



The Cedar School

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18th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

End of Half Term Updates from Cedar

School Closure Due To Storm Eunice

Thank you very much for your support and understanding when we closed school today due to Storm Eunice. Throughout we followed the advice given by Southampton City Council. We fully appreciate that closing for a day at such short notice causes a range of challenges for families. We are truly sorry for this but know that you appreciate that we must always respond to advice about everyone's safety.

Covid-19

Thank you to you all, and to your amazing children, for remaining so upbeat throughout this half-term despite the Covid challenges which we have faced.

After half-term, as nationwide Covid restrictions lift, we are going to make some further changes in school:

- We will end our class Bubbles arrangements, enabling all children to mix together
- This means that we can start to use some of our specialist rooms for all children again
- Some lunch time clubs will begin; there will be clubs every day

We plan to extend opportunities even further over the next few weeks ... so, assuming that nationwide and local Covid figure do not rise, we are optimistic of something that resembles 'normal Cedar' being able to re-emerge!

This all said, over half-term, please contact our out of school line on **07843858769** if your child tests positive for Covid-19. **Please also** ensure that your child self-isolates, following the national rules. Please note that this phone may not be answered immediately but, if you leave your name, contact details and a message, we will get back to you. Thank you ... and keeping fingers crossed that no-one does test positive for Covid during the holiday.

This week two children tested positive for Covid-19 but no staff. The families of anyone who is a close contact were informed. We send love and best wishes to the two children and wish them a speedy recovery.

*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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Key Dates!

This week Cesia and I met with Jilly Fordham (Freddie - Ruby Class's mum) who is the chair of our Friends of The School parent/carer group and made some exciting plans for the next few months as we all, hopefully, emerge further from the restrictions of the last two year. Here are some key dates for your diaries:

**Wednesday
16th March**

Parents and Carers are invited into school for tea, coffee and cake from 9.30am – 12.00pm. There will be an opportunity to have a tour of the school at 10am, 11am and 11.30am!

**Thursday 7th
April**

Parents and Carers are invited into school for our Spring Display when every class will present their learning from the half-term. Spring Display will run from 10am – 12pm. We look forward to welcoming you to the children's classrooms!

**Friday 1st
July**

From 2pm-6pm we will hold a 'Summer Extravaganza' where parents, carers and families will be welcome to a Summer 'fayre-type' event! Further details to follow but please make a note of the date!

Further details, as well as information about other key dates, will follow next half-term. It will be so wonderful and special to be able to welcome everybody back on these occasions!

A reminder of school INSET Days and term dates for the rest of the year is below:

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| Monday 28 th February 2022 | School Returns |
| Friday 8 th April 2022 | Break Up for Easter Holiday |
| Monday 25 th April 2022 | School Returns |
| Monday 2 nd May 2022 | Bank Holiday (school closed) |
| Tuesday 3 rd May 2022 | Additional Holiday (school closed) |
| Friday 27 th May 2022 | Break Up for Half-Term Holiday |
| Monday 6 th June 2022 | School Returns |
| Monday 4 th July 2022 | INSET Day (school closed to children) |
| Thursday 21 st July 2022 | Break Up for Summer Holiday |

Full details of all of our dates for the year can be found on our school website at [Calendar - The Cedar School](#).

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Very many thanks for all of the replies to this questionnaire. We hugely appreciate your time and your feedback. We will be reviewing the questionnaire responses and I will share common themes and next steps from these with you soon.

Staffing Updates



This half-term we have welcomed Fran Harding as our Finance Assistant. Fran works alongside our School Business Manager, Karen Booth, and is based in our main school office. You may well speak with Fran if you visit or phone school. There is a photograph of Fran to the left! Welcome, Fran!

Sue Morse, one of our SSA team, took early retirement in January. Sue worked with children across the school for 14 years and has been a much-loved member of our team. **On behalf of the children – thank you, Sue!** We all wish you a happy retirement and look forward to seeing you at school events in the future!

One again ... well done to everybody for a very productive half-term and for your resilience throughout! The whole Cedar team wishes you all a lovely and restful half-term break and we look forward to welcoming everybody back on Monday 28th February.

Warm best wishes,
Neil, Cesia and the whole Cedar Team

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Revell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Neil Revell
Headteacher