

NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

Welcome back to Term 2 to all children and parents at Cherry Orchard! A very busy term is in store with lots going on to prepare for our Christmas productions, parties and Pantomime. Our children will continue to work just as hard in their lessons this term, as they usually do, but they will also be extra busy practising their Christmas songs and acting skills!

Children in Need

Next **Friday 16th November**, will see Cherry Orchard once again trying our best to support 'Children in Need' by raising funds towards this very good cause. Hazel our Cook will be making Pudsey Biscuits on Thursday for the children to decorate on Friday and sell to parents after school. Please support them with their efforts.

In addition, children will be able to wear spotty outfits to school on Friday bringing along any loose change in our challenge to cover Pudsey Bear with coins! There will also be lots of Pudsey paraphernalia on sale all that week so please get your Pudsey purchases through us to help raise as much as we can! Pudsey ears, LED glow key rings, colour changing wristbands and various Pudsey badges will all be on sale on the patio after school and at collection from Clubs throughout the week!

Lining Up

You will notice the new class signs in the playground this term, please encourage your children to line up in the playground behind their class sign.

If the weather is very wet or snowy, Years R, 1 & 2 will go straight into their classrooms as they arrive and Year 3 should wait under the canopy on the top patio area for their class teacher to collect and take them upstairs.

Pantomime

On **Tuesday 11th December**, we have a visiting theatre company in school performing

The Wizard of Oz in Pantomime for all children.

A contribution of £2.50 per child will also include a Christmas Popcorn Cup. More details to follow by separate letter.

Homework: Maths & English

All children should now have log-in codes for Reading Eggs for Literacy –an on-line reading programme, where your child can practise reading and spelling in a way that makes learning to read interesting and engaging for children, with great online reading games and activities. Children love the games, songs, golden eggs and other rewards which, along with feeling proud of their reading, really motivates children to keep exploring and learning. We pay a yearly subscription so that you child can use this programme at home as well as in school. You can find out more about this here: readingeggs.co.uk/

New for this year is Mathseeds, which is the equivalent programme for Maths - and works in a very similar way to Reading Eggs. Year R and 1 are subscribed to this programme, whilst Years 2 & 3 will continue with their Mathematics accounts. Please see your class teacher if you child does not have a link to these programmes. You can access Mathseeds on the same page and log in as your Reading Eggs account. For Mathematics please click [here](#)

Extended Schools

Please can we make an appeal to all parents; we try to arrange extra curricular clubs and extended school care in advance of each term, allowing for the correct pupil/staff ratio. All our clubs are becoming very popular and wherever possible we try very hard to accommodate everyone's wishes, if we know in advance.

All clubs are booked via our Google Form booking system in advance of the next term with a closing date to allow for invoicing and staffing. If you wish to guarantee your choice of provision, it is important that you book on line by the closing date. For any queries, please contact Miss Bill on Extendedschools@cherryorchard.org.uk or ring after 3.30pm on 01322 242011. Please allow time for Miss Bill to answer your queries as she works elsewhere in the school during the normal school day.

No Clubs rollover into the next term because they change termly to meet the various skill set of the teachers and coaches delivering classes. Regular reminders will be in the newsletter and posted on the school website [here](#) under Extended Schools.

COPA Christmas Tree Decorating

Our magnificent school Christmas tree will be erected in the school hall on **Monday 3rd December** and we hope to invite Parents in for a Christmas gathering of Christmas Carols and songs around the tree before the end of term. More details to follow in the next issue.

PE Kits

All children need their PE kits in school every day so they are able to join in with PE lessons and attend any after school activity clubs they have been signed up for.

Please ensure they have a warm kit available including tracksuit bottoms and top.

Tickets for XMAS Productions

Tickets for the EYFS and KS1/2 Christmas Productions will be on sale after Children In Need. These will be on a first come first served basis and include a mince pie. Two productions of each show will take place in the morning and afternoon of Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 December.

Reminders and dates for your diary

- ◆ Pudsey Purchases on sale w/c 12th November all week on the top patio –please help us raise funds for this cause!
- ◆ Children in Need Fundraising Day! Spotty outfits to school and Pudsey purchases on sale!
- ◆ Christmas Pantomime 'The Wizard of Oz' in School - Tuesday 11th December
- ◆ Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Productions—Tuesday 11th December
- ◆ Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch : Wednesday 12th December
- ◆ EYFS Christmas Production: Monday 17 December @ 9:00 am and Tuesday 18 December @ 2:15 pm
- ◆ EYFS and KS1/2 Christmas Productions: Monday 17 December @ 2:15 pm and Tuesday 18 December @ 9:00 am