



# The Cedar School

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## THE CEDAR SCHOOL FUNDRAISING TEAM NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024

Dear Parents, Staff and Friends of The Cedar School

The Fundraising Team is pleased to share with you what has been achieved this year, and what our next fundraising mission is.

As you may know, following amazing donations and fundraising events in school, we took delivery of the Drivedeck in February. This is a power platform which can have lines laid on the floor to automatically follow, including junctions, or which, as the pupils progress, allows them to drive freely using switches or a joy stick.



**Purchased from Smile Smart Technology Limited at a cost of £12, 605**

The school's Physio team work with a group of children at a time, teaching them to independently use the device. Once they are confident, their sessions continue during class time.

By Christmas, 10 children will be competent in using the drivedeck, allowing them a real sense of independence. The next 5 children will be ready to start their physio sessions in January 😊.

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*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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### Our next fundraising mission:

Following Teddy's recent operation and rehabilitation, the Physio team and Teddy's mum made the Fundraising Team aware of how beneficial a set of these steps could be. The corner steps and handrail would support the mobility of many of our pupils, and allow them the opportunity to safely practise the challenges of a staircase!



**Demonstrated by Teddy!**



**The cost of these Adjustable Rehabilitation Corner Steps is £1,185**

### The Cedar School Bikers Christmas Ride-In held on 30<sup>th</sup> November

The advert for the ride-in had been posted on The Cedar School Bikers facebook page, welcoming any bikers to join the ride, and to bring Xmas chocolate for the pupils and any fundraising donations. This event was then shared with many other motorbike groups.

The Fundraising Team, along with some staff and pupils eagerly awaited their arrival, but we had no idea how many might attend.....

**At 11am the rumble of motorbikes and the tooting of horns began with the stunning arrival of 80 motorbikes, trikes and scooters!!!**



**Xmas Trikes & Bikes**



**Chocolate donations**



**Simon (Chair of Fundraising) meets the Christmas Biker Elf!**

The Bikers also very kindly made cash donations into our charity bucket. Once counted, the school were astounded to see that this totalled:

**£ 76.30** from Soton & District Motorcycle Club and

**£670.00** from Bikers on the day

**£746.30**

**A massive thank you to all of our Cedar School Biker friends 😊**

## **Christmas Extravaganza 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Thank you again to Southampton Solent Rotary, and Mr & Mrs Fairchild, for their very generous cash donations, enabling Father Christmas to give each pupil a gift at this event.

Thank you also to the staff at Bensons for Beds, Hedge End, who will kindly be donating a wonderful drinks hamper which we will make up a lucky number square.

### **Spending this year so far!**

The Fundraising Team have purchased the following:

The new Drivedeck

Repairs and MOT's to both minibuses, including four new tyres (due to their age)

Millers Ark Farm to attend the Christmas Extravaganza

### **Fundraising Team Members**

Simon Strong – Ex Pupil, Cedar Volunteer and Chair of Fundraising Team

Debbie Warn – Retired Teacher and Vice Chair

Fran Harding – Finance Officer and Treasurer

Karen Booth - Business Manager

Sue Carter – Site Manager

Jan O'Dell - SSA and ELSA

John Baker - Cedar School Bikers (Event Co-ordinator)

John and Anne Vincent – Cedar School Bikers (Event Co-ordinator)

Emma Collins –Special School Assistant

Nicki Atwell – Special School Assistant

Stacey Briant – Retired Special School Assistant

Dave Cubbon – Retired Special School Assistant

Az Ali – Cedar Volunteer

Chelsea White - Parent

Mark Tull – Parent

Ben Goodchild – Ex Pupil

Would you like to join the Fundraising Team so that you can have your say on how funds raised are reinvested into the school? We meet once every half term, in school, to plan future events and are always looking for new fundraising ideas. If you would like to join our team or just find out a little more, please contact Karen Booth at school, or by email to: [karenbooth@cedarschool.co.uk](mailto:karenbooth@cedarschool.co.uk)

Date of next Fundraising Team Meeting: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 from 11am – 12 Noon

### **Future Events:**

**Bingo Night – Spring Term, Date TBC**

**Cedar School Bikers Easter Egg Ride-in – Date TBC**

**Summer Fayre – Date TBC**