



MAY Newsletter 2018

# CEDARS ACADEMY

*What you do today, can improve all your tomorrows...*

## Dear Families...

I can't believe we're already at the end of the half term! It's been a busy one with Y6 sitting their SATs and all the other classes working hard to improve on everything they do. There really is some great work going on in school that all our children are proud of and I hope this is being shared with you through our class blogs and open evenings.



## Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair this year will be held on **Friday 13th July** and will run straight after school.

The planning committee are working hard to make sure it's even better than last year. We're all looking forward to finding out the event details soon... Your support is always amazing and this year we will continue to put all proceeds toward running the school minibus.



## Seat Belt Safety

It's hard to believe, but this is still the reality for some of our parents dropping their children at school. All passengers **must** wear a seat belt in the UK or face up to a £500 fine.

**But, of course, the most serious penalty of all could be that you or a passenger loses their life!**

## Mental Health Awareness Week

Last week was Mental Health Awareness Week. We had lots of activities and discussions in school on dealing with the stresses of day-to-day life and how to build resilience. You should also have received a copy of our booklet '[Ready to Learn Every Day](#)' which is a short guide for parents on the Five Ways to Wellbeing.

## Internet Safety

Are your children playing Fortnite or posting videos on musical.ly? Are these sites safe for primary aged children? Keep up to date on all the online trends and keep your children safe in today's digital world. [Visit Net Aware.](#)

**How safe are the sites, apps and games your child uses?**

Run in partnership with O2, Net Aware offers parents useful information about each social network, including the age guidance for users.

[Visit Net Aware](#)

## School Dates

School closes for half term on **Friday 25th May** and re-opens to children on **Monday 4th June.**

School closes for the Summer holidays on **Friday 20th July.**

School re-opens to children on **Wednesday 5th September 2018.**



## Friendship Stop

Our School Council have designed a new Friendship Stop for the playground to ensure nobody is left without a playtime friend.



## Wire Jewellery

Y3 investigate wire jewellery techniques and design and make their own.



Y4 discuss their worries and stresses as part of Mental Health Awareness Week then made Worry Monsters to take their stresses away!



## Congratulations!

Miss Waeland fought off some stiff competition to replace Mrs McKinley as our new Deputy Head from September. Well Done Miss Waeland.



We're registered with easyfundraising and we need your help! Easyfundraising is a great website where you can help Cedars Academy raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/49IQMM/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/49IQMM/)

## Attendance Matters...

Thank you to all parents who ensure their children are in school and on time every day. It has a significant impact on their learning. Unfortunately, two of our families have been given penalty notices and **fined £120** (£60 per parent) and a third for **£240** for non-attendance. Another family who didn't pay the original fine have been taken to court resulting in a **fine and costs totalling £3404.**

Please remember these penalty notices and fines are for each child and each parent has to pay.

## New Chef

We have a new chef who is keen to increase our school meal uptake. Keep an eye out for our weekly specials where sandwich children can opt for a school meal on that day. We are also increasingly concerned about the amount of children who won't take risks and try new things, so we are also providing small sample pots of what's on offer. Please encourage your children to try something new.



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