



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

Goodbyes

We have a number of goodbyes to say this year. Mrs Campbell and Mrs Newport are retiring this summer. Both are looking forward to spending more time with their families. Miss Hibbert, one of our year 3 teachers, is joining a new school in Sandwell. Mr Renhard is moving on to work at another school in Birmingham and finally Miss Parkin is leaving us to pursue a different career in addition to teaching. We wish them all the best and thank them all for their hard work over their many years at Cherry Orchard.

In addition to this, we also say goodbye to our vice chair of governors, Janice Nelson. Janice has been a member of our school community for 27 years. First as a parent, then as a governor. Her 3 children left Cherry Orchard many years ago but she still continued to work alongside the school in a strategic role to help develop and support the school over the years. She has been instrumental in ensuring positive outcomes for all of our pupils. We will really miss her and hope she comes back to see us.



Sadly, we also say goodbye to our School Games Organiser, Jo Nightingale, who passed away suddenly last week. Jo had worked with Cherry Orchard for over 20 years promoting the values of teamwork, passion, self-belief and determination to a generation of children. In addition, she supported our staff to upskill their delivery of teaching PE and games. Jo was instrumental in engaging and inspiring children to try out different sports as well as overseeing sporting competitions between schools across Handsworth. We will also miss her dearly.

Messages from our new Cherry Orchard staff



Hello,

I am excited to be a year 3 teacher at Cherry Orchard School. I love being in a school environment where pupils can flourish. My work associates will best describe me as fun-loving, dedicated, and joyful. In my free time, I love taking part in sporting activities and playing the ukulele. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all.

Miss Johnson



Hello, my name is Miss Tyan. I will be teaching Year 4 this upcoming academic year. About me: I was born in London and moved to Bristol to study my undergraduate degree in Psychology. I recently moved to Birmingham to pursue my career in teaching. I am passionate about wellbeing and use elements of my Psychology background in my everyday teaching and my personal life. Some of my many hobbies include exercising, crocheting, and playing my ukulele!

I am so happy to be joining the team and I look forward to working with you and your children this September.

Year 5 Secondary Transition – Apply online for 2024 entry

If you live in Birmingham you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at <http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> between 1 September and 31 October 2023. It is important that you submit your application by 31 October 2023. Applications received after the national closing date of 31 October 2023 will be treated as late applications. Late applicants are less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools, as these applications will be processed after 1 March 2024, in accordance with Birmingham's coordinated admissions scheme.

If you have any questions about your child transferring to secondary school, in the first instance please visit our website: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions where you will find all the relevant information to support you through this process.

Walking to School – WOW – Living Streets

Well done to all of our pupils who have managed to participate in active travel at least once a week in June. This was slightly lower than our May figure. Remember the importance of active travel on mental health and wellbeing as well children's health and the environment.



Our class leader board for June

Class	Amount of badges earnt
5L, 4K, 2B	29
2A	27
RA, 4J	26

Cherry Orchard's Book Fair

Our Cherry Orchard Book Fair returned and we managed to raise a whopping £1,278.22 which means that we will get 60% of that to spend on books for our wonderful book corners. As well as this, every pupil who bought a book was entered into a prize draw to win a book. Our lucky winners were the following pupils:

Belina - RB2
Baljeet - 5ST
Gia - 4J
Aliyah - 2B
Daniyal - 3HT



Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard

Summer Fair

Every year our year 6 pupils plan and run stalls as part of the Summer Fayre. Part of the money raised allows the pupils to have an end of term disco with a treat of pizza. The remaining money is given back to the school with the year 6 pupils deciding that they would like the money to be spent on new playground equipment. We were extremely proud of our year 6 pupils for managing to earn an amazing **£1425.60**. They have learnt how to work with younger children, count money and give change as well as promoting their stalls. Well done everyone!



Music

On Wednesday 12th July, our school orchestra attended the Youth Proms at the Symphony Hall. The children performed as a large ensemble of around 150 people (including Mr Beilby, our Violin and Orchestra teacher) on stage in front of a large audience. Even though it finished quite late, we had a wonderful time and are excited for more opportunities to perform next year. Miss Sandford loved being able to watch us perform and show off our amazing musical talent!



End of year performances

As well as performing at the Symphony Hall, our pupils, who have been learning to play musical instruments at school, gave amazing performances to their parents. It was wonderful to hear how their musical ability had developed over the year. Thank you to their music teachers: Mr Singh, Mr Beilby and Mrs Whitcroft for supporting them. We also need to say a huge thank you to Miss Sandford and Mrs Wong for organising the extra-curricular music activities.



Year 6 end of year production

Year 6 gave a wonderful performance in their end of year production entitled 'I'm an 11-year-old Get Me Out of Here'. They had to complete various challenges in order to win stars. Having won enough stars, they were able to leave primary school and set off on their journeys to the different secondary schools they will be attending in September. We wish them all the best - please come back and visit us to let us know how well you are all doing.



House Cup 22-23

The house points have been counted and added to results from the inter-house games. This gave the following totals:

4th: Birchfield – 4968

3rd: Ashley – 8937

2nd: Thornhill – 9640

1st: Woodville – 10,655

Congratulations to our winning house of 22-23 – Woodville!



PE Kit

Just a reminder about PE kit for the next academic year. We have seen a growing number of children who are not wearing correct PE kit which does not fit in with our core values of respect and equality. Children must wear plain white T shirts with no branded logos. These T shirts are available at many supermarkets and uniform providers at a reasonable price, well below the cost of branded ones. Please also make sure your child does not wear branded PE bottoms or jackets. If your child does not come in correct PE kit, they will be asked to change into one of our PE kits. Please see school uniform policy for more details. Here is a summary:

Indoor P.E.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ <u>Plain</u> white T-shirt♦ <u>Plain</u> black shorts or 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)
Outdoor Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ <u>Plain</u> white T-shirt♦ For summer wear, <u>plain</u> black shorts or leggings♦ <u>Plain</u> white, black or grey socks and trainers♦ Green school jumper OR Cherry Orchard tracksuit
Swimming	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Swimming costume or trunks (modesty swimsuits may be worn if required)♦ Swimming cap or bobble for tying back hair♦ Towel♦ Goggles if required

Upcoming dates for your diary

04 Sept	Teachers' training day – school closed for pupils
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06 Sept	School opens for pupils
11 Sept	Bikeability – level 1 (Years 3 and 4)
15 Sept	Pioneer Centre parents' meeting 3:30 – 4:00pm
26 Sept	Individual and sibling photographs
05 Oct	Year 5 RAF museum trip
27 Oct	Break up for half term
06 Nov	Teacher Day – school closed for pupils
07 Nov	School opens for pupils
21 – 24 Nov	Year 6 – Pioneer Centre trip
22 Dec	End of term



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Thank you!

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.