

The Cedar School

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1st November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

With winter and Christmas fast approaching here is an outline of the plans. We hope your child will enjoy our special occasions and that you will be able to join us for some of them too! Please contact your child's teacher if you need more information.

Coffee morning Wednesday 16th 10am

Come along and chat with the leadership team. We would love to see you there and answer any questions you might have. Drinks and cake provided.

World Cup Open Afternoon Monday 21st November 1245pm

Join us in school to celebrate the opening game for England in the World Cup. We will be showing the match on the big screen in the hall along with teas and coffees for any children or families who would like to watch. You are also invited to travel around the school and join in with activities inspired by other countries in the tournament. (These will not be football related). You might see delights such as the Brazilian carnival or and Australian beach. There should be something for everyone!

• The bikers ride in! Saturday 26th November 1030am

The bikers would like to invite parents, friends and families to meet them in the school car park as part of their ride along event to support the school. They will be bringing festive sweets and chocolates for all children attending. This is a regular fundraiser in their calendar and the school is very grateful for the support we receive. Karen and Sue will be at school on behalf of the staff team to welcome everybody and the Fundraising Committee will be serving hot drinks and mince pies. Explore the impressive bikes at your own risk. (Please be aware the school building will not be accessible as it is not 'an official school event'.)

Non uniform day Tuesday 29th November

Wear your choice of clothes, dress down or dress fancy for the day. All contributions of prizes for the raffle or bottles for the bottle stall welcome. Please send into the office or to your child's class team. Thank you.

Christmas post-box Thursday 1st December onwards

The Christmas post-box will be dusted off! Mail will be sorted and sent to staff or other pupils and their families. Please put the child's full name on the envelope so our elves do not get too confused.

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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• Cedar Choir at the Guildhall Tuesday 6th December

Hear the talented Cedar School Choir perform live at the Guildhall as part of the Southampton Schools Music Association Christmas Concert. It is an evening performance and tickets go on general release sale later this month. Please let us know if you would like further information.

School photographs Wednesday 7th December from 9am

The school photographer will be taking individual photographs of children. Proofs will be sent home to families if you would like to place an order for delivery before Christmas.

• Church visit Monday 12th December

As part of our RE curriculum, we will be enjoying a whole school visit to Saint John's Church in Rownhams. Children will get to explore the building, meet the church staff and be entertained by puppets and music. Volunteers are always helpful if you would like to join in please email hannahmuldowney@cedarschool.co.uk and let her know. (Please note we may ask you to be with a child that is not your own.) We are aware the church is not for everyone. If your child has religious reasons to **not** visit the church alternative activities will be available at school with Katy please email katyleonard@cedarschool.co.uk to let her know.

• Christmas Dinner Wednesday 14th December

Christmas dinner will be in classrooms all around the school. Rooms will be decorated and we expect a lot of Christmas music. In the afternoon, games and sensory activities will be available throughout the school.

Christmas Extravaganza Thursday 15th December 10am

We look forward to welcoming families and carers to our Christmas Extravaganza Please join us from 10am until 12pm. Those of you who have been before know what a lovely, casual and friendly event it is. We all spend the morning outside and the highlights are:

- Miller's Ark Nativity mini farm
- Brass band
- Outdoor free grotto and Santa
- Snow machine

- Festive crafts and games
- Outdoor café
- Christmas market
- Grand draw raffle

If you cannot attend on the day, but would like your child to visit the Christmas market, they may bring a small amount of money to spend. This is entirely optional. If you would like to help with anything from setting up a stall to making tea and coffee please contact karencollins@cedarschool.co.uk she will put you in touch with someone from the fundraising committee.

• Christmas Jumper Day Friday 16th December

Dust off your old Christmas jumper, or get creative and decorate your own. We will be celebrating the end of another hardworking term with silly jumpers and tops. With the cost of living crisis and the environment in our minds, recycling your Christmas jumpers might be a good idea. If you have Christmas jumpers that you no longer need please send them into school before the 16th and we will redistribute them to other families. All the children will gather at the end of the day for a sing a long before we go home!

We look forward to talking to as many of you as possible over the next few weeks. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Best wishes

Cesia, Neil and all the team at Cedar.