



# CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

Here are the latest notices from Cherry Orchard.

## Parent Survey Results and Feedback

Thank you so much to all of the families who completed the parent survey. The more surveys completed, the more accurate a picture we get as a school. It gives us and our school governors an invaluable insight into our strengths and how we can work together to develop further.

Parent Survey January 2023 results **(based on 78 responses)**:

Statement/Question	Strongly agree/Agree	Neutral	Disagree/Strongly disagree
1. My child is happy at this school.	90%	10%	0%
2. My child feels safe at this school.	92%	8%	0%
3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	87%	10%	2%
4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	My child has not been bullied: 51		
	63%	26%	11%
5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	70%	15%	14%
6. When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly.	I have not raised any concerns: 19		
	59%	25%	15%
7. Does your child have SEND? (whole school 14.5%)	Yes: 23%		No: 77%
8. My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	82%	0%	18%
9. The school has high expectations of my child.	57%	31%	12%
10. My child does well at this school.	83%	12%	5%
11. The school lets me know how my child is doing.	79%	15%	5%
12. There is a good range of subjects available.	78%	17%	5%

13. My child takes part in clubs and activities.	71%	19%	9%
14. The school supports my child's wider personal development.	62%	28%	10%
15. I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes = 91%		No = 9%

### 16. What do you see as the strengths of the school?

Diversity, good communication, discipline, happy and safe, managed well, experienced staff, extra-curricular sports, teachers, multi-cultural, helpful, pastoral, leadership, approachable, kind, supportive, high expectations, uniform policy, varied curriculum, friendly staff, wellbeing, core values, commitment, invested, equality, good environment, Google Classroom, lovely community feel, proactive, parents valued, progress, SEND resource base, inclusivity, knowledgeable staff, encouragement, caring, welcoming.

### 17. What would you like the school to develop further?

More life skills like cooking and stitching, better communication with parents, too formal, more before and after school clubs, assessment and identification of SEND needs in more able students, more educational trips, Parent Teacher Association (PTA), children who excel move an academic year up, annual or bi-annual reviews between parents of SEND children and the SENCo, more lessons on bullying, better communication about test results, personality and confidence building exercises for pupils, gates on KS2 playground not large enough, more robust Black History month, improve the journey to school, improve the toilets.

Actions from the parent survey
Improve communication through more regular newsletters via e mail and the school website, giving more advanced notice of events where possible. Share letters on our website and Twitter in addition to emailing, and continue to encourage parents to follow the school on Twitter. We share what the children will be learning on the school website and the teachers share this in more detail every week on Google Classroom. Not all parents access Google Classroom. We will prepare a video to help parents to do this, and share it on our next newsletter.
Encourage pupils to share their progress such as test results through their school planners as well as sharing their personal targets with parents.
Ensure parents of children with SEND meet with their child's class teacher to review individual learning plans once a term, in addition to parents' evening meetings. During parents' evenings, remind SEND parents that they can book a time slot with Ms Jaswal, our Inclusion Leader, to discuss their child's individual needs and progress.
Staff and governors will consider comments made when reviewing the PSHE curriculum, which is done on an annual basis.
We are currently reviewing our educational visits so that visits to engage and support learning are evenly spread between year groups and occur at least once a term, whilst being mindful of the cost to parents and carers. We are also exploring how we can expand our extra-curricular provision to facilitate a wider range of before and after school clubs. Space on the premises is an issue as we are a small site and only limited sports activities can take place. At present, we have before and after school multi-sports clubs, Magical Maths, karate and a string orchestra.

We will explore the possibility of restarting our PTA so if any parents feel that they'd like to commit to this, please contact the school.

Additional monitoring of the school toilets by site staff and the buildings manager to ensure any necessary repairs are completed in a timely manner.

Additional signage reminding parents to leave the KS2 playground via the exit gate and enter via the entrance gate.

# Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard

## **Competition Week Winners 2023**

In the final week of Spring half term 1, KS2 pupils took part in Competition Week where they chose a particular talent or skill and competed against each other. There were lots of different activities for children take part in. Thank you to all the children for participating so well, and well done to all of our winners and runners up.

