



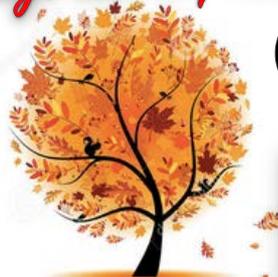
November Newsletter 2018

CEDARS ACADEMY

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

Dear Families...

November has been a busy month so far. The darker nights have drawn in and there's a definite chill in the air. Your support at Parents' Evening was as warm and as positive as ever. Thank you to everyone who attended. Christmas isn't far away and we've got a busy month ahead of us. Please continue to keep an eye on our class blogs to see all the creative things your children have been doing in class so far this year.



Every Mind Matters

Positive mental health is important for both children and adults. As part of our work on wellbeing we are supporting the Every Mind

Matters campaign. It's being piloted here in the West Midlands prior to a national launch in 2019. You've probably seen the ads on TV. Having good mental health can help us all feel better, sleep better and support us in doing the things we want to do. It can also help us have more positive relationships with those around us.

If you want more information, pick up a leaflet from reception or visit the [Every Mind Matters website](http://www.everymindmatters.org).

Emergency School Closure

Last winter was a cold one so we are preparing for the same this year. We will endeavour to keep the school open at all times, but in the event of the school being closed due to extreme weather or boiler failure, parents will be informed by an alert on the school app or by text message by 7.30am. Closures will also be announced on Free Radio and BBC WM. A closure banner will also be posted on the school website.



Thank you to all the children, parents and staff that contributed to Children in Need. We raised an impressive **£336.20** towards a record breaking £50.6 million total.

Lest we forget...

Thank you for all the pop bottles you contributed to help make our pop bottle poppies for Remembrance Day. Children and parents helped paint them at parents' evening and the school council helped set them out at the front of school.



Please don't forget to sign up to our easyfundraising account to help support the school every time you shop online at Christmas and all year round. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/49IQMM/>

Attendance

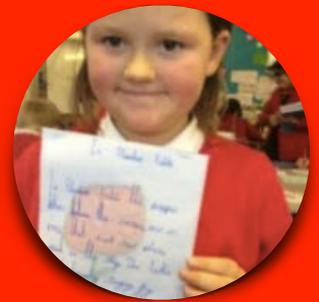
Our overall attendance is currently **95.5%** which is below our **97%** target. Unfortunately, we have another two non-attendance penalty notices, one of £240 and one for £185 for taking leave in term time. We continue to value your support in getting your children in school and on time every day.

School Christmas Fair

Our **Christmas Fair** will take place this year on **Thursday 20th December from 3.20 until 4.30pm**. We will be sending out an invitation via the Cedars App with details of the event to you all a little nearer the time, but please put the date in your diary as your support is appreciated.

School Dates

School closes for Christmas on **Friday 21st December**. **Monday 7th January** is a staff training day. Children return on **Tuesday 8th January 2019**.



Y4 Remembrance

Y4 remember the men from Acocks Green who fell serving our country through the poem *In Flanders Fields*.



Scream Machine

Some amazing holiday homework projects from Y4.



Predator

Y3 got to meet 6 birds of prey as part of their Predator topic.



Children in Need

All classes got to cover Pudsey with their spare change for Children in Need. We raised a total of **£336.20**. Thank you for your support.



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