

### Message from the Principal

With the possibility of snow over the next few weeks we will keep you posted as to the status of the school via the website, e mails and Kent Closures (search Kent Closures and input our postcode, an alert will advise if we are open or closed). The site will be monitored in the bad weather, and if we are not closed, will be gritted along main walkways. However, please take care when walking around the site as it is impossible to grit the whole site.

Thank you for your co-operation.



### Birthday Treats

A suggestion from a parent is that rather than bringing in sweets or treats for children's birthdays, that parents buy a book for the class that could be shared at the end of the school day to celebrate birthdays!

We thought this was a lovely idea!



### 'Celebration of Talent' Picnic Afternoon

Parents and their families are invited to come along to an outdoor picnic on the school field to help us celebrate the wealth of talent we have in our Academy!

Bring along your picnic blankets, picnic food and wine for a concert of singing, dancing, musical renditions, as well as view samples of artwork and models in the school hall.

A provisional date has been set for this for **Friday 21st June** from 3:15 pm  
Date to be confirmed in the next newsletter.



### New Bus Route

For those that are unaware, we have been informed of three buses that serve Castle Hill area and stop directly outside the Academy.

The 484, 485 and 485A all serve the bus stop outside the School from the surrounding areas of Swanscombe, Greenhithe, Bluewater and Ebbsfleet International Station.

We are reliably informed fares are £1 return so as the weather turns, rather than walking back in the rain or snow, you can hop on the bus!

### Parents' Survey 2018

A summary of results from our recent Parents' Surveys for both the Academy and Nursery will be shared with Parents next week.

### Futsal Course - £30

A new sports course learning to play Futsal starts in the Community Centre in March!

Running on Fridays from 1st March through until Friday 5th April for 6 weeks, this course will teach your child the fundamental skills of Futsal from 5pm until 6pm.

For further details, please see

[www.progressive-sports.co.uk/south-east-london-and-kent](http://www.progressive-sports.co.uk/south-east-london-and-kent)

### Extended School Clubs

Links to Term 4 sign-ups for Breakfast, After School and Activity Clubs are now live for booking. These will be closed for processing on Friday 1st April.

These can be found on the website on by clicking on the following links:

For Term 4 Breakfast Club - click [here](#)

For Term 4 After School Provision - click [here](#)

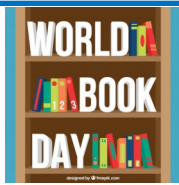
For Term 4 Activity Clubs - click [here](#)

Please email [extendedschools@cherryorchardprimary.org.uk](mailto:extendedschools@cherryorchardprimary.org.uk) if you require any further details - or telephone the office on 01322 242011 between 3:30 and 5pm.

### Lost RWI Books!

A plea to parents to please look at home for any RWI show-off reading books that might have been left at home. We are missing several books that have been sent home for show-off reading that have not been returned and we are several short in each of our sets. You will appreciate these are expensive to replace, so any than can be handed in would be very much appreciated.

Thank-you!



7th March

If any parent would like to come into school to share their favourite book with groups of children on this day – please can you contact Miss Featherstone.

The idea will be that groups of children will come along to listen to a story in rotation - if you can dress up as your favourite character from the book, that would be even better!

Workshops will go on all day but you only need to spare a few hours in the morning or afternoon

## Parents Consultation Evenings

Wednesday 27 February and Thursday 28 February

Parents' Consultation Evenings will take place in the School Hall the first week back after February half-term. Sign-up sheets will be available in Breakfast Club drop-off, at the end of the school day outside and at After School pick up for parents to sign up their preferred time slot.

Please note appointment slots are for a maximum of ten minutes - please respect this to avoid long waits for the parents following. Should you require a longer slot, an appointment can be made directly with class teachers or via e mail request to the office.

## Multi-Cultural Awareness Day

**At Cherry Orchard , we pride ourselves on being a diverse multi-cultural school, which embraces the varied ethnicity of our children.**

We would love parents from different ethnic origins to come in to talk to our pupils about their individual ancestry, culture, language and history.

It would be great to share national costume, traditional foods or music so that the children learn about different cultures. If any parent is willing to spare a little time in school to do this, please contact your class teacher and we will arrange a mutually convenient date for this to happen.



Alternatively contact the

office to volunteer!

## Skilled Parent Volunteers

If you have a particular talent or skill - or your work covers a specific area such as IT / Art / Police Force / Fire Brigade / Trade / Medicine for example and you can spare some time to come in to support the children to learn about 'coding' or some woodwork skills or give a talk on 'A Day in the Life of ?' - we would love to hear from you!

Please contact the office with your details.

[office@cherryorchardprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@cherryorchardprimary.org.uk)



## Reminders and dates for your diary 2019

- ◆ Olive Dining Explore the Orient Day: 05.02.19 (see [Olive Dining](#) for menu)
- ◆ Trip to SeaWorld: Years 1, 2 & 3 only - Thursday 7th February (permission slips required)
- ◆ Sign-up for Consultation Evenings: w/b 11th February
- ◆ Golden Afternoon: Thursday 14th February
- ◆ End of Term 3: 14.02.19
- ◆ INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED: 15.02.19
- ◆ Start of Term 4: Monday 25 February
- ◆ Parents Consultation Evenings: Wednesday 27.02.19 & Thursday 28.02.19
- ◆ Olive Dining St. Patrick's Day: 17.03.19 (see [Olive Dining](#) for menu)
- ◆ Book Fayre: 19 to 26 March. Further details to follow
- ◆ World Book Day: Thursday 7 March. Contact Miss Featherstone if you would like to read).
- ◆ Walk in Wednesday: Wednesday 27 March
- ◆ Easter Assembly: Tuesday 2 April. Parents invited to attend
- ◆ Olive Dining St. George's Day: 23 April (see [Olive Dining](#) for menu)
- ◆ Celebration Picnic: Date tbc Friday 21 June from 3:15pm. Parents Invited to attend
- ◆ Provision Dates for Sports Day: Friday 5 July (AM for EYFS) (PM for KS1/2) Reserve Day 12.07.19

