



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

Here are the latest notices from Cherry Orchard.

Walking to School – WOW – Living Streets

As you know, Cherry Orchard Primary School has chosen to be part of an exciting behaviour-change initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. WOW – the walk to school challenge is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school. The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge.

We are trying to promote a 5 minute walking bubble. This is where pupils and parents are dropped a 5 minute walk, scoot or bike away from school to reduce congestion outside our school.

Have a look at the map and see if you could work together as a team with other parents to do this. It will make a real difference to the environment.

5-MINUTE WALKING BUBBLE

#StaySafeGetActive on your journey to school

Cherry Orchard Primary School

MODESHIFT STARS EDUCATION

Protect our children

If possible, walk, cycle or scoot to school

If you have to drive, park at least 5-minutes away

Supported by the

Department for Transport

For more hints, tips and information please visit www.modeshiftstars.org/staysafegetactive

This 5-minute walking zone represents a distance of 400m measured as a straight line, based upon an average walking speed of 3-miles per hour

Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard

World Book Day 2023

This World Book Day, children and staff had a great time coming in dressed up as some of their favourite book characters! Children in KS2 very much enjoyed coming over the road to read to children in EYFS/KS1. It was lovely to see all the children so engaged with a wide variety of books, not to mention a huge well done to KS2 for reading the stories so beautifully.

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, all of the children were asked to decorate an object linked to a book. Class teachers had an incredibly tough time deciding on the winning items, but here they are. What do you think? All of our winners got to choose a book to take home as a prize, so we hope you enjoy them! Thank you so much to all of you who entered and to all the parents/carers who helped support.



#Letgirlsplay – Girls' Football tournament Wednesday 8th March

We were extremely proud of our girls' football team who came joint third out of eight other schools. We played 3 matches in challenging conditions: a 1-0 victory over St Patricks; a 0-0 draw against St Teresa's and finally a 0-0 draw against St Vincents. Find out more below from two members of the team.

My trip to St Paul's School on 8th March was a phenomenal experience and it was nice to play football against girls because it was World Women's Day. Also, I would like to go to football classes now because they have influenced me to do something different unlike ballet and gymnastics. Although we came 3rd in the snowy, icy temperatures, I was proud of myself. I would like to say thank you to Mrs Emery for picking me and I would be excited to go to other competitions in the future. Sophia, 5ST.

My trip to St Paul's School was amazing. I love football! It was the best. Although it was snowing, it didn't matter because it was fun. I would like to thank Mrs Emery for picking me. If there was another football competition I would like to join and I am now more interested than I was before. Amelia, 5ST.



Eco Council

The children were absolutely thrilled going around the school grounds to carry out a litter audit and pick up rubbish. We had a big black bag filled with paper, card, food wrappers, crisp packets, fruit peels, plastic bottles and plastic gloves. Paper and plastic was the majority of the rubbish found!



We came back to class and chatted about using the recycling bins more and encouraging everyone to RECYCLE!!

We also came together with our ideas to complete our own acrostic poems:

Environment friendly school

Coal and oil must be replaced

Our Earth is being destroyed

Come and help us save the planet

Otherwise, we will lose our voice

Don't be a fool, stick to the good rules

Eco council are here to help

Everyone does their bit

No one sits around

Vehicles give out pollution so walk

In the ocean there is too much plastic

Recycle, Reduce, Re-use

Only we can help the planet

No more of this, let's not take a risk

Motivate children to recycle rubbish

Everyone needs to think, every day the Earth becomes polluted

No litter!

Together we can make a difference!

Red Nose Day 2023

Thank you for all of your donations in supporting our Red Nose Day in aid of Comic Relief. We raised an amazing £649.15.



Easter and Vaisakhi Celebration Assemblies

Thank you to all the family and friends who attended the Year 3 Vaisakhi and the Year 5 Easter assemblies this week. It was wonderful to see you all back in school, enjoying your children's performances. All of the children were fantastic and we were impressed by their singing, dancing, narrating and acting skills. Thank you staff for your hard work in preparing the assemblies for us all to enjoy.



Mental Health and Well being

A place to talk about feelings



We support anyone under 25 years old with a Birmingham GP, we:

- provide **brief, therapeutic support for emotional wellbeing**
- give **practical support** and suggestions in 1:1 sessions,
 - **take time to listen** to ensure our you feel heard
- let **you choose** – come to see us when you want to and talk about whatever you like
 - it's up to you if you come back and when.

You can:

- Register with us online - <https://forwardthinkingbirmingham.nhs.uk/pause>
- Drop-in to talk - check out our webpages for times and locations each week 😊



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SEND and additional needs



The SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Local Offer website has been updated and refreshed. It is packed with information for parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs. There are also lots of resources for children and young people and the professionals who work with them.

Visit the website here: <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/>



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!

Upcoming dates for your diary

31 Mar	End of term (mufti day)
17 Apr	Start of term for pupils
19 Apr	Year 4 Eid assembly – 2:30pm
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
11 May	Reception trip – Ash End Farm
26 May	End of term (mufti day)
05 Jun	Start of term for pupils
06 Jun	Police safeguarding talk with Year 6
13 Jun	Birmingham City Mission Assemblies
14 Jun	Year 6 individual photos and whole school class photos
28 Jun	SEND Summer Sports' Festival
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. If you cannot find the answer to your question, please ask a member of staff. The office number is 0121 5540862.