

The Cedar School

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6th September 2023

Dear Cedar Families

Welcome To The New School Year!

Welcome to the new school year! A warm welcome back to all of you whose children are returning after the holiday and a warm newcomers' welcome to families whose children are joining Cedar this term! If you are new this term, we hope that you and your child will very quickly feel part of the Cedar family.



We are here for all of you! Please do contact your child's class staff team in the first instance if there is anything that you need from us.



Invite To Tea/Coffee and Cake

I would like to invite all of you for tea/coffee and cake with myself, the rest of our senior leadership team and other members of the staff team on Tuesday 3rd October between 9.00am and 11.00am. This is **purely an informal opportunity** for you get to know other parents/carers and members of our staff team. Please can you let Karen Collins in our office know if you are able to join us (karencollins@cedarschool.co.uk). Thank you!

Staff Updates

We welcome a number of new staff this term. Anna Colwill and Conor Lucey have now joined the teacher team. Charlotte Darragh will be teaching full time when Molly Flood's maternity leave begins shortly and Ryan Gillie is now teaching a class full time. We also welcome Aimee Sullivan, Skye Moody and Sapphire Lennan to our SSA team. Sharon Smith and Helena Bolt are now working increased hours in our Targeted Support Team, providing personal care and support to children in classes across the school. We are also delighted that Avril Deacon has joined our Lunch Time Assistant team.



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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Diary Dates 2023-2024

I am sharing key dates for the year below. There will be further dates for various events across the year which we will always seek to let you know in good time.

Tuesday 3 rd October 2023	Tea/Coffee and Cake Morning, 9.00am – 11.00am
Friday 20 th October 2023	Break Up for Half-Term Holiday
Monday 30 th October 2023	Children Return
Friday 15 th December 2023	Break Up for Christmas Holiday
Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Thursday 4 th January 2024	Children Return
Friday 9 th February 2024	Break up for Half-Term Holiday
Monday 19 th February 2024	Children Return
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Break Up for Easter Holiday
Monday 15 th April 2024	Children Return
Monday 6 th May 2024	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 7 th May 2024	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Friday 24 th May 2024	Break Up for Half-Term Holiday
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Children Return
Monday 24 th June 2024	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	Break Up for Summer Holiday

Emails From School

Although we send some information by letter, the vast majority of our correspondence with families now is by email. Please do let Karen Collins (<u>karencollins@cedarschool.co.uk</u>) know if you have changed email address or if you are not already on our email list. Karen will send out a test email to everyone on our distribution list tomorrow. Please can we ask you to reply simply to acknowledge receipt. This will help us to check if our records are up to date. Many thanks for supporting us in this way!



My thanks to our school cleaning team – Sue Carter, Julie Whitehead, Emma Haines and Donna Stevens - who have worked so hard across the Summer making sure that school is tidy and ready for a year of exciting and busy learning! Cedar is blessed with amazing staff and fantastic children. Best wishes to everyone for the new school year!

Take good care,

Neil Kevell

Neil Revell Headteacher