



# CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## New events featured on Twitter:

RB2 visit to the Martineau Gardens

KS1 Magical Maths afterschool club

Manga High international success!

Opening of the Cherry Orchard foodbank

[Links to National Online Safety advice for parents](#)

Please be aware that we are using Twitter and email to send information to parents as much as possible as sending texts and letters costs the school money that we don't have. Texts and paper copies of letters will be sent when necessary but as virtually all our parents are online and have email addresses, we are keen to continue paperless contact via email and Twitter. Thank you for your support and for following us! **If you don't want to be on Twitter but you want to see the notices, just go to the home page of the school website to view our Twitter feed.**

## Black History Month

We are recognising and celebrating Black History Month in assemblies during October. In addition, we will be celebrating BHM by buying more story books for the classrooms and library that include main characters that the children can identify with, alongside more biographies of role models living now and in the past.

With regards to Black History teaching programmes, we've been developing our history curriculum so that Black History is an integral part of the history topics taught throughout the year, every year. We are continuing to work closely with Legacy West Midlands (<https://legacy-wm.org/>) to develop our history curriculum content. If you would like any more information about this content, please email the school and I'd be happy to share it. When all topic plans are complete, we will put information onto the school website – I will keep you posted.

Also, we are always mindful to include BAME role models and culture in other areas of the curriculum such as literature, music, science and sport throughout the year, and this is something that we continue to do.

Finally, as Equality is one of Cherry Orchard's Core Values, the children learn about racism and other types of discrimination throughout our curriculum. They are always reminded that everyone in the world is entitled to the same rights and equality of opportunity and respect, and that this is something that we all have to demonstrate towards each other.

## Walk to School Month

Pull on your autumn boots and join thousands of children across the globe celebrating the walk to school.

Children today can often miss out on outdoor play, exercise and basic life skills such as independence and road safety. Walking to school can help teach children to properly observe their environment, to interact with family and friends and to develop essential skills under the safe supervision of parents or guardians.

Autumn is a time when traffic around the school gate can become a major problem. You can do your bit to reduce traffic and air pollution (<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/cleanair>) by leaving the car at home whenever possible. If you have to drive, always park considerately, well away from the school gate, and turn off your engine when waiting for your child. Read more about ways you can reduce air pollution.

([https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20076/pollution/1279/what\\_can\\_i\\_do\\_about\\_air\\_pollution](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20076/pollution/1279/what_can_i_do_about_air_pollution))

To make walking to school even more fun, we have created some I spy and scavenger hunt sheets to use along the way.

Download activity sheets. –

([https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/download/1718/walk\\_to\\_school\\_activity\\_sheets](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/download/1718/walk_to_school_activity_sheets)) If this link doesn't work, your child can collect an activity sheet from their class teacher.

Follow Walk to School Month on social media using **#brumbreathes**.

## KS2 Pick Up

Feedback on the KS2 playground zones for collecting children at the end of the day has been positive – thank you all for supporting the plan! We just have one more request - please remember that there are two gates and try to use them correctly: **the front gate is for entering the playground and the side gate is for exiting the playground.** This will help with the heavy flow of people coming on and off the school playground at the end of the school day. Thank you.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

Please be reminded that if you would like to stand for election as a parent governor, please complete the nomination form that was sent out on Tuesday and return it to school **no later than Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019.** If you require another form or any additional information, please contact the school office.

## Resource Base Parent Meeting

Our next meeting will take place in the community room on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm** – Mrs McIlwain and Mr Renhard will be joining the meeting to speak to parents about strategies we use at school and they'll be happy to respond to any questions about school or strategies you might want to try at home.

## Cherry Orchard's Meet The Teacher Events

So far the Meet The Teacher events have been a success! Thank you all for your evaluations of the sessions – all reactions to the workshops were very supportive, with positive comments based around things such as clarity about school planners, explanations of teaching methods, information about how to help at home, tips for using the school website, understanding the curriculum and the school day, reassurance about assessment, informative but not overwhelming.

The Year 4 and Year 1 sessions will take place next week (Year 4 on Wednesday and Year 1 on Thursday, both at 2.30pm). [Powerpoint presentations from all of the sessions will be available to view on the school website under Parents' Info – Parent Workshops by the end of next week.](#)

## Home Start Training Opportunity

Home Start are looking for new volunteers to join their team.

Do you have a few hours a week to support a family in this area?

Training starts on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 10.00am at  
Erdington Methodist Church  
Wesley Road  
Erdington  
B23 6TX

(Training is in Erdington but volunteering will be based in Aston, Erdington, Handsworth, Lozells, Nechells and Stockland Green).  
Please contact Nafisa on 07572319198 or Karon on 0121 3731376.



## Free flu vaccination for Reception to Year 6

Well winter is approaching fast and all of the children from Reception to Year 6 are now entitled to a free flu nasal vaccination. I recently heard a doctor discussing this on the radio and he referred to children as 'Super Spreaders' which, in my experience as a teacher, I would have to agree with! This is just to remind you that the school nurse will be visiting Cherry Orchard on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to administer the flu nasal vaccination to your children. You should have received a letter about this last week with links to further information and a consent form. [Please can you complete the consent form and send it into school to indicate whether or not you wish your child to be vaccinated](#) – we will need the form back either way please. If you need another letter, please ask at the school office.

## School Photographs

Please be reminded that the [closing date for parents to purchase photographs is Monday 7th October 2019.](#)

## Mufti Day Donations and Cherry Orchard's Food Bank

Thank you so much for your generous donations towards our Harvest collection – City Mission were thrilled when they came to pick up the food!

Please note that now we have our very own food bank to support people in our local area, you can send in food at any time as it will be stored in our food back and collected monthly.

Also, on our end of term mufti days, the children normally bring in 50p towards school funds for coming in non-uniform. From now on, [you can choose to send your child in with an item of food for the food bank instead of the 50p or as well as the 50p if you're feeling generous!](#)

And finally, a plea to some of the parents who I see dropping off their children in the mornings...

**PARK FIRST! Don't let your children out of the car on the road.**

**PLEASE! No Stopping Or Dropping On The Road.**



## Upcoming dates for your diary

- 9<sup>th</sup> Oct: Year 4 Meet The Parent session
- 10<sup>th</sup> Oct: Year 1 Meet The Parent session
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct: Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Oct: Parents' Evening 4.30pm – 7.00pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Oct: End of term (Mufti Day)**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov: Teacher Training Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Nov: School opens for pupils**
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Reception and Nursery open session 9.30am – 11.00am
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov: Children In Need Day celebrations
- 20<sup>th</sup> Nov: World Children's Day celebrations
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov: Reception and Nursery open session 1.30pm – 3.00pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dec: Reception to Year 6 flu nasal vaccinations
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dec: YPP Birmingham Council House visit
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Year 6 visit to the Birmingham REP
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Reception Christmas Nativity (am), Year 1 Christmas Play (pm)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: Year 1 Christmas Play (am), Reception Christmas Nativity (pm)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec: Year 6 Christmas Carol Concert (pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: End of term (Mufti Day)**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Jan: Teacher Training Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jan: School opens for pupils**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Jan: Year 2 visit to the Birmingham Hippodrome Pantomime