



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

Here are the latest notices from Cherry Orchard.

Parents' evenings

Thank you to those of you who attended your parents' evening appointments – the teachers really value the support, and it is more important than ever that we work together to support your children to catch up on the learning they have lost since last March.

I would also like to say thank you to all of the parents who passed on their appreciation for the work that Cherry Orchard did for the children over the recent lockdown. It has been wonderful to receive such positive feedback from so many of you.

Unfortunately, some parents missed their video appointment despite clear instructions given by the school. As this was a new system, we also asked all the teachers to call the parents who didn't turn up on the video call, so they could still have their 10-minute slot over the phone, but in many cases the calls were not answered. Some parents even told us that they had forgotten it was parents evening and were in the park as it was a nice day. As you know, the teachers at Cherry Orchard go above and beyond for the education and wellbeing of your children, and parents' evenings are part of their directed hours. I cannot ask staff to work more hours than their directed time, and as the office staff and teachers did everything possible to ensure that parents were able to receive feedback on their child's progress, we will not be booking any replacement appointments. All the children's targets will be in their planners as usual.

Happy Easter and Vaisakhi

We hope that you all have an enjoyable break, and wish a Happy Easter and a Happy Vaisakhi to those of you who are celebrating. We have chosen not to take up curriculum time preparing Easter and Vaisakhi performances this year as we are still unable to invite parents in to watch. Also, despite the teachers' and the children's hard work over lockdown, there is still a lot of learning to catch up on. However, we're hopeful that all of our usual performances will return as normal in the next academic year.

Many of the children have been sharing their holiday plans with their teachers and have spoken about plans to meet up with family over the holidays. Of course we hope you all have a lovely time, but please be reminded of the rules as they currently stand so we can return to school after the holidays as safely as possible.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)



Hands



Face



Space



Fresh air

Coronavirus restrictions remain in place across the country. In England:

- Only socialise indoors with people you live with or who are in your support bubble
- Up to 6 people or 2 households can meet outside
- Work from home if you can and only travel when necessary
- If you have symptoms get a test and stay at home

Please follow the link below for further details:

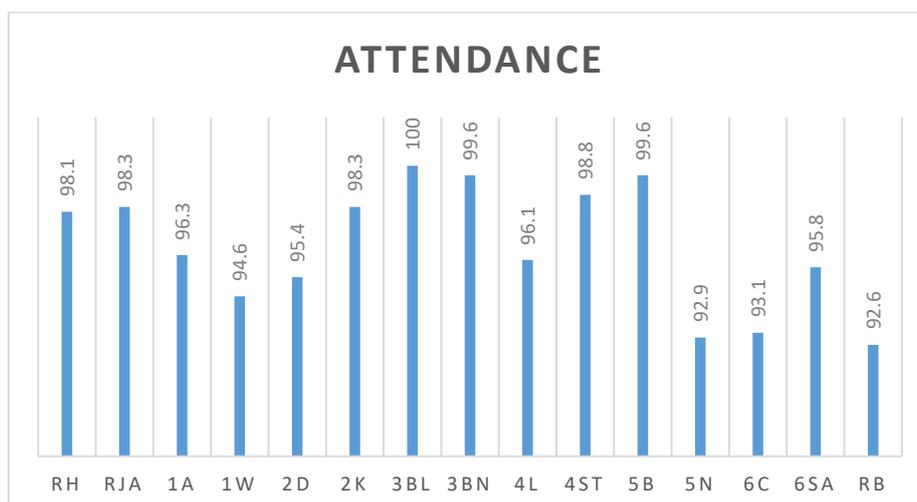
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

Returning to school

The children are expected back in school on **MONDAY 19TH APRIL**. However, if anyone in your household has ANY ONE of the symptoms of COVID-19 (a high temperature, new or continuous cough, loss of taste or smell), let us know and don't bring your children into school. **Please see the attached Public Health Notice for Parents and Carers for further information and links to useful websites.**

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 96.7%, which is very good, with 7 classes maintaining outstanding attendance levels. Congratulations to 3BL for the highest attendance last week – 100% - amazing!



St Giles SOS+ Programme – webinar for parents and carers

St Giles aims to prevent young people becoming involved in serious youth violence and criminal activity, and to equip parents and professionals with the knowledge, understanding and tools to help safeguard their young people. Please see the attached flyer for more details about their parent webinars coming up in May – parents and carers can book onto the webinar via the link on the flyer.

Letter to the children from Gavin Williamson

Schools have been asked to share the following letter from Gavin Williamson:

<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/03/26/a-letter-to-young-people-from-gavin-williamson-mp-secretary-of-state-for-education/>

Upcoming dates for your diary

19th Apr:	Start of term
3 rd May:	Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
28th May:	End of term
7th Jun:	Start of term
12 th Jul:	Teacher Training Day – school closed to children
21st Jul:	End of term

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.