



# CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

Here are the latest notices from Cherry Orchard.

## **New Parent Governor**

Following the invitation to all parents to nominate themselves for the role of parent governor, we received one nomination from Mrs Nicole Andrews. Therefore, parents will not be required to vote on this occasion. For your information, here is the personal statement submitted by Mrs Andrews:

*I am a parent of two children currently at Cherry Orchard and I would be like to be considered as a Parent Governor at the school. I have a strong belief in the importance of a well-rounded education and the ways in which this can directly impact outcomes for children and young people. A positive experience of school, especially at primary level can have a profound impact on our children and it would be a privilege to support the school in achieving this for every child at Cherry Orchard.*

*I have a wealth of experience in working with a range of people and communities in several capacities and industries, including insurance, retail, health and social care and further education. I hold a Doctorate in Applied Health Research and I currently work in the Higher Education sector as a Senior Lecturer, with course leadership, teaching, research and supervision responsibilities.*

*In addition to this, I am also a member of a not-for-profit community organisation based in Handsworth that is working to challenge social inequalities experienced in the locality. We are in the process of renovating a building that will be used as a hub for local people as a space for educational and social purposes.*

*When I am not working, I enjoy walking and hiking and spending as much time as possible having fun with my loved ones!*

*If I am elected to the board, I would bring a positive perspective that genuinely seeks to support the staff and the pupils at Cherry Orchard. I would offer a depth of commitment, enthusiasm and dedication to the role in whatever ways would be helpful to the school and the wider community.*

The governors and I are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Andrews to our team, and would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Shahid for her 4 years of dedicated service as a parent governor and for agreeing to become a co-opted governor for the next 4 years.

## **Transition support for Year 6 pupils**

We are still waiting to find out if secondary schools will be inviting Year 6 pupils into school for a transition day, as they normally would have done pre-covid. For now, please see the following information:

- West Midlands Police have put together some resources to help students feel confident to travel and how to behave responsibly and safely while travelling to and from school. The resources can be covered in class or as an independent activity for students to complete at home. All are available via this link.
- For reassurance/advice on using public transport and what it looks like to travel please find links below to three short YouTube films covering bus, tram and train journeys:

Travelling Safely on bus (social distancing)

Travelling Safely on Metro (social distancing)

Getting through train stations (social distancing)

Further information to help you to support your child can be found on the following website:

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/getting-ready-to-start-secondary-or-high-school/>

## **Survey for parents of children with SEND**

Between 24th and 27th May 2021 Birmingham Local Area is hosting OfSTED and CQC inspectors to review the progress that has been made against the Written Statement of Action (WSOA) since its publication in January 2019. The WSOA is the document which sets out the improvements that OfSTED and the CQC required the Council and the NHS to make following their last visit.

We would like to encourage families to take part in Ofsted's Birmingham City [survey](#) to give their views. **The survey opened today and will close at midday on Friday 21st May.**

## **REHE (Relationships Education and Health Education) parent survey**

We'd like to thank everyone who completed our REHE parent survey last term. Those of you who asked further questions will receive a response in the next week. Our REHE curriculum has also been reviewed by our governing body's safeguarding committee and the final draft will be available to view on the school website in June.

## **Pupil Wellbeing**

As well as addressing individual wellbeing needs with the support of our pastoral team, we recognise the importance of supporting children's wellbeing on a wider scale. This is why Cherry Orchard children are taking part in The Big Ask (Reception to Year 6) and the Birmingham Wellbeing Census (Year 4 to 6), as these are designed to gather data at a national and local level to inform funding decisions. Rest assured that all pupils taking the surveys do so anonymously.

