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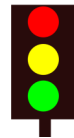
Message from the Principal

It has been a busy few weeks at Cherry Orchard and the children have enjoyed lots of visitors coming to the school, including Aardman Animations where they had the chance to create their very own Shaun the Sheep from plasticine; a visit from Taylor Wimpey and their mascots Millie Mortar and Handy Andy who spoke to the children about safety around a building site. Kent Messenger also paid a visit to take photographs of our new school building and children in their learning environments. This article can be viewed at Kent Messenger online.



Good to be Green

As you are aware, **Good to be Green** is our behaviour management system. Children move up and down the traffic lights according to their behaviour throughout the day. Children in years 1 and 2 earn golden time throughout the term but lose time if they end the day on amber or red. Extra time can be earned for consistent exemplary behaviour. A termly golden afternoon of activities celebrates their success. This term they will be able to take part in pizza making, whacky science, art attack, nature and sports activities. In year R and Nursery children follow a similar traffic light system and earn stars at the end of everyday.



Reading Books

It's great to hear that so many parents have been asking for reading books to support their child's learning. We are in the process of setting up a system of banded books which are levelled to children's abilities and these will be sent home along with their reading record. We will also be beginning our Read, Write, Inc. groups and once established the children will bring home a 'show off read' each week to share their success in learning. In the meantime please continue to share and discuss stories with your children that they enjoy.

COPTA

(Cherry Orchard Parent Teacher Association)

The PTA has recently been formed and hold a coffee morning on a Thursday from 8.50am in the school hall. All parents are welcome to join them for coffee before their meeting. A big thank you to the large number of parents who have been so proactive in establishing an enthusiastic PTA so soon after our opening.

To assist with parents picking up from both EYFS and KS1 playgrounds we have adjusted pick up times to 3.10 for children in Year R and 3.15 for those in Years 1 and 2.

Don't forget the Community Fun Day, Saturday 30th September, 12-4pm to be held at Cherry Orchard Primary School.

Parents' Evening

It has been great to get to know your children over the last few weeks and we look forward to welcoming parents on the afternoon/evening of Wednesday 18th October for our first Parents' Evening. At this time we will be able to inform you about how your child has settled into school and give you an overview of our initial assessments of them. We will also discuss with you how we intend to move their learning on and how you might support us in this at home.