



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

We've loved welcoming the children back to school and hearing all about their holiday adventures. The children have made a fantastic start to the academic year, fully immersing themselves in their learning. It's also great to welcome our new families to our school as they begin their Cherry Orchard journey with us.

We hope you find this newsletter helpful. While some of the information may already be familiar to you, we trust it will still be useful for many.

Here are the latest notices.

Headteachers' Awards



Well done to the following children who have received a headteacher's award for Summer 2024. (Note the classes are from last academic year)

RA – Isaac and Simrat	RH – Asad and Hanaya
1JA – Hamdan and Alvina	1RA - Maleek and Karam
2B - Shivaay and Mariam	2D – Rayaana and Dania
3JN – Zaakir and Ethen	3JS – Easah and Sukayna
4L - Krishan and Amelia A	4H – Zaki and Aria
5SA – Ashton and Ridah	5ST – Prabhmeet and Rosie
RB- Janaid and Yahya	

My Happy Mind

We are proud to announce that we are a myHappyMind Bronze Accredited school! This means that as a school we consider the mental health and wellbeing of our children as one of our top priorities. We have created a whole school culture that helps build our children's resilience, confidence and self-esteem as well as teaching them how to self-regulate in those stressful times.



This accreditation badge has been awarded thanks to all the effort our staff, children, governors and parents have put in to bring the lessons of myHappyMind to life all around our school! To learn more about the myHappyMind for Schools programme visit their website here -

<https://myhappymind.org/>

This year, we are continuing to develop our understanding of My Happy Mind and have some exciting things to look forward to. We will soon be inviting you to a parent workshop where you can download a FREE My Happy Mind app and use the resources at home too. We will also be introducing My Happy Mind heroes in KS2 and calming corners (both in KS1 and KS2) where the aim is to children who are dysregulated during lunch times.

Message from Office of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

The West Midlands Police and Crime Plan will set the strategic objectives and priorities for West Midlands Police for the next four years. It will be a key part of planning for what policing, community safety and the criminal justice system will be like in our area.

To make the Plan as effective as possible, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Simon Foster wants to hear from people across the West Midlands. Here is a link to a video from the Commissioner- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSR2UtJVQno&feature=youtu.be>.

A public survey open now until 15 October 2024 on the proposed priorities and principles for the Police and Crime Plan can be found on: [West Midlands Police and Crime Plan Public Consultation \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com) and we are encouraging as many people as possible to complete this. Two thousand people have already done so. Please could you share this link around your networks, parents, careers and families.

Thank you for your support with this important consultation.

Online Safety - Netflix

We are having more and more conversations with parents about what their children are watching on streaming services such as Netflix. We wanted to remind parents that it is possible to set up to 5 profiles for each Netflix account with each profile having a different maturity rating.

For information on how to do this, please click on this link: <https://help.netflix.com/en/node/114276>

The maturity ratings are set as follows and each profile can have a different one:



Recommended for Kids

	U	Suitable for all ages
	PG	Parental Guidance suggested

Recommended for Teens

	12	Suitable for ages 12 and up
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Recommended for Adults

	15	Suitable for ages 15 and up
	18	Suitable for adults only

There is also an option to add a children's profile where your child can only see child-friendly TV programmes and films. In addition to this, a pin number must be added to a profile where a child can view content above what is set for them. Please remember to do this as otherwise your child could be exposed to material which is not appropriate for them.

Year 5 Secondary Transition – Apply online for 2025 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 2024. It is important that you submit your application by 31 October 2024. Applications received after the national closing date of 31 October 2024 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 2025, 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 the website: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions where you will find all the relevant information to support you through this process. Alternatively contact Mrs Emery or Mrs Khatkar.

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Use of Mobile Phones and Wearable Technologies Policy

Date approved by governors: July 2023
Member of Staff Responsible: Emma Emery (Deputy Head teacher)
Review Date: July 2025
To be read in conjunction with the Online Safety Policy and the Travelling To and From School Alone Policy.

Ethos Statement

At Cherry Orchard Primary School, the safety, welfare and well-being of our children is very important to us. Therefore, this policy on the use of mobile phones in school and wearable technology, such as smart watches, has been drawn up in the best interests of our children and staff. This policy applies to Cherry Orchard Primary School.

Protocol for Pupils

Only children who travel to and/or from school alone are permitted to bring a mobile phone into school. In the majority of cases, this will be Year 6 pupils (please see the Travelling To and From School Alone Policy).

We appreciate that some parents may wish to prepare Year 6 children for secondary school by giving them greater freedom to travel part or all of the way to and from school, and that providing a mobile phone may give re-assurance that their child is contactable and safe.

In this instance:

- Parents should either put their request for their child to bring a mobile phone in writing or request a consent form from the office.
- When children enter the school building, they must give their phone to a member of staff for secure storage*, **switched off**.
- The member of staff on duty will ensure the phone is put in a labelled bag and locked away until the end of the school day when the children can collect it.
- Phones are brought into school and left at their owner's risk.
- Mobile phones brought into school without written consent will be confiscated and must be collected by the child's parent.
- Phones are not permitted on school visits of any kind.
- Any child failing to take their mobile phone to the secure storage first thing in the morning will have the privilege of bringing one into school withdrawn.
- Children are not permitted to use the video, recording or camera function on their phone at any time when on the school site.