Orienteering winning team – Jakub, Faizan and Amelia M.

Basketball winning team – Amar S, Salis, Kishan, Malaika, Amrit, Muhammad Ayaan and Kieron.

Cross country overall winner – Jia

Observational drawing overall winner – Aliza

Football winning team – Daisy, Zaynab, Ahmed, Yusuf, Arjan, Muaaz, Zain and Gurjeevan.

Cooking – Upper KS2 winner – Olivia; Lower KS2 winner – Maham

Writing competition winner – Inayah

Scrabble winner – Sumaiyah

Battleships winner – Zac

Chess joint winners – Amelia A and Mohammed E





Perhaps some of our children would be interested in applying for Junior Bake Off!



## The Verve Poetry Festival



On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, five Year 6 pupils represented Cherry Orchard Primary School in our first ever 'poetry slam' at the Birmingham Hippodrome as part of the Verve Poetry Festival. This was a competition in which 13 schools from all over the West Midlands took part competing to become the 'poetry slam' champions. The children wrote and performed their own poem based on the theme of protecting the environment. Even though we were not overall winners, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and were proud of

ourselves as it took courage to get up on stage and perform to a large audience. Well done Inayah, Salis, Jannah, Khadija and Muhammad-Hamza and thanks to Spoz, Birmingham's poet laureate, for your support.

### **Magical Maths**

We have the last 4 places for our new Magical Maths club which starts on Wednesday 1st March for KS1 (Yr1&2) and KS2 (Yr3-Yr6) after school. If you would like to reserve your place and have not already done so, please visit [www.magicalmathsclub.com](http://www.magicalmathsclub.com) or call 0121 392 7475 today.

### **Strings Orchestra**

Our Cherry Orchard String Orchestra is running on a Monday after school for all of our violinists. They are busy practising and refining their skills ready for the Schools' Orchestra Gala on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. We can't wait to hear them perform. We still have limited places in our additional violin lessons – speak to the office if your child would like to attend.

### **Multi-sports before and after school sessions**

Mr Cockbill is continuing to run his before and after school multi-sport sessions. There are still spaces for these clubs. The before school session runs from 8:15 – 8:45am Monday – Thursday whilst the after school session takes place until 4:30pm. Please contact the school office if you are interested in your child attending.

#### **Before School - £1.50 a session**

KS1 Tuesdays and Thursdays

KS2 Mondays and Wednesdays

#### **After school – £3.00 a session**

Mondays – Year 6

Tuesdays – Years 3 and 4

Wednesdays – Year 5

Thursdays – Years 1 and 2

### **Online Safety - Understanding the Playground – Fortnite**

Since its release in 2017, the battle-royale simulator Fortnite has become popular among children all over the world. The game, which features cartoonish renderings of characters, bright colours and non-consequence violence, has had a mass appeal to children. Each year, more young people are induced into its overcrowded multi-player lobbies. As a result, more children than ever are exposed to multi-player chatting with strangers and financial exploitation via the game's spend-to-gain-advantage operating style, allowing children to use real world money to gain perks and costumes.

