



# The Cedar School

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8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

## News from Cedar

The new half-term has got off to a good start in school! As always, your children's positive attitudes, resilience and love of learning shine through!

I want to share a few pieces of information and dates with you!

### INSET Day – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

As listed in our calendar ([The Cedar School - Calendar](#)), we have a staff training day on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November so school will be closed to children on this day. The main focus for staff training will be Phonics as we plan to implement an exciting new Phonics programme across school. Our English Leader, Zoe, will write more about this soon!



### Parent and Carer Coffee Morning – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am

We invite all parents and carers to a coffee morning on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November! Due to the pandemic, it has been so difficult to arrange such important events in recent months and we still feel that it would be unwise to have an inside gathering. So, this coffee morning will be held outside around the firepit in our Forest School part of the grounds. It will be an 'informal' opportunity to chat ... there is no 'organised agenda'! Please see the separate attached flyer about this event which is very kindly being organised by the Friends of the School group. Cesia and I look forward to meeting any parents and carers who are able to join on this occasion! Please can I ask that you let Karen Collins know by email ([karencollins@cedarschool.co.uk](mailto:karencollins@cedarschool.co.uk)), by close of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November, if you are able to join us. Thank you! This will help us with catering arrangements.



### Christmas Events!

Cesia will issue a separate letter about our Christmas plans soon! Again, we are being cautious due to the pandemic but rest assured that some exciting, festive plans are in place!



*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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### **Positive Covid Case In the Ruby/Sapphire/Diamond Bubble**

Families in the Ruby/Sapphire/Diamond Bubble will be aware that a pupil in the Bubble tested positive for Covid on Friday. Our thoughts and very best wishes are with the pupil. Thank you to families in the Bubble for arranging PCR tests for their children following this result. We are adhering to national guidance and truly do appreciate your support and cooperation at all times.

### **Requests for Exceptional Absence**

Many thanks to everyone for using our 'Request For Exceptional Absence Form' if you request any time out of school for your child in term time. The system is working well although a few forms are being submitted after the date for which the request is being made. Please can I ask that all forms are submitted in advance of the time being requested ... preferably by at least a week ... unless, of course, it is a total emergency. Thank you! The form is available at [The Cedar School - Attendance and Absence in Term Time](#).

### **Remembrance Day**

On Thursday, we will observe a minute's silence at 11am for Remembrance Day. We will also reflect on Remembrance in our whole school assembly tomorrow.



Thank you for all of your support for everything that happens here at Cedar!

On behalf of Cesia, myself and the whole Cedar team,

*Neil Revell*

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Headteacher