



Cedars Park Primary School School Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2023

Notable Dates

Mon 18th Dec—Santa Fun Run

Tues 19th Dec—Athlete In School

Wed 20th Dec - End of term

Wed 3rd Jan - PD Day

Wed 10th Jan - Y1 Hollytrees Museum

Wed 7th Feb - Parent Consultations 3.30 - 6pm

Thurs 8th Feb - Parent Consultations 4.30 - 7pm

Thurs 15th Feb - SEND Coffee Morning 9 - 10am

Mon 19th - Fri 23rd Feb - Half Term

Mon 26th Feb - PD Day

Lunch Menu w/c 18th Dec

Monday
Macaroni Cheese or
Cheese and Bean Parcel

Tuesday
Beef Burger in a Bun or
Quorn Burger

Wednesday
Fish Fingers or Fishless
Fingers

Jacket Potatoes are
available everyday.

Dear Parents and Carers,

School life has been fabulously festive and busy for the past few weeks!



Year 6 had a Nutcracker-themed Christmas Market earlier this week that was enjoyed by all of the children—they loved showcasing the variety of games they had made for their parents to play! £120.37 was raised for The Salvation Army, so thank you to all of those parents and carers who supported the market.

KS1 performed their Christmas play—'Baubles'—this week too. Their confidence, enthusiasm and joy was wonderful to see and very entertaining too! Well done to all who took part and thank you to parents and carers for their support—it is always so wonderful to welcome you into school.

Choir members from Years 5 and 6 visited Cedrus House recently, sharing Christmas Carols with the residents with help from the lovely, Mr Cole, of course!

Year 3 had their annual trip to visit St Peter's and St Mary's Church in Stowmarket—they were described as 'endearing' by church visitors there and had a lovely time talking to Reverend Michael about the true meaning of Christmas.

The school also had a special assembly from visitors from the Suffolk Liberal Jewish Community on Monday, where they found out about the candelabra that represents the eight days of Hanukkah.

The festive season may have taken over but it is not the only thing on the children's minds! In Year 1, the children recently had a visit to Bury St Edmunds as part of their history learning. They have been finding out about the story of St Edmund, looking for statues of him around Bury, as well as the wolf. The children were fascinated by the history behind the ruins where he was originally laid to rest. Another stand-out moment was getting to have lunch at the Apex!



Next week, the final three days of this term continue to be packed full of experiences for the children! We have our annual Santa Fun Run, a special athlete visit and of course a non-uniform day for the House with the most points earned this term—**Chestnut!**

More details can be found overleaf, however in the meantime, on behalf of everybody in the Cedars Park Primary community, I would like to wish all of our children and families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year—when it gets here!

With best wishes,
Miss Suhail
Headteacher



Parking

Please remember to park courteously at drop off and pick up times.

The Community Centre can be used for parking at these busy times.

Please also be reminded that the staff car park is strictly for staff use only.



No Nuts!

Please remember we are a nut free school.



Santa Fun Run

Monday 18th December 2023 is a non-uniform day.

Children can dress up as Santa—or anything Christmas-related!

They will have the chance to run around the field, whilst navigating festive obstacles, throughout the day!

A change of shoes is advised—wellies or outdoor boots are best as the field is muddy!

Children that normally have PE on this day should wear trainers.



Athlete Visit

Chris Tawiah, a pro-Basketball player, will be at school on **Tuesday 19th December**. Following a whole-school assembly, each class will have the chance to complete a circuits activity with him in turn!

Thank you for raising money for the visit through sponsorship forms. Some children, who raised particular amounts, will get the chance to have their picture taken with Chris to keep as a memento!

All pupils should wear their PE kits to school on this day.

Bittern Crescent—One Way

We have had reports of near misses on the road between Cedrus House and the school gates.

Please note that this road is one-way only. Please drive carefully to protect our pupils and families.



SEN Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who attended the SEN Coffee morning yesterday. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and we already look forward to the next one which takes place on Thursday 15th February 2024 at 9am.



Open the Book—Christmas Booklets

Thank you to the Open the Book team for their generous donation of the Christmas booklets



Poppy Appeal Update

We raised an enormous £411.33 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal!

Thank you for all of your support and well done Cedars!



Year 3 Artefact Visitors

Year 3 loved looking at all of the artefacts from the Stone Age that were brought in specially for them by Katie's grandparents, Mr and Mrs Morgan.

Thank you so much for visiting us!



Spring Term—PE Days

Children will have their PE lessons on the following days and should therefore wear their PE kits to school:

- Year R—Thursday
- Year 1—Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 2—Wednesday and Friday
- Year 3—Monday and Friday
- Year 4—Monday and Wednesday
- Year 5—Monday (Swimming) and Friday
- Year 6—Tuesday and Thursday

Attendance

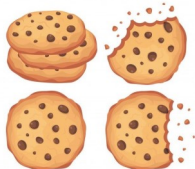
Good attendance to school supports pupils' attainment and well-being.

This week's attendance was as follows:

Reception:	95.43%
Year 1:	94.89%
Year 2:	92.64%
Year 3:	94.63%
Year 4:	94.17%
Year 5:	95.36%
Year 6:	96.43%

Well done to Year 6 for having the highest attendance!

Class Cookies



Well done to Kestrels in Year 4 for having the highest attendance this week!

Cedars Stars

Well done to our most recent Cedars Stars!

Reception Skylar-May W Isaac C Isabelle M Max B Jasmine G Seth L	Year 1 Georgina G Daria I Phoebe H Blake S Ruby G Teddy T	Year 2 Leo P-S Logan S Shay B Alys R Isaac S Miranda D
Year 3 Benjamin G Henry A Jack G Toby C Maxwell J Beau P	Year 4 Reuben F Isla S Afrem D Darcy B Chloe S Emma D	Year 5 Jack G Mallory W Leyton F Ruby B Harvey L Ruby W
Year 6 Charles F Harrison M Freddie P Jessica-Lilly B Leo B Kai H		

Instagram and Facebook

Did you know that the school has Facebook and Instagram pages? You can get a real flavour of the school on these social media platforms, therefore please do give us a follow!

To ensure that your child does not miss out on being featured, please do provide consent for photographs to be taken for the public domain on Arbor.

Equally, if you would not like your child to be featured, please decline this consent on Arbor.

Click the images below to visit our pages!



House Cup Winners—Autumn Term

Well done to Chestnut House for being this term's House Cup winners!

Children belonging to **Chestnut House** can wear non-school uniform on **Wednesday 20th December!**



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from All at Cedars Park!



See you on Thursday 4th January 2024!

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparking stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



The National College



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