



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

There is a lot going on at Cherry Orchard throughout the summer term so please read this newsletter in full so you don't miss anything.

Pupil wellbeing at Cherry Orchard

Zones of Regulation

We have started to introduce the **Zones of Regulation** across the school to help the children self-regulate their emotions. Throughout the summer term, each class will be introduced to the four zones (green, blue, yellow and red) and will begin to discover which emotions are linked to each zone and techniques they could use to have healthy minds and be ready to learn.

This will become a permanent part of our curriculum and practice as we know that an increased understanding of how to deal with a range of emotions will support all of the children's wellbeing and mental health.

Parent and child healthy eating workshops

A few years ago, we ran parent and child healthy eating workshops, and they received very positive feedback. Healthy eating is still high on the agenda so all of the children are preparing workshops ready to work with you in school again. We would like to invite one parent/guardian per pupil into school to take part in the workshops on the following dates:

Year 4 - 7 Jun	Year 1 - 14 Jun
Year 3 - 8 Jun	Reception - 16 Jun
Year 6 - 9 Jun	Year 5 - 20 Jun
Year 2 - 13 Jun	Resource Bases - 21 Jun

All workshops will take place in the junior hall from 9.00am to 10.00am.

Online Safety

The Diana Award have put together a useful guide to explain how to use the report and block features within Snapchat, Instagram, Whatsapp, Tik Tok and Facebook.

https://assets.website-files.com/5e84a95e66db51c43172d808/6081e9dd8c2596df897a3e31_TDA_ABA20_1512_Blocking%20and%20Reporting_Guide_EDITED.pdf

Something very exciting is coming back to Cherry Orchard....
Something that hasn't been seen for the last TWO years....

The School Bookfair!

Between the **13th and 16th of June 2022**, the Scholastic book fair will be back at Cherry Orchard. It will take place in the Junior hall from **3.30pm to 4.00pm** every day. Keep an eye out for further information about which books you might find in upcoming notices. Remember, the school gets 60% back to spend on books for the schools so we hope to see lots of you there!

Miss Standen and Mrs Jones
English Leads

Family events are back!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Red, White and Blue Family Picnic

We are excited to be bringing back our annual summer family picnic this year! We thought it would be fun to combine it with our Platinum Jubilee celebrations so it will take place on **Friday 27th May** on the Handsworth Grammar sports field. We hope that you are able to join your child/ren for a fun afternoon. If you are unable to join us, perhaps another family member can come along to accompany your child/ren.

Please collect KS2 children at 1.35pm and KS1 at 1.40pm from the usual pick-up places and then take them to the field, at which time you will assume full responsibility for them. Any younger siblings are welcome. The event will end at 3.15pm when you will be able to take your child/ren home, but please ensure that you let their class teacher/s know before you leave as they will be keeping a register. Children without accompanying adults will return to school with their class teacher and will be dismissed from the school building at the usual time.

It is also a mufti day so the children can wear their own clothes and the theme is Red, White and Blue. They will need to bring a small snack to eat at the picnic, unless you intend to bring this with you. Please bear in mind that the children will have eaten their lunch at school. We would ask you to ensure that picnics do not contain glass bottles, cans, fizzy drinks or chewing gum. You may wish to provide something for you and your child to sit on e.g. a rug or plastic carrier bag, in case the field is damp. There is very little shade on the field so if it is a sunny day, please make sure your child has a hat. They may also bring sun cream as long as it is labelled with their name and they are able to apply it by themselves and understand that it cannot be shared.

If rain is forecast and we have to cancel, we will let you know the day before by text and ask that you send your children in with their own snacks for a picnic in the classrooms instead. If this is the case, unfortunately parents wouldn't be able to attend due to lack of space.

Sports Day

Sports' Day is taking place on **Wednesday 15th June** and parents are welcome to attend. We will be holding the events on Handsworth Grammar's sports field directly behind the Infant Building. To access this field, please enter the **infant playground** by following the path along the right-hand side of the building (as you face the school from the road) and proceed as directed.

Junior sports: 09.30 am – 11.30 pm

Infant sports: 1.30 pm – 15.10 pm

Safeguarding note: All children **must** return to school after Sports' Day for collection. This is essential in order to supervise the safe hand over of all children to their respective parents. Please may I remind you of our online policy, if photographs are taken, please could you ensure that they do not go on social media without permission from other parents.

All children will take part in a range of activities and for ease we would ask you to kindly send your child in their P.E. kit to school on this day. They should wear shorts or leggings, t-shirt and P.E. pumps or trainers. Your child will also need a water bottle to fill and to take to the field with them. Children must wear appropriate P.E. kit (**with all jewellery including earrings removed**) in order to take part. If possible, please could your child wear a t-shirt with the colour of their House. The colours are as follows:

Ashley - Red

Birchfield - Blue

Thornhill - Green

Woodville - Yellow

If your child requires any hay fever medicine, please administer it before they come to school. If your child needs an inhaler, they should have one in school that is in-date and clearly labelled with their name and class.

