore and where they lived. We made cucumber sandwiches to help improve our cutting skills too! We have begun sharing our opinions about stories so please ask us what our favourite fairy tale is and we'd love to tell you all about it!



Years 1 and 2

In KS1 this half term the children have really enjoyed putting sound effects and songs to a story in music - we had some amazing vocal accompaniments for an over-flowing magic porridge pot! We

have been into space in our History and English lessons! Oliver Jeffers provided the inspiration for our writing with his book 'The Way Back Home' and we found out about Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landing on the moon; we even went for a moon walk ourselves! We finished off our space topic by making Moon Buggies with hinges (doors) and axles and wheels - phew! We hope this weather holds and you have a lovely half term.

Years 3 and 4

During Science learning in Years 3 and 4 this half term, the children have been discovering how their food is digested. They have explored different types of teeth they have, and their functions as well as being able to develop a deeper understanding about the importance of looking after their teeth. The children have looked at the process and journey food goes on when being digested, and created models of a digestive system to help them explain what happens. This was great fun, but also very messy!

A very memorable part of our half term was the Design and Technology project based on textiles. The children have designed and made their own bags, including sewing fabric to join pieces together and attaching a button to open and close their bag. The standard of work produced was excellent and the children enjoyed deciding what special things they might keep in their bag. They were desperate to take them home to share! Thank you to parents and carers for sending in a range of fabric and buttons for the children to use.

Years 5 and 6

There has been much to celebrate in Upper Key Stage 2 this half term. The Year 6 children worked incredibly hard during their SATs week and should be very proud of themselves. All the staff were so impressed with the confidence and resilience they showed, they were superstars! Year 5 were extremely supportive and adaptable during this week too and produced some fantastic work.

Over the course of this half term, both Year 5 and 6 have created some wonderful work, including biographies of Christiaan Barnard, photomontages inspired by the artist Hannah Hoch and studied the biomes of South America. During our celebration of learning, the children enjoyed working with their grown-ups to create our very own 'Pillars for UKS2' sculpture inspired by the community projects Alfredo and Isabel Aquilizan.

As we draw this busy, but successful, half term to a close, we hope you have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you all back for our final half term of the year.

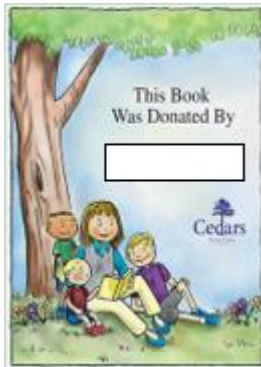
Sports Day

It is that time of the year and it's Sports Day on Tuesday 13th June! Unlike in previous years, we would like to invite family and friends to join us on the school playground at 9:30am so that we can walk (process) down to the field together. As in previous years, when we get there, we would ask that supporters stand around the outside of the track area only. The event should be finished by approximately 11:30am. Fingers

crossed for good weather, and we look forward to an exciting morning.

Library Donations

We get lots of lovely book donations for our school library and reading areas and we would like to celebrate that you and your children have contributed to our love of reading. As of next half term, we will be putting these stickers into donations that we keep for our reading areas at the front of the books with the name of the family/child who has donated them. Please make sure all donations have a note with them to say who they are from.



Rocksteady

To inspire our children, The Rocksteady Foundation came in and delivered a fun musical assembly. The children learnt about an acoustic guitar, an electric guitar, a microphone, an electric keyboard and the electric drums. They got to sing and clap along to some music and even Mr Tearle and Miss Hunt had a go at playing the instruments.

You can find out more information about Rock Steady by visiting: rocksteadymusicschool.com/



Online Safety

In our Computing lessons we remind the children to stay safe online and of the SMART rules. It is advised that pupils should not be using devices in their bedrooms without supervision. For further information about online safety, please use the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6XunxJMcaE&t=18s>



PTFA

To celebrate the King's Coronation the PTFA held a Bake Off event. The children made some wonderful bakes and I am sure you will agree, they were delicious to eat. The School Council judged them and congratulations go to:

1st Place - Sophie, 2nd Place - Harrison.
3rd Place - Amelie.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and to the PTFA for organising this. We managed to raise £162.15. If you are missing your cake box, it might be in the staff room so please come and collect it.



Bereavement

This half term, some of our pupils have been learning about death in their RE lessons. We are conscious that children may have lots of questions regarding this subject and that grief can impact us all. Support can be sought through:

- **Childline (0800 1111)**
www.childline.org.uk/
- **Winston's Wish**
www.winstonswish.org/supporting-you/support-for-parents/
- **Child Bereavement UK**
www.childbereavementuk.org/
- **Samaritans (116 123)**
www.samaritans.org/
- **Harry's Rainbow**
www.harrysrainbow.co.uk/

Please come and speak to us if you are concerned about your child.

Parking

We still have cars parking dangerously near the school entry and exit points. Please can we politely ask everyone to think before they park - we don't want an accident!

Achievers of the Week

During our Celebration Assembly on a Friday, we celebrate children's achievements both at school and from home. Each week the Class Teacher chooses 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 so far this term:

Certificate of Achievement and
Recognition

*Ivan, Olivia, Avery, Emery, Leah, David,
Esme, Ruby, Ella, Tilly, Oscar, Xander,
Rowan, Arty, Woody, Dexter, Roman,
Max, Ava M, Honey, Jack F, Jacob and
all of Year 6.*

The Cedars' Way Award

*Ella, Ruby, Matilda, Seb, Grace, Cassidy,
Leah, Ensar, Willow, Olivia, Esme, Elijah,
Damian, Jack S, Esmae, Henry, Zach,
Evie, Darcey, Shanaya, Klaudia, Bastian,
Jack, Macie, Sophie, Chloe, Poppy, Nellie,
Amelie and Joseph.*

Have an enjoyable half-term holiday! The
staff look forward to seeing you all again
on Tuesday 6th June 2023.

Best wishes



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