



September Newsletter 2018

CEDARS ACADEMY

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

Dear Families...

Welcome back to the new academic year. The hot summer seems to have disappeared into history but, as always, everyone has returned fresh and ready to learn.

The Year 2 to 3 transition has been really smooth again this year and all our new children have settled in well.

We're all looking forward to another amazing year where we continue to work hard to make our school a fabulous learning environment for everyone. Keep an eye on our class blogs to see what your children have been learning.



Parent Survey

Your views about our school are important to us. We appreciate and value all feedback so that we can continue to improve the quality of education we provide for your children. If you haven't already done so via the text that has been sent out, can you please complete this [Parent Survey](#). Thank you.

Stay and Play Sessions

The 'Stay and Play,' sessions are now up and running again in the school hall and will continue to take place every **Tuesday** morning from **9.00-10.30 am**. If you are a parent with a toddler, please feel free to come along and join us. It is a great way of meeting other parents and letting your child make new friends.

Open Evening and Parents' Evening

Our first Open Evening will be on Tuesday 6th November. Your child will be able to share their books and what they've been learning in the first half term. Classrooms will be open from 3.20pm to 5.30pm. Parents' Evening follows on Wednesday 7th November and will run from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. Children **are not** expected to attend, but a creche will be available in the school hall for parents who find it difficult to get child care.

Attendance

Our overall attendance for last year was **94.5%** which is below the national figure of **96%**. Good attendance matters and has a significant impact on learning. We have set a **target of 97% for this year** and we now have an Education Welfare Officer working on behalf of the Trust that will be visiting families of children whose attendance is poor.

Unfortunately, another one of our families has been given a penalty notice and **fined £60** for non-attendance. Any pupil's absence or regular late arrival will undoubtedly impact negatively on their learning and progress. We continue to value your support in getting your children in school and on time every day.

School Dates

School closes for half term on **Friday 26th October**. Children return on **Monday 5th November**.

School closes for the Christmas break on **Friday 21st December**. Monday 7th January is a staff training day and children return on **Tuesday 8th January**.



Fruit & Veg Shop
Y3 visit the local shop to check out the fruit & veg on offer as part of their **Scrumdiddlyumtious** topic.



Macmillan Coffee Morning
Support Macmillan on **Wednesday 3rd October** from **8.45-10.00am** in the school hall.



Y4 Potions
Y4 have been making their own potion bottles from clay as part of their **Potions** topic.



Reminder - Fruit only for snack at break time. Friday remains as the 'treat day.'



School Values

Towards the end of last year our staff and School Council worked on our school values. We discussed what values are and what we as a school believed in. We wanted them to be simple so that everyone was able to say what each of them meant to them personally. We are all really proud of how the school has developed over the past few years so we decided to base it around the acronym **PRIDE**. These values now feed into class discussions, assemblies and day to day conversations with children. They also link into the work we do on children's rights as a **UNICEF Rights Respecting School**. You'll see them displayed in the playground and around school.

Class Blogs

New class blogs are now up and running. Blogs are a great way to see what is going on in your child's classroom. Teachers will post photos, videos, comments and links to share what they are learning in class. Click on the 'Blogs' tab on the school website to find out more. Please feel free to post encouraging comments as the children really enjoy reading them.

If you haven't already done so, can you please return your consent form to enable your children to appear on our blogs.



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