If the weather is hot, please send your child with a sun hat. They may bring sun cream as long as it is labelled with their name and they are able to apply it by themselves and understand that it cannot be shared. If the weather has been wet, please send your child with a waterproof coat/jacket. We look forward to seeing you and let us hope that the weather is good!

If rain is forecast and we have to cancel, we will let you know the day before by text.

Year 6 Play and Leavers' Assembly

We are pleased to announce that parents are invited to this year's Year 6 Play and Leavers' Assembly. We've decided to do two performances for parents on the afternoons of 19th and 20th July and we will be issuing tickets (free of charge) to enable us to plan seating accordingly. More details will be sent out to Year 6 parents closer to the time.

British Athletics discount family tickets

British Athletics are offering primary school children and their families discounted tickets to the Müller Birmingham Diamond League which is a world leading athletics meeting attracting the biggest and best track and field stars. Olympic medallists Keely Hodgkinson, Josh Kerr, Holly Bradshaw and World and European Champion Dina Asher-Smith are already confirmed to appear.

Before all the action starts inside the stadium, there will be plenty of things to see and do in the fan village with some fun activities for everyone including having a go with Müller Run, Jump, Throw & Push. There will be lots of delicious food and drink options plus live music and heaps more for a guaranteed great family day out!

We have been offered tickets for this event at a special price of £10.60 for adults and £5.30 for juniors (16 & under) in price category D areas inside the stadium. Anyone can buy tickets so get your friends and family involved too.

For more information on how to purchase tickets – please see the attached flyer. If you have any further questions, you can contact British Athletics on 0121 713 8400.

Green Influencers need your help

We need you to donate items of second-hand school uniform that you no longer need for our new **C.O.P.S. Recyclables** school uniform shop. With the focus on 'Food and Stuff', our wonderful team of Green Influencers have been working on projects that will help the school community reduce its carbon footprint to help reduce the impact of climate change.

With the help of Stephen Whitehead, an environmental campaigner from Handsworth Association of Schools, our Green Influencers have discovered that if we buy less clothing and reuse and recycle clothes as much as possible, this will help in our mission to reduce our carbon footprint.

C.O.P.S. Recyclables is a **school uniform recycling service** that will be provided to parents. As you can see from their logo designed by the Green Influencers, it begins with parents donating school uniform that is still suitable to wear but that their children have grown out of. So, please send in any of the following items of uniform that your children no longer use: jumpers, dresses, polo shirts, shirts/blouses, trousers, skirts, tracksuits, shorts, t-shirts.



The Green Influencers, with the kind help of our school office team, will then run the C.O.P.S. Recyclables shop every Wednesday from 3.30pm to 4.00pm – we'll let you know when their opening date is, but first we need to collect some stock!

No Meat Mondays

You will know that they have already launched Meat Free Mondays across the school to reduce our carbon footprint. Thank you for everyone who is supporting this by remembering to provide their children with meat free lunches every Monday.

Commonwealth Connections Project

Cherry Orchard is proud to be a part of the Commonwealth Connections Project which is linked to Birmingham hosting the 2022 Commonwealth Games. This project involves our pupils working with other schools in Birmingham alongside our partner schools in Nigeria. The project is divided up into arts and sport.

So far, our sports Changemakers in Years 5 and 6 have delivered lunchtime sports sessions for our Year 2 pupils. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will also be participating in a sports event in July against our cluster schools. There will be an opening ceremony just like the real Commonwealth Games!



For the arts part of the project we are working in partnership with the Birmingham REP to deliver a live performance to be shared with schools in Nigeria. 3H have already begun to work with a local poet to write a script. Working with a musician, 4SA will then add music to the lyrics. Finally, pupils from each class will work with the Royal Ballet to add dance moves.

Handsworth School Games

For the first time since Covid, we have been allowed out of school to meet other schools to compete in sports and games. First up was netball; one of our school favourites. We used a new venue too: King Edward VI Handsworth Wood Girls Academy. This meant that we didn't have to walk far and what a lovely venue it was. The sun was shining brightly on us that day as we warmed up and said HELLO to old friends from other schools in our cluster. We took three netball teams and some Sports Crew members to lead the festival. Success was ours that day as we came home with the GOLD medal as one of our teams didn't lose a single game. Well done Year 6 netballers!

