

# CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back to the new academic year. As ever, we already have many exciting events and activities taking place. We know that the children will both enjoy them, and learn from them. Congratulations to our new House and Vice House Captains, and also to our newly elected school council members. I look forward to working with both groups over the coming term.

Paul Moore (Head teacher)

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## HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

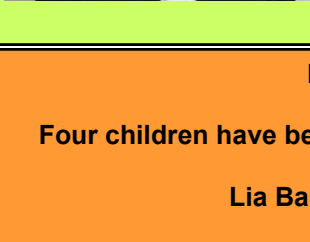
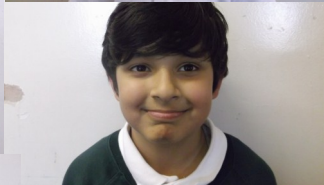
Here are the House Captains and Vice Captains for Autumn 2014-2015:

Ashley: House: Ardeel  
Vice: Hamza R

Birchfield: House: Kai  
Vice: Ziyar

Thornhill: House: Ria  
Vice: Oscar

Woodville: House: Ishaq  
Vice: Nimmi



## Family Learning

There are still places at Cherry Orchard Baby Club on Friday afternoons from 1:30 - 3.00 pm (term time only) **for babies under 12 months old**

If you are interested come along and speak to Mrs B Khatkar or telephone 0121 554 0862

## ASTON VILLA FC TICKETS FOR SCHOOLS SCHEME

This year we are continuing our involvement in this scheme which enables pupils to attend a home Premier League football match at Villa Park for just £1.00!! If you are interested, vouchers can be purchased from the main school office.

Details of fixtures and ticket availability can be found at:

[www.avfc.co.uk/ticketsforschools](http://www.avfc.co.uk/ticketsforschools)

## HANDSWORTH YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT

Four children have been selected to represent the views of Cherry Orchard Primary School:

Lia Banger, Sumaiya Hussain, Lewis Hylton and Finlay White.

The Young People's Parliament is an important part of teaching children about how democracy and government work and we hope that over the next few months they will debate various issues of interest for young people in the local area.

## E-Safety for parents

### This month.....

A reminder of the rules that we all agree to when using ICT at Cherry Orchard.

These E-safety Rules help to protect students and the school by describing acceptable ICT use.

- ◆ I understand the school owns the computer network and learning platform and can set rules for its use to keep me safe.
- ◆ I will only use ICT systems in school, including the internet, email and digital pictures for school purposes.
- ◆ I will only log on with my own user name and password.
- ◆ I will not share my passwords with anyone.
- ◆ I will only use my school email address at school.
- ◆ I will make sure that all messages are responsible, respectful and sensible.
- ◆ I will be responsible for my behaviour when using the internet/learning platform. This includes resources and the language I use.
- ◆ I will not give out any personal information about myself or anyone else when using the internet.
- ◆ If I accidentally come across any material that makes me uncomfortable I will report it to a teacher.
- ◆ I will not download or install software.
- ◆ If loaned equipment by the school, it will be returned at the appropriate time in the same condition.
- ◆ I will respect the privacy and ownership of others' work online at all times.
- ◆ I understand the school may watch / monitor my use of the school's computer systems.
- ◆ I understand that I will only be allowed to use the school equipment and systems by following these rules.
- ◆ I understand that if I break the above rules that sanctions will be taken.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

**Can I please remind all parents/carers to name each item of their child's school uniform, PE equipment, lunch boxes, coats and any other personal belongings. We have already gathered in a number of school jumpers which are not named and remain unclaimed.**

## ADHERENCE TO PARENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT

Unfortunately, we have had a couple of occasions where a number of 'choice' words have been used between parents. The occasions have both been over incidents of either parking or dropping off children from cars.

**Please do not drop off children on the zig-zags, and please do not drop off children on the zebra crossing. One final please. Please be considerate in where you park.**

A number of parents have received fixed penalty fines from the camera cars that are regularly parked outside the school either first thing or at the end of the day.

## PTA

As you know we held a very successful disco just before the summer holidays. Members of the PTA would like to extend a special thank you to 'Dyas Chippy', 'Tesco' and 'Big Johns' for their generous donations and to Romero's grandmother for making the delicious Pakoras.



## GOVERNING BODY

I have been a governor at Cherry Orchard for over 20 years. Most of this time I served as Chair. I have been involved in the appointment of most of the senior staff now serving the school. I am a retired Baptist Minister. I was Senior Minister at Cannon Street Memorial Baptist Church on the Soho Rd from 1989-2007.

I have lived in Handsworth Wood for 25 years and have no thought of moving. I am 75 years old but retain a passionate interest in education and young people. My main hobby is playing the piano. My wife taught at St. James's Primary, Handsworth for over 20 years. We have 5 children (including two foster-daughters). They all attended local schools. We are now grandparents."

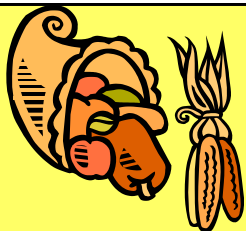
Regards,

Rev. Clifford Fryer.

## STAFF

I am pleased to let you know that Mrs M Trujillo gave birth to a baby girl during the summer holidays. We send our very best wishes to Mrs Trujillo and her family.

Welcome back to Mrs J Bailey and Mrs F Morgan following their maternity leave.



## Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival takes place around this time of year and as in previous years, we will be collecting food for the

Birmingham City Mission. The Mission serves meal daily to the homeless of Birmingham as well as providing boxes of groceries for families. Rev. Clifford Fryer, ex-chair of governors, will be leading a Harvest Festival assembly for the children on Monday 13th October 2014.

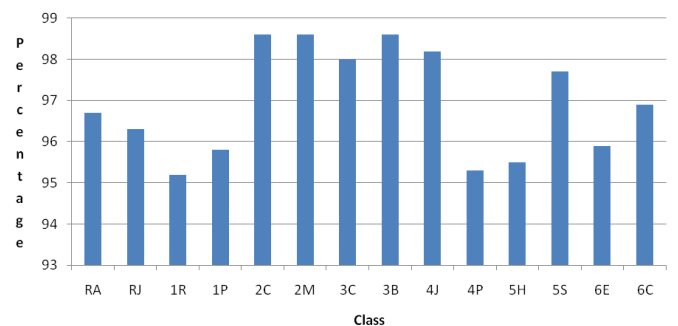
## DIARY

### 2014/2015

1 and 2 Sep	Teacher Training Days
3 Sep	School Opens
3 Oct	2.30 pm Eid Assembly Yr 4
14 Oct	Parents ' Evening 3.30 - 6.00 pm
16 Oct	Parents ' Evening 4.30 - 7.00 pm
23 Oct	2.15 pm Diwali Assembly Yr 2
24 Oct	Break up for Half Term
3 Nov	School Opens
7 Nov	Teacher Training Day - school closed
9 Dec	11.00 Nursery (AM) Christmas Play
9 Dec	2.30 Nursery (PM) Christmas Play
15 Dec	09.30 Reception Christmas Play
15 Dec	2.30 Yr 1 Christmas Play
16 Dec	09.30 Yr 1 Christmas Play
16 Dec	2.30 Reception Christmas Play
18 Dec	Christmas Parties (whole school)
19 Dec	Break up for Christmas Holiday

**Please note that there will be a  
Teacher Training Day on  
Friday 7th November 2014**

## ATTENDANCE



**WELL DONE 2C, 2M AND 3B!!!**

**YOU HAVE HAD THE HIGHEST  
ATTENDANCE FROM  
3RD SEPTEMBER - 26TH SEPTEMBER**