



The Cedar School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas at Cedar

With winter and Christmas fast approaching, here is an outline of our plans. We hope that 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.

- **Non uniform day - Friday 24th November**

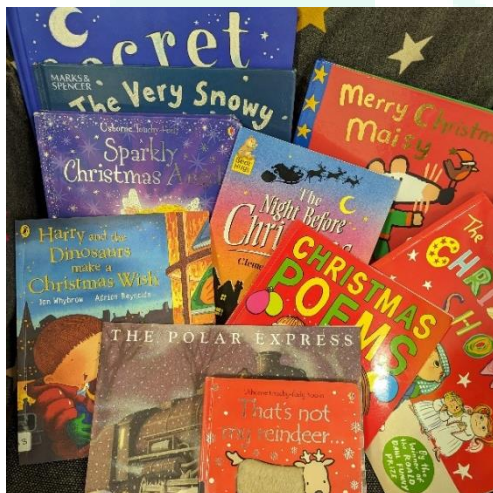
Wear your choice of clothes, dress down or dress fancy for the day. All contributions of prizes for the raffle or donations up to £1 welcome. Please send into the office or to your child's class team. Thank you.

- **Christmas post-box - Friday 1st December onwards**

The Christmas post-box is back again! 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.

- **Christmas books - Friday 1st December onwards**

We have a large selection of Christmas and winter themed books in school (see a few examples below). If you would like to borrow some to read with your family, please let your child's teacher know and we can send home a couple at a time. If there is a particular book your child would like to read, please let us know. If we do not already have it, we can add a copy to our collection.



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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- **The bikers ride in! - Saturday 2nd December 10.30am**

The bikers would like to invite parents/carers, 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 that the school building will not be accessible as it is not 'an official school event'.)

- **Christmas Extravaganza - Tuesday 5th 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. Highlights are:

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| • Miller's Ark live mini farm | • Festive crafts and games |
| • Brass band | • Café |
| • Free grotto and Santa | • Christmas market |
| • Snow machine | • 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.

- **Church visit – *Date to be confirmed***

As part of our RE curriculum, this year, St. John's Church will be visiting us in school. Children will have a story, meet the church staff and be entertained by puppets and music. We are aware the church is not for everyone. If your child has religious reasons **not** to take part in the church based activities, alternative activities will be available in school. Please email your child's teacher to let them know.

- **Christmas Dinner - Tuesday 12th 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 Jumper Day - Friday 15th 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 15th 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 meeting and 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