

### Message from the Principal

It has been a very busy week in school with year 2 children beginning their SATs, or their 'special work' as they are known in Rosewood and Maple classes. We have been really impressed with them, they have worked extremely hard and approached them in a sensible and calm way. Well done year 2!

In other news, our new wormery was delivered and set up this week and some of our KS1 children represented Cherry Orchard at a football tournament at Dartford FC. Unfortunately heavy rain meant an early finish to the final match but the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and behaved impeccably throughout- well done to all who took part!

### COPA Website Important Information

Unfortunately there have been some technical issues with the COPA Website this week, which are awaiting attention. This has resulted in a delay to information and details being updated on our website. Our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Extended Schools Updates

For the reason above, we have been unable to load on details of Extended Schools Clubs and Activities for Term 6.

However, links to T6 Registration Forms can be requested via [extendedschools@cherryorchardprimary.org.uk](mailto:extendedschools@cherryorchardprimary.org.uk)

**May Holiday Club** will definitely be running again for 4 days over the Whitsun Half Term from Tuesday 28 until Friday 31 May, inclusive under the usual arrangements. Click [here](#) to register. A 20% discount applies for 4 full days if registered by the closing date.

**Term 6 Activity Clubs** are now OPEN for registration [here](#).

*Exciting new clubs will be available: Cooking, Gardening/Nature, Recorders, Handball & Gymnastics - as well as the return of some old favourites.*

Term 6 ASP registration - [here](#)

Term 6 Breakfast Club registration - [here](#)



From Term 6, our Extended Schools Provision for ASP & BC will move upstairs to our studio, as we prepare for two new intakes in Reception and the transition of our present YR groups, who will occupy the empty Year 1 Class currently being used for ASP & BC. Further details will be sent out to parents whose children attend - but this will give us the opportunity to iron out any problems ahead of September and an increase in numbers.

### T5 Parents Drop In - IB Curriculum Wednesday 22 May - 9 am

Mrs. Foxwell will host an informal parents' Drop In from 9am to explain the *International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme* and how this operates at Cherry Orchard, across all the year groups. Refreshments will be available.

Term 5 'Walk in Wednesday' will also take place at the end of the school day from 3:15 until 3:45 to give children the opportunity to share their work with parents and show them around their class.



### Local Elections - 23 May

**As you know, COPA will be used as a polling station on Thursday 23 May by the Local Authority.**

Voting will take place in the hall and will not be used by the children all day. Breakfast and ASP Clubs will take place in the Studio upstairs and access to the hall for voters will be secure and separate from pupils of the school.

A packed lunch will be provided for all children entitled to school dinners and this will be eaten as a picnic lunch outside (weather permitting) or inside the Community Hall in the event of inclement weather accompanied by COPA staff.

Any queries on these arrangements should be directed to our Business Manager - John Grafik via the office email.

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



### Water Bottles & appropriate dress

As the weather gets warmer, it is really important that children have refillable water bottles in school. We strongly recommend these are filled with water but weak squash (with no added sugar) is also acceptable. However, these can only be refilled during school hours from the water dispenser.

During the heavy rainfall this week, some children did not have coats in school and if the weather does ever heat up, hats will be required and sunscreen should be applied prior to school.

### *Stay & Share / Walk in Wednesdays*

Plans are in place to introduce every other 'Walk in Wednesday' as a 'Stay and Share' afternoon to allow parents to come into school and work alongside the children on a chosen activity. This might be an art or craft afternoon, such as painting, sewing, model making, textiles or clay activities.

The first 'Stay & Share' opportunity will be in **Term 6** and teachers will advertise their activity for their parents to join them. We will aim to alternate 3 'Walk in Wednesdays' and 3 'Stay & Share Wednesdays' per year.

