



# CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

Here are the latest notices from Cherry Orchard.

## **Welcome back!**

It has been an enjoyable week welcoming all of the children and staff back into school, and we are looking forward to developing our practice to support all of the pupils to become even better learners and Cherry Orchard citizens. Please remember if you have any questions or concerns, you might find the answers on our website or in your child's school planner (due out next week), or you can call or email the office and someone will get back to you.

## **Pick up and drop off**

I'd like to thank those of you who have infant children for your patience as we've tried to find the safest way for you to drop off and pick up your children this week. Many of you have commented that the use of the back playground has had a positive impact as there is more space compared to the overcrowded front playground. We will continue to ask you all to use this route.



### **INFANT BUILDING OVERHEAD VIEW**

**Orange one-way pick up and drop off route:**

**Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents.**

**Blue one-way pick up and drop off route:  
Resource Base parents.**



### JUNIOR BUILDING OVERHEAD VIEW

For pick up in KS2, please **enter** the playground via the main gate and **leave** via the side gate (see arrow on adjacent image).

We stopped using the previous one-way system because as parents came past the side exit door, it was impossible to keep the children coming out of this exit door separate from the parents and this was a safeguarding issue for us.

We have had requests from parents to reinstate the staggered start and end

times to make parking easier and reduce the number of people on the playground at one time. Whilst we also see the advantages that the staggered start and end times brought, we cannot do this as social distancing is no longer a requirement set by the government. Due to the change in government guidance, it is now the case that we would be criticised by the DfE for staggering the timings of the day as it reduces the teaching time for some pupils. Please remember to use both the In and Out gates and wear face masks if you wish.

**If you need to speak to a member of staff after school, please wait until they have dismissed all of the children from their class. It is vital that staff are free to monitor the children leaving with the correct adult and to check for passwords when necessary.**

### Notices for Reception parents

Our team has enjoyed meeting you all and hearing all about your children this week. The children have enjoyed coming to school and we are excited for them to start full time next week.

#### Has your child ever had their eyes tested?

If not, please arrange a visit to the opticians as soon as you can to ensure that any problems that they may have are identified early, setting them up for a happy and fulfilling school life. Poor eyesight can cause learning problems and this is especially true for young children, who may find it difficult to explain the difficulties they are having with their eyesight. They may not even be aware they have a problem at all.

Finally, you will receive further information about the Reception curriculum and the new baseline assessment via email shortly. Please read this and follow the link on the letter for more information, and speak to your child's class teacher if you have any further questions.

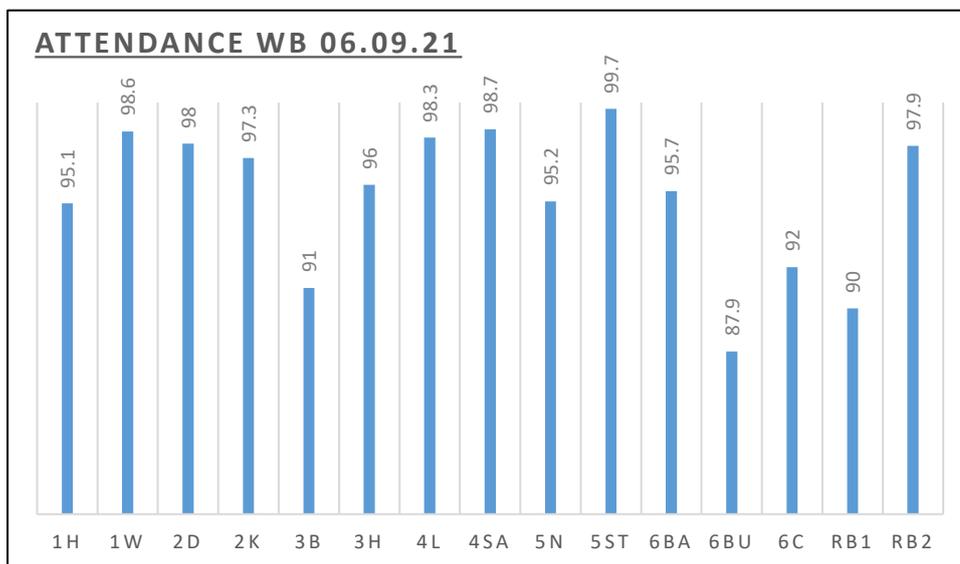
## Nasal flu vaccination for children

We have given the children from Reception to Year 6 the flu vaccination consent forms to take home today. **Please complete and return the form to school by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.** If you do not want your child to have the nasal vaccine, you still need to fill in the form and return it back. The children will be having the nasal flu vaccination on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

## Attendance

This afternoon I was thrilled to give out the attendance awards for 100% and outstanding attendance (98-99%) in 2020-21.

The graphs below show the attendance of the classes this week. Congratulations to 5St for achieving the highest attendance!



## Upcoming dates for your diary

20 Oct	Parents' evening online (3.40pm – 6.00pm)
21 Oct	Parents' evening online (4.30pm – 7.00pm)
22 Oct	End of term
01 Nov	Teacher training day (school closed to pupils)
<b>02 Nov</b>	<b>Start of term for pupils</b>
17 Dec	End of term
04 Jan	Teacher training day (school closed to pupils)
<b>05 Jan</b>	<b>Start of term for pupils</b>
18 Feb	End of term
28 Feb	Teacher training day (school closed to pupils)
<b>01 Mar</b>	<b>Start of term for pupils</b>
08 Apr	End of term
<b>25 Apr</b>	<b>Start of term for pupils</b>
02 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
27 May	End of term
<b>06 Jun</b>	<b>Start of term for pupils</b>
11 Jul	Teacher training day (school closed to pupils)
21 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](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.