**secure storage is in the form of a safe.*

Parents and Other Visitors

- Parents and visitors are requested not to use their mobile phones in the school building or on school grounds.
- Mobile phones should not be used by parents to take photographs or recordings in the school building or grounds unless permission has been given by SLT for photographs at specific events such as celebration or class assemblies. Such photographs are for personal family use and are not to be posted on social media.
- We appreciate parental and visitor support in implementing this policy in order to keep our children safe.

Wearable Technology

Cherry Orchard Primary School has taken the decision to ban pupils from wearing smart watches where these devices are able to access the internet or make/take calls, messages or photographs. These items can be used as communication devices just like a mobile phone and go against our

policy. Smart watches which only track steps as part of promoting a healthy lifestyle are permitted.

If you are intending to buy such a device for your child, please be aware that children will not be allowed to wear them at school if they are able to access the internet or make/receive calls. If a child is found to have wearable technology, then this will be treated in the same manner as a mobile phone.

Wider personal development

Extra-curricular Clubs

Here is a timetable of the extra-curricular clubs being offered this term.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 8:15 – 8:45	KS2 Multi-sports	KS1 Multi-sports	KS2 Multi-sports	KS1 Multi-sports	Physical Friday – walking (8:30 – 8:45)
After school 3:30 – 4:30	Year 6 Multi-sports	Years 3 and 4 Multi-sports	Year 5 Multi-sports	Years 1 and 2 Multi-sports (places are running out)	Karate

Multi-sports sessions are £2 per session before school and £4 after school. Please contact Harry Cockbill in the school office if you are interested in your child attending.

In term time, Rikai Karate Club will continue to run in the Junior Hall on Fridays after school for children in Reception to Year 6. Please contact Sensai Pansy Wright on 07970452277 or e mail her on rikaimartialartacademy@gmail.com

Pupil Leadership Opportunities

We are very pleased to introduce our pupils who will take on additional responsibilities over the next term or year.

Year 6 Autumn Term House and Vice Captains	
Ashley – House Captain	Preisha
Ashley – Vice Captain	Samia
Birchfield – House Captain	Jai
Birchfield – Vice Captain	Amari
Thornhill – House Captain	Hana
Thornhill – Vice Captain	Dawud
Woodville – House Captain	Harry
Woodville – Vice Captain	Zakariya

School Council Members KS2 2024-2025

RB	Flynn
3JN	Areen and Avin
3JS	Jatinder and Serenna
4L	Ismeal and Sukayna
4H	Hafsa and Eesah
5SA	Alivia and Sehaj
5ST	Ibraheem and Anaya
6B	Khunais and Leo
6K	Yaqub and Jaskaran

Year 5 Sports Crew – Autumn

Gianna Amiah Ricardo



Stars of the Week



6/9/24	Isa 1JA, Aiyah 1RA, Haya 2B, Yusuf 2D, All of 3JN, All of 3JS, All of 4L, All of 4H, Khadeeja 5Sa, Andrea 5ST, Dawud 6B, Samia 6K, Khadijah RB
13/9/24	Areez 1JA, Amara 1RA, Rajan 2B, Zaitun 2D, Shivaay 3JN, Serenna 3JS, Inaayah 4L, Ameerah 4H, Omaje 5Sa, Liyah-Rose 5ST, Adina 6K, Adam 6B, Yusuf RB
20/9/24	Kirpa RH, Shiloh RA, Noah 1JA, Fatima 1RA, Zayyan 2B, Balraj 2D, Jatinder 3JS, Areen 3JN, Armani 4H, Ismael 4L, Olivia 5SA, Idris 5ST, Harry 6K, Maryam 6B, Flynn 6B
27/9/24	Alfie RA, Atiya RH, Ariya 1JA, Maleek 2D, Khadijah 2B, Mustafa 2D, Keerit 3JN, Liala 3JS, Keobi 4L, Zaakir 4H, Yahye 5SA, Dawoud 5ST, Preisha 6B, Abubakr 6K, Haaris RB

Attendance

Our whole school target for 'good' attendance is 96%.

Currently, as a school, our attendance figure is **94%**.

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

Well done to 2B, 4L, 5ST and 5SA for achieving over 96%.

RA	93%	RH	94%
1JA	94%	1RA	94%
2D	95%	2B	96%
3JN	90%	3JS	93%
4H	94%	4L	96%
5SA	97%	5ST	97%
6K	92%	6B	93%
RB	93%		

Upcoming dates for your diary

01 Oct	Black History month
04 Oct	Key Stage 1 HSBC Workshops
11 Oct	Key Stage 2 HSBC Workshops
15 Oct	Year 3 – Perry Hall Park Local History and Geography visit
15 Oct	Birmingham City Mission Assemblies
23 Oct	Parents’ evening (3:30pm to 6pm)
24 Oct	Parents’ evening (4:30pm to 7pm)
24 Oct	Year 2 Diwali Play – 2:30pm
24 Oct	Year 4/5 Netball Inspire Competition
25 Oct	Break up for half term
04 Nov	School opens for pupils
15 Nov	Teacher Day – school closed for pupils
19 Nov	Year 4/5 Basketball Inspire Competition
19 – 22 Nov	Year 6 Pioneer Centre
20 Dec	Last day of term
06 Jan	Teacher Day – school closed for pupils
07 Jan	School opens for pupils



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