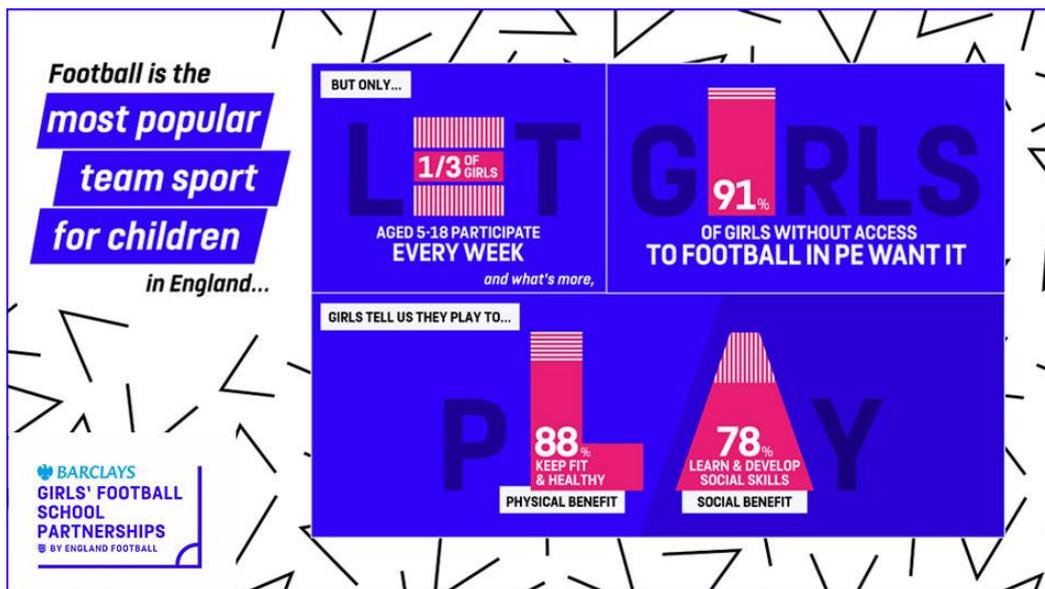
To allow for greater comprehension of parents, [Internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org) has published a guide to understanding the game and its terms. You can find the link below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/fortnite-battle-royal-parents-guide-keep-kids-safe-gaming>

## #LetGirlsPlay Biggest EVER Football Session

What is #LetGirlsPlay?

By 2024, The FA's and Barclays ambition is for girls to have the same football opportunities as boys in schools and clubs. #LetGirlsPlay is a campaign to drive influence and change perceptions, showing that football can and should be played by girls. It is bringing together a growing community of people of all genders, ages and backgrounds who want to champion equal access for girls, helping create independent, resilient young girls who will be a force for good in all local communities. If you are interested in finding out where your daughter can play, visit the following: <https://www.EnglandFootball.com/participate/women-and-girls>



Cherry Orchard will be participating in this event by taking part in a tournament at St Paul's Girls School on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal

Thank you so much for all of your generous contributions to support our mufti day on the last day of term. You helped the school raise a phenomenal **£1400** to support those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.



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 you will know from the letter we sent out about attendance in September, 'good' attendance is classed as 96% or above over the year. **This is our whole school target. We are currently at 94.2% so 96% is achievable!**

We monitor class and individual attendance weekly. Here are the percentages for each class from the beginning of the school year to now:

RA	91%	RH	90.2%
1JA	93.7%	1K	90%
2A	93.4%	2B	94.5%
3HN	95.3%	3HT	96.5%
4J	92.5%	4K	94.4%
5L	96.2%	5ST	95.5%
6P	93.7%	6SA	96%
RB1	88.7%	RB2	93.3%

Well done to 3HT, 5L and 6SA who have already hit the target!



## Upcoming dates for your diary

03 Mar	World Book Day
08 Mar	FA Girls' Biggest Football session
08 Mar	Year 1 – Great Fire of London workshop
17 Mar	Red Nose Day – Do What You Want theme! (more information to follow)
27 Mar	Year 5 Easter assembly – 2:00pm (more information to follow)
29 Mar	Year 3 Vaisakhi assembly – 2:15pm (more information to follow)
28 Mar	Roman soldier workshop – Year 4
28 Mar	String Orchestra gala 4pm – 8pm
31 Mar	End of term (mufti day)
<b>17 Apr</b>	<b>Start of term for pupils</b>
19 Apr	Year 4 Eid assembly – 2:15pm (more information to follow)
24 Apr	Year 5 – Roman soldier workshop
01 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
08 May	Extra Bank Holiday for His Majesty The King's coronation (school closed)
09 May	Year 6 SATs week
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

You will find lots of additional information on our school website. Please go to [www.cherryorchard.bham.sch.uk](http://www.cherryorchard.bham.sch.uk). If you cannot find the answer to your question, please ask a member of staff. The office number is 0121 5540862.