A few weeks later, the weather had completely changed to bitter cold and hail. The Year 4 children did not let it spoil their day as they again took the short walk to Handsworth Wood Girls Academy to take part in the Tri-Golf competition. In true Cherry Orchard style, the children lived up to the challenges of both the weather and the competition to stomp home with more GOLDen glory. Two competitions; two wins! Miss Clee and all of the staff are very proud of the children.

Upcoming fixtures:

19th May - Year 6 - Trigolf

26th May - Year 4 - Tennis

21st June - Year 6 - Tennis

23rd June - Years 1,2 3, - Athletics

5th July - Years 4,5,6 - Athletics

14th July - Year 4 - Spikeball

As ever, we must thank our School Games Organiser, Jo Nightingale, for making these opportunities available for our young people because they enjoy it and get so much out of it!

Grammar School Entrance Test

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for The Grammar Schools in Birmingham, for entry to Year 7 in September 2023. Registration can be made online by visiting the website below.

The closing date for registering is 4pm on 30th June 2022.

The test will take place on 17th September 2022.

<https://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org/apply-onlineapp.php>

Help against fraud

Take Five is a national campaign that offers straight-forward and impartial advice to help everyone protect themselves from preventable financial fraud. This includes email deception and phone-based scams as well as online fraud – particularly where criminals impersonate trusted organisations.

<https://www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/>

The screenshot shows the 'Take Five to Stop Fraud' website. At the top, there is a yellow banner with a hand icon and the text 'TO STOP FRAUD'. Below this, a 'SCAM ALERT!' is displayed with the headline 'INCREASED RISK OF TICKETING FRAUD'. The main heading is 'TAKE FIVE TO STOP FRAUD'. A paragraph explains that criminals are experts at impersonating people, organisations and the police, and advises to stop and think. Below this are three columns of advice: 'STOP' (Take a moment to stop and think before parting with your money), 'CHALLENGE' (Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests), and 'PROTECT' (Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam). At the bottom, there are two more sections: 'ARE YOU SCAM-SAVVY?' and 'WATCH OUT FOR SCAMS LIKE THIS'. The 'WATCH OUT FOR SCAMS LIKE THIS' section includes a 'Spot the difference' challenge.

Attendance

The following table shows the attendance percentages of each class from the beginning of the academic year until now. **Congratulations to 6BA for achieving the highest attendance in the school!** The average figure for the whole school is 94.1% which is low overall. We would like to get into the 'Good' bracket by the end of the academic year which is between 95 and 97%.

RA	RJA	1H	1W	2D	2K	3B	3H	4L	4SA	5N	5ST	6BA	6BU	6C	RB1	RB2
90.7	91.7	92.9	91.8	95.2	94.1	95	93.8	94.9	95.9	95.1	96	96.1	93.8	94.5	92.7	94.5

Upcoming dates for your diary

16-20 May	Y2 SATs
27 May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Red, White and Blue Family Picnic
27 May	End of term
06 Jun	Start of term for pupils
07-10 Jun	Year 1 Phonics Check
07 Jun	Year 4 Healthy Eating Parent and Child Workshop 9-10am
08 Jun	Year 3 Healthy Eating Parent and Child Workshop 9-10am
09 Jun	Year 6 Healthy Eating Parent and Child Workshop 9-10am
13-16 Jun	School Bookfair
13-17 Jun	Year 4 Times Table Check
13 Jun	Year 2 Healthy Eating Parent and Child Workshop 9-10am
14 Jun	Year 1 Healthy Eating Parent and Child Workshop 9-10am
15 Jun	Sports Day (KS2 am, Rec & KS1 pm)
16 Jun	Reception Healthy Eating Parent and Child Workshop 9-10am
17 Jun	Nursery Sports Day
20 Jun	Year 5 Healthy Eating Parent and Child Workshop 9-10am
21 Jun	Resource Base Healthy Eating Parent and Child Workshop 9-10am
04 Jul	Teacher training day (school closed to pupils)
06 Jul	Keyboard and Recorder Concert 2.15pm
06 Jul	Open Evening for new reception (Sept 2022) parents 6.30pm
07 Jul	Violin and Dohl Concert 2.15pm
08 Jul	Summer Fair
12 Jul	Commonwealth Connections Day - Arts
13 Jul	Commonwealth Connections Day - Sports
14 Jul	Parents' Open Evening 3.45pm – 6.00pm
18 Jul	Symphony Hall Choir
18 Jul	Year 6 end of year trip
19 Jul	Year 6 Play and leavers assembly
20 Jul	Year 6 Play and leavers assembly
21 Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
21 Jul	End of term



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!

[Look out for your child wearing a sticker to say they have been tweeted and follow us to like their photograph.](#) We're so proud of all their hard work.

Our new school website has now been launched!

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.