Our next '**Walk in Wednesday**' is  
22 May from 3:15 - 3:45

First '**Stay & Share Wednesday**'  
17 July from 1:30 - 3:15pm

### *Trust Visitors to the Academy*

We are delighted to welcome some special visitors from the Trust, to join us at Cherry Orchard from Monday 13 until Thursday 16 inclusive, whilst building works take place at their own school. Year 5 students from Dartford Primary - our associate Academy - will join us for three days whilst their year six students complete their SATs exams and will occupy the empty classrooms upstairs.

Alternative lunch and play rotas will be in place but it will be nice to see how our Academy will be when its full and busy!

### *Dog Trust Visits & Assembly - Monday 10 June*

Lily, our school dog, is getting used to being in school now and many of the children have met her already. We have arranged for the Dogs Trust to come into school on 10 June to run 'Be Dog Smart' workshops with all classes.

Be Dog Smart is our successful campaign helping children and families understand more about how to behave around dogs in order to keep themselves safe. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.learnwithdogstrust.org.uk/be-dog-smart/>

### *Celebration Picnic & Concert*

On Friday 21st June, plans are underway for our first Celebration of talent at Cherry Orchard.

Further details will follow but we hope to host our own Art Gallery in the school hall with opportunities to buy your child's artwork, as well as offer an evening of dancing, singing, musical presentations and more!

In addition, the school field will be open to parents and their families to come along with a picnic tea to watch the show unfold on the outdoor stage (weather permitting)  
3:15pm until 6pm



### *Learning Platform Accounts*



We have been analysing student use and impact from our IT learning platforms, Reading Eggs, Mathletics and Mathseeds. The school pays a subscription for each child in the school to be able to access these valuable learning platforms at home. As new children join the school regularly, we have to increase our licence subscriptions to meet the need.

If Accounts remain unused, it would seem sensible to close these down and pass on the licence to new students as they join, instead of taking out new ones. Teachers monitor use, track progress, books read and tasks completed. If your child does not access their account, their log in code will be reallocated.

### *Weekly School Council Slot*

**Weekly consultations with the newly informed School Council Class Representatives continue to take place; they in turn have been speaking with their classmates.**

This week they were tasked with speaking to their class about school meals and arrangements. They have requested a 'make your own wrap' day and squash with their meals one day a week. Our Cook Hazel attended the meeting and listened to their 'likes and dislikes' (of which there were few) Obviously, Olive Dining have certain guidelines they need to adhere to on dairy, sugar and vegetables, but wherever possible have tried to accommodate their requests where these are appropriate.

Over the next few weeks, a help yourself sauce station will be introduced, alongside the self service salad counter and new fruit pots have already made an appearance and continue to be popular.

### *Reminders and dates for your diary 2019*

- ◆ **T5 Parents' Drop In Coffee Morning:** Wednesday 22 May - IB Curriculum with Mrs. Foxwell
- ◆ **T5 Walk in Wednesday:** 22 May from 3:15 until 3:45
- ◆ **Local Polling Station in School Hall:** Thursday 23 May all day
- ◆ **Spring Bank Holiday:** Monday 27 May
- ◆ **Half Term:** w/b 27 to 31 May - CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND
- ◆ **Whitsun May Holiday Club:** w/b 27 to 31 May - Register on line
- ◆ **Dog Trust Visit & Assembly:** Monday 10 June
- ◆ **Art & Culture Week:** w/b 10 June
- ◆ **Celebration Picnic:** Friday 21 June from 3:15pm. Parents Invited to attend
- ◆ **Year R Hearing & Vision Checks:** Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 June
- ◆ **Dates for Sports Day:** Friday 5 July (AM for EYFS) (PM for KS1/2) Reserve Day 12.07.19
- ◆ **Y3 Shorne Woods Forest School:** Thursday 11th July
- ◆ **Whole School Transition Week:** w/b 15 - 19 July
- ◆ **'Stay & Share Wednesday'** - Wednesday 17 July (more details to follow)
- ◆ **Return to current classes:** 22 - 24 July
- ◆ **END OF TERM 6:** 24 July