## Police and Crime Commissioner: Call for evidence

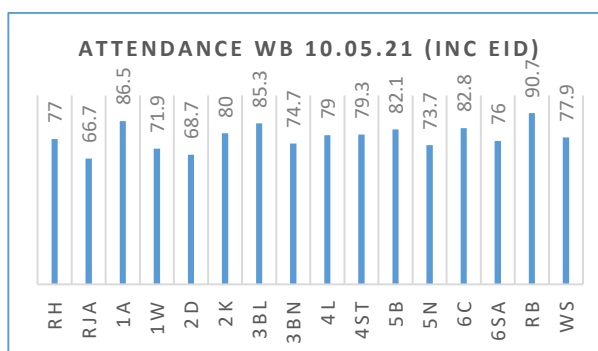
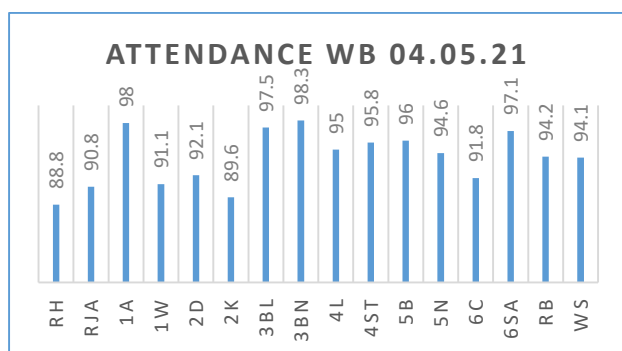
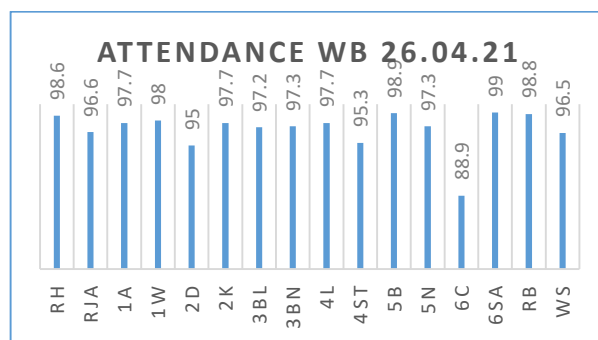
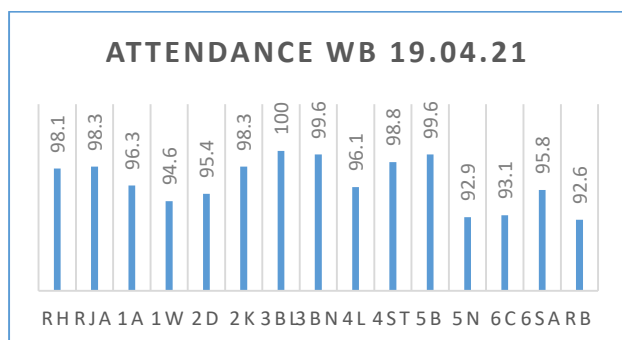
Please find attached a letter from the new Police and Crime Commissioner, Simon Foster, to be distributed for organisations and members of the public to let him know their priorities are for policing and criminal justice.

The call for evidence will end on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June and a full consultation on a new Police and Crime Plan will then follow in due course. People and organisations can submit their views by clicking [the link in the attached letter](#).

Any questions regarding the call for evidence can be sent to [vru@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:vru@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk).

## Attendance

The graphs below show the attendance of the classes over the last 4 weeks of the summer term. Congratulations to 3BL, 6SA, 3BN and Resource Base for achieving the highest attendance.



## Upcoming dates for your diary

<b>28<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	<b>End of term</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Jun:</b>	<b>Start of term</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Jul:</b>	Teacher Training Day – school closed to children
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Jul:</b>	<b>End of term</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sept:</b>	Teacher Training Day – school closed to children
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sept:</b>	Teacher Training Day – school closed to children
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sept:</b>	<b>Start of term for all pupils</b>

### **Additional Information**

You will find lots of additional information on our school website. Please go to [www.cherryorchard.bham.sch.uk](http://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.