



# CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

Happy New Year to you all! Here are the latest notices from Cherry Orchard.

## What your child will be learning at Cherry Orchard

If you would like more information about what your children will be learning in school, please go to the curriculum pages on our school website [www.cherryorchard.bham.sch.uk](http://www.cherryorchard.bham.sch.uk)

If you click on Curriculum, then Subject Overviews, you can find end of year expectations for reading, writing and maths as well as topics taught in every subject from Year 1 to Year 6.

Also, keep an eye on our weekly updates on Google Classroom, where knowledge organisers and other useful information about your child's learning are shared. Thank you.

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## Subject Overviews

Please navigate through each curriculum area to find out more about each subject.

When a pupil has achieved the vast majority of the objectives for their year group, they are considered to be 'working at age-related expectations'.

If a pupil is able to apply these skills, for example when solving mathematical problems or when reading and writing for different purposes across the curriculum, they are considered to have 'mastered' the curriculum for their year group.

End of year expectations for **reading, writing and mathematics** can also be found below.

- Year 1 end of year expectations
- Year 2 end of year expectations
- Year 3 end of year expectations
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- Year 6 end of year expectations

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## KS2 Autumn Term Headteacher Awards



Congratulations to Kishan in Year 5 and Roshan in Year 6 who were also chosen for the Autumn Term Headteacher Award but were not in school to receive their certificate at the end of last term.

Well done boys – we are very proud of you!

## **Applications to start Reception class in September 2023**

If your child will be 4 years old before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023, you can apply for a place in Cherry Orchard's Reception class.

You will need to visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) and submit an online application **by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (the final closing date)**. The website has all the information you need to make your preferences. Please note that parents who apply late are less likely to be offered one of their preferred schools.

More advice is also available from Children's Services on 0121 303 1888.

Finally, please note that the primary National Offer Day falls on Monday 17 April 2023.

## **P.E. Kit**

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform for P.E. (see the reminder below). If your child comes to school in a branded jumper/jacket/hoodie, they will be given a Cherry Orchard tracksuit top to wear for the day as we have spare, unclaimed items from lost property available.

### **INDOOR P.E. KIT**

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts, leggings or Cherry Orchard tracksuit bottoms
- Plain white, black or grey socks and black plimsolls (although children can be in bare feet for some activities)
- Plain green, white or black bobbles for tying back long hair
- A headscarf worn for P.E. must be a green, black, white or grey specialist sports headscarf.

### **OUTDOOR P.E. KIT**

- Plain white t-shirt
- For summer wear, plain black shorts or leggings
- Plain white, black or grey socks and trainers
- For winter wear, a green Cherry Orchard tracksuit should be worn with a plain t-shirt and trainers. An alternative to the Cherry Orchard tracksuit is a plain black tracksuit (not branded).

### **SWIMMING**

- Swimming costume or trunks (modesty swimsuits may be worn if required)
- Swimming cap or bobble for tying back hair
- Towel
- Goggles if required.

**We ask parents NOT to provide their children with branded clothing for P.E.**

**Please ensure all clothes are clearly labelled.**

**Long hair must be tied back for P.E. and pupils are NOT allowed to wear any watches or jewellery, including earrings.**

## **Punctuality**

We have seen a lot of children arriving late for school since the start of this term. We understand that there are a number of traffic issues in the local area with temporary lights and roadworks and this is causing problems for some.

However, please note that the children still need to be in school on time as lessons begin straight away at 9:00am.

**Please leave earlier to allow for the extra travel time and remember that you can drop your children off at school from 8:45am when the traffic outside school is a lot quieter.**

As you may be aware, the law treats some persistent lateness in the same way as irregular attendance and parents may be prosecuted by the Local Authority if late arrival is not resolved.

## **End of Autumn Term House Competitions**

The Autumn Term house winners were Ashley. Well done everyone and congratulations Ashley!

Woodville	Ashley	Birchfield	Thornhill
1709	2598	1326	2535

Here are the Spring Term house captains and vice house captains from Year 6.

House Captain	Vice-Captain
Ayden	Eshan
Amar S	Jna
Giovanni	Veer
Zain	Aaria

## **Online Safety**

At Cherry Orchard, teachers have regular conversations about online safety with the children. Some children describe having unsupervised access to the internet at home and having their own YouTube and TikTok accounts on which they upload videos of themselves.

