



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We care, we learn, we succeed

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Dear Parent / Carer,

- Many thanks to everyone for their support in making our Spring Fair such a great success. Please
- look out for our next event organised by the PTA. This our shortest half term of the year, only 4 weeks long!
- Just to remind you that we are closed next Monday for the Bank Holiday, but open on voting day (the 22nd of May).
- Paul Moore (Head teacher)

Spring Fair

Thank you once again to everyone who came along to the Spring Fair, we raised just over **£1,000**. A very big thank you to the following shops in Coopers Road for their generous donations:
Wards Chemist, Top Class Cleaners, Kooner's Off Licence and Handsworth Convenience Store.

There are still 2 unclaimed prizes, the ticket numbers are:

GREEN 43

YELLOW 63

If the prizes remain unclaimed by Thursday 8th May 2014, the names of all children will be placed in a box and a draw will take place in school on Friday 9th May 2014.

EXTENDED LEAVE

Just a reminder that the school will not grant authorised leave. Leave will only be granted under exceptional circumstances, as defined by the Government. This is a legal requirement.

A small number of parents have recently been taking unauthorised leave and have not returned on the dates stated on the initial request for time form. In future, the school will ask to see a proof of return date. If necessary the school will use its right to impose fines, as per Local Authority and national guidelines. If a child is absent on unauthorised leave for more than 20 days, they will lose their Cherry Orchard place (we have large waiting lists in every year group). If attendance drops below a certain level, Education Welfare will be informed. Our quest is to get an Outstanding judgement from Ofsted for the school. At present our attendance is below this level!

Educational Visits

Reception went on a trip to Tamworth Castle as part of their topic on Castles. We had a great time. We learnt all about a knight's armour and some of us got to put the helmet on.

We also learnt how to be a knight in training which is called a squire.

We dressed up as ladies and lords of the castle.



NEWSLETTER APRIL 2014

E-Safety for parents

This month we are looking at Social Networking:

Simple Social Networking and Instant Messenger Rules:

- ◆ Pay attention to age restrictions – for example Facebook and Bebo are only for people aged 13 years and older.
- ◆ Social networking sites, such as Facebook and Bebo, have a range of privacy settings. These are often setup by default to 'expose' your details to anyone. When 'open' anyone could find you through a search of the networking site or even through a search engine, such as Google. So it is important to change your settings to 'Friends only' so that your details and profile content can only be seen by your invited and accepted friends and don't forget to remove yourself from search engine results.
- ◆ Have a neutral picture of yourself as your profile image. Don't post embarrassing material!
- ◆ You do not need to accept friendship requests. Reject or ignore unless you know the person or want to accept them. Be prepared that you may receive friendship requests or suggestions from people you do not know. It is not a competition to have as many friends as possible!
- ◆ Children should not make requests to be 'friends' with members of staff. They will be rejected.
- ◆ You can delete unwanted 'friends' from you Social Networking sites and IM lists. On IM don't forget to 'Block' them as well so they can't request your friendship again.
- ◆ Exercise caution! For example in Facebook if you write on a friend's wall all their friends can see your comment – even if they are not your friend.
- ◆ If you or a friend are 'tagged' in an online photo album the whole photo album may be visible to their friends, your friends and anyone else tagged in the same album.



GOVERNING BODY

I feel privileged to be serving as a governor at Cherry Orchard. I am chair of the governing body, a team of dedicated volunteers who are committed to high quality education opportunities for all our children. I feel that it is important that governors are "critical friends" and will challenge issues/data/discussion/ideas at governor meetings if the need arises. As well as having energy, enthusiasm and sensitivity, I feel I understand how passionate parents can be about education, and believe that all children deserve a quality education. Our children have one chance and it is up to all of us to give them the best deal possible. I feel very fortunate to work with committed governors, talented staff, supportive parents and delightful children.

We have much to be proud of at Cherry Orchard, we are a popular school with dedicated staff and good links with our infant and senior schools. We are not complacent and continually seek to build on our success.

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DIARY

2013/2014

6 Jan	Teacher Training Day
7 Jan	School Opens
27-31 Jan	Yr 6 Residential Visit - Stansfeld
11 Feb	Parents ' Evening
13 Feb	Parents ' Evening
14 Feb	Break up for Half Term
24 Feb	School Opens
09 Apr	2.30 Easter Assembly (new date!!!)
11 Apr	Break up for Easter
28 Apr	School Opens
05 May	May Bank Holiday School - Closed
12-16 May	Yr 6 SATs
22 May	Local & European Elections - school open as normal
23 May	Break up for Half Term
2 June	School Opens
18 July	Break up for Summer Holidays

2014/2015

1 and 2 Sep	Teacher Training Days
3 Sep	School Opens

WELL DONE 3M!!!

**YOU HAVE HAD THE
HIGHEST ATTENDANCE
from**

31st March to 29th April 2014