



The Cedar School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Cedar Easter News including Dates 2022-2023

Spring Display

We are so sorry that we had to postpone the Spring Display which had been planned for yesterday. As I said earlier in the week, it felt the safest thing to do given the high rates of Covid-19 both in our school community and in the wider community at this time.

We look forward to arranging a new date for this special event after the Easter Holidays. It will be lovely to welcome you all into school soon.

Thank you, again, for your understanding.

Bikers - Saturday

Thank you to everyone who came on Saturday to welcome the Cedar School Bikers as they brought Easter eggs for the children and made a financial donation towards the building of a new Wendy House for our youngest children.

£170 was raised by the Bikers and from generous contributions from school families. Thank you!

Our huge thanks to the Bikers for making such a positive difference to all that we can offer as a school.

My thanks to Sue Carter, Karen Booth, Emma Charlton and Fran Harding who organised and hosted this special event.

Dates for 2022-2023 School Year

I want to let you know key dates for the 2022-2023 school year as I appreciate that these really help with forward-planning. These dates follow on the next page. We have also added them to the calendar section of our school website at [Calendar - The Cedar School](#).



The Cedar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and young people. It expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to the school to share and embrace this commitment.

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Dates for 2022-2023 School Year

Thursday 1 st September 2022	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Friday 2 nd September 2022	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Monday 5 th September 2022	First Day of Term for children
Friday 21 st October 2022	Break Up for Half-Term Holiday
Monday 31 st October 2022	School Returns
Friday 16 th December 2022	Break Up for Christmas Holiday
Monday 2 nd January 2023	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	INSET Day (School closed to children)
Thursday 5 th January 2023	School Returns
Friday 10 th February 2023	Break up for Half-Term Holiday
Monday 20 th February 2023	School Returns
Friday 31 st March 2023	Break Up for Easter Holiday
Monday 17 th April 2023	School Returns
Monday 1 st May 2023	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 2 nd May 2023	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Friday 26 th May 2023	Break Up for Half-Term Holiday
Monday 5 th June 2023	School Returns
Friday 30 th June 2023	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Thursday 20 th July 2023	Break Up for Summer Holiday
Friday 21 st July 2023	INSET Day (school closed to children)

We will add more events to the 2022-2023 calendar as we go along but the key dates for the start of terms, the end of terms and INSET Days are always helpful to have in the diary!

Blazers For Children In Secondary

Some of our secondary children have been busy this year thinking about how they would like to develop the Cedar School Secondary Department's identity.

One of their ideas was for a Cedar blazer to be added as an option to the uniform for children in Diamond, Sapphire, Ruby, Emerald and Amber classes.

The children have been involved at every stage ... from surveying the department, to finding out how many people liked the idea, raising money and even sorting and delivering the orders when they arrived!

We are really proud of our children for coming up with this idea and the work they have put in behind it.

Their forward thinking, pride in their school and effort towards making this happen has been admirable. One of our children said, ***"I'd like a blazer because it looks smart and it makes us more grown up."***



Lunchtime Clubs

This half-term we have been running many lunchtime clubs for the children at Cedar.

The clubs range from Choir, Maths, Mindfulness, Fitness, Art, Boccia, Theatre, Dance and Lego... with many others waiting to rotate with those that have started already.

The children are able to choose whatever interests them and are really enjoying spending time with children and adults from different classes.

As one of our children said, *"I really like the clubs. It's nice to see everyone. It is like lessons because you learn so much and have fun at the same time!"*

We have noticed an improvement in the enjoyment and engagement of the children during lunchtimes and know that the added opportunities to practise a range of skills with different people will help the children's learning and social skills.

Purple Class

It has been lovely to have Purple Class back together yesterday and today. Very many thanks to families for your flexibility and understanding when we had to close the class for three days due to high Covid rates.

Covid-19

If any child tests positive for Covid-19 over the holiday, please can you let us know by contacting **07843858769**. Please note that the phone will be checked on the first three days of the holiday and, again, on the last three days but, if you leave a message at another time, we will respond to it on one of those days. By checking on these dates, we will be able to inform other members of the school community who need to know either from the end of term or ahead of the new term starting. Thank you!

Above all, we wish anyone who might, unfortunately, test positive over the holiday well and a speedy recovery.

Dates After The Easter Holiday

We break up for the Easter Holiday today. The children will return to school on Monday 25th April.

A reminder that we will be closed on Monday 2nd May for the May Bank Holiday and also on Tuesday 3rd May which is a date that Southampton City Council has given to schools as an additional holiday. This is to balance the fact that the additional national Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday falls in the Summer half-term break when schools are already closed. Sorry that this all sounds so complicated 😊!

We wish you all a very happy Easter and hope that the children enjoy their break.

Thank you for your amazing and hugely-valued continued support and encouragement.

Very best wishes,

Neil, Cesia and the whole Cedar Team