**Please remember that children should be 13 years of age to access TikTok and YouTube.**

YouTube doesn't allow children under the age of 13 to create their own channels or accounts, and children between ages 13 and 17 are only allowed to open accounts with parental permission. Tiktok sets all accounts created by 13-16 year olds to private by default. They also have restricted access to direct messages and livestreaming. Always review the settings in the individual App to make sure they have been set up correctly.

**The NSPCC website, [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk) is a fantastic resource where you can find advice on topics such as how to set up parent controls, internet connected devices/toys, and how to talk to your child about online safety.**

## **Healthy Start food vouchers**

Despite being eligible, many families in Birmingham are not registering for their Healthy Start food vouchers, entitling them to £4.25 of free food per week. This means thousands of pounds each week worth of free food is not reaching families who need it.

- To qualify for HS applicants must be 10+ weeks pregnant and/or have at least one child under 4 and be in receipt of benefits such as Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit.
- Healthy Start food vouchers can be exchanged for milk, infant formula, fruit, vegetables and pulses.
- For more information - Healthy Start Website - [Get help to buy food and milk \(Healthy Start\)](#)
- To find your local Healthy Start Vitamin collection site please use our postcode finder - [Healthy Start vitamin distribution sites | Birmingham City Council](#)

## **Healthy Start – information on further cost of living support:**

Please see some useful info below regarding Healthy Start and general cost of living support:

[Got a Healthy Start card and shop at Sainsbury's? You can get a £2 a week top-up coupon - here's how \(moneysavingexpert.com\)](#)

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/discounts-and-offers/>

## **Free School Meal applications**

It is important that eligible families access the additional support they are entitled to. **If you think your children may be entitled to free school meals and you would like support to fill in an application, please speak to Mrs Khatkar in the school office.**

Even if your child is in the infants and therefore already receives a free school meal, it is still important to send in an application because you will also receive support with the cost of school uniform, educational visits and musical instrument lessons.

## **Activities to encourage speaking and listening from birth to 5 years old**

Research has shown that the more experience babies and toddlers have of talk, the wider their vocabulary becomes, and this gives them the best preparation they could possibly have for school. If you have young children at home, you might like to take a look at the ideas to encourage speaking and listening in the link below.

[https://www.nhs.uk/start4life/baby/learning-to-talk/3-to-5-years/?WT.mc\\_ID=PR\\_Organic#anchor-tabs](https://www.nhs.uk/start4life/baby/learning-to-talk/3-to-5-years/?WT.mc_ID=PR_Organic#anchor-tabs)

## Charity at Cherry Orchard

Thank you all for your generous mufti contributions and food bank donations at the end of last half-term. The mufti money will go into school funds for learning resources and the food will go to Handsworth Association of Schools, which is a charity that supports families in the local area with weekly food parcels as needed.



Please follow us on Twitter @copschool for news and updates on learning and fun at Cherry Orchard. You can also find our Twitter feed on the home page of our school website.

Thank you!

## Attendance

As I said in my newsletter at the end of last term, our aim is for every class to reach at least 95% attendance each week. So, congratulations to the following classes who all achieved 95% or above this week:

RA	97.3%	1JA	95.3%	2D	98%
2B	96.3%	3HT	95.3%	4K	96.9%
5ST	98%	5L	99.7%	6SA	95%
RB2	97.5%				



## Upcoming dates for your diary

17 Jan	Parents' Evening (RA and 4K)
18 Jan	Parents' Evening (3.40pm to 6.00pm – all classes except 4K)
19 Jan	Parents' Evening (4.30pm to 7.00pm – all classes except RA)
15 Feb	Y6 poetry competition at The Hippodrome
17 Feb	End of term (mufti day)
27 Feb	Teacher training day (school closed to pupils)
<b>28 Feb</b>	<b>Start of term for pupils</b>
31 Mar	End of term (mufti day)
<b>17 Apr</b>	<b>Start of term for pupils</b>
01 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
08 May	Extra Bank Holiday for His Majesty The King's coronation (school closed)
26 May	End of term (mufti day)
<b>05 Jun</b>	<b>Start of term for pupils</b>
10 Jul	Teacher training day (school closed to pupils)
25 Jul	End of term (mufti day)

### **Additional Information**

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