



The Cedar School

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THE CEDAR SCHOOL FUNDRAISING TEAM NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Parents, Staff and Friends of The Cedar School

Wow, what an amazing fundraising year we have had! In September 2022 the Fundraising Team set their selves a mission to raise **£12,000** to replace the old 'AKKA' platform. This is a moveable platform, allowing children in manual wheelchairs to experience the effects of an electric wheelchair, giving greater mobility and independence. A new product called a 'Drivedeck' was demonstrated to the school, and after a test-drive by one of our pupils, our fundraising mission began.



As well as fundraising events held at the school like our Christmas Extravaganza, Summer Fayre, Bingo Night and Lucky Number Squares, it is with thanks to some special external supporters that we were able to place the order for the Drivedeck, and took delivery of it in February 2024!

Special thanks therefore go to our following supporters:

- Adams Morey – Donations of over £3,000 after making us their 'Charity of the Year'
- Just Giving donations (the Kowal Family ran the Southampton Half Marathon)
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- The Cedar Bikers (Xmas & Easter Ride-In's, Quiz Night donations, and trike rides at the fayre)
- Soton Doing It for The Kids – Donation
- Southampton Solent Rotary – Summer Fayre game stalls
- Southampton & District Motorcycle Club - Donation
- Webb Family Trust – Donation

*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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Christmas Extravaganza 2024 – Thank You's

Thank you to Southampton Solent Rotary for their very generous donation, which allowed all pupils to receive a lovely gift from Father Christmas.

Thank you also to the staff at Bensons for Beds, Hedge End, who kindly donated wonderful drinks hampers for number squares at both the Summer and Christmas Fayres.

Spending this year so far!

The Fundraising Team have paid out funds for the following:

Complete refurbishment of the Pirate Ship

Repairs and MOT's to both minibuses

Approved a £1,000 budget to purchase new switch toys (computing) & sensory resources for school

Contributed towards charity football tickets

Paid for the Millers Ark Farm at the Christmas Extravaganza

Fundraising Team Members

Nicholas Ward – Teacher and Chair of Fundraising Team

Debbie Warn – Retired Teacher and Vice Chair

Fran Harding – Finance Officer and Treasurer

Karen Booth - Business Manager

Sue Carter – Site Manager

Jan O'Dell - SSA and ELSA

John Baker - Cedar School Bikers (Event Co-ordinator)

Mark Tull – Parent

Anchal Bisht – Parent

Vickey Lewis - Parent

Simon Strong – Ex Pupil & Az Ali

Ben Goodchild – Ex Pupil

Would you like to join the Fundraising Team so that you can have your say on how funds raised are reinvested into the school? We meet once every half term, in school or via zoom, to plan future events and are always looking for new fundraising ideas. If you would like to join our team or just find out a little more, please contact Karen Booth at school, or by email to: karenbooth@cedarschool.co.uk

Future Events

Saturday 16th March: Cedar School Bikers Easter Egg Ride-in

The Cedar Bikers will be riding into the school car park just before 11am to deliver Easter Eggs for the children and to allow everyone to look at their wonderful bikes!

School will be open from 10.30am for hot drinks and refreshments.

All pupils, parents, family members and staff are welcome!

