

Message from the Principal

Welcome back to Cherry Orchard and a brand new school year! We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer break. We welcome lots of new children this term, not only in our nursery and reception class but across the whole school.

We have had a very calm and productive start to the new year with children settling into their new classes.

We look forward to meeting all new parents in due course and hope you all take advantage of our parent workshops and 'walk in Wednesday' events towards the end of this term.

'Jeans for Genes' Day

We are delighted to be supporting a charity close to our hearts as we welcome a new addition to our SRP Unit in 2019. On Monday 16 September we will be supporting 'Jeans for Genes' Day and wearing our jeans to school!

Children and staff can wear their jeans to school on Monday to donate to this worthy charity. Donations of £1 should be brought into school and handed to the class teacher.



Young Voices O2 Concert

We are very excited to see our Academy being represented at the London O2 Young Voices choir festival early in the New Year!

The school will take part in this famous concert and have been practising hard learning all the new songs they need to know on the night. Mrs. Stroud our music teacher will accompany the children to the concert in the afternoon where they will sing with over 150,000 other children. Parent of children in the YV choir will be given the opportunity to purchase tickets to watch the concert.

Mrs. Stroud will be writing to individual participants over the coming weeks.

Pencil Cases & Toys

Can we please remind parents that toys and pencil cases should not be brought to school.

These cause unnecessary distractions during the school day and often cause conflict or go missing causing distress to the owner.

All children have access to pens, pencils and items they need to support their learning during the day. It is not necessary to provide additional items from home.

School Uniform & PE KIT

Please can we urge parents to name all items of school uniform!

We are very proud of our school uniform and encourage our children to look their best at all times. This means wearing the correct items of school uniform - including ties and proper collared shirts or blouses, which should be tucked in. No polo shirts should be worn and shoes should be black, sensible and sturdy. If you are in doubt at all about our uniform policy, please consult the website to view examples.

If misplaced items of uniform are labelled, they can be returned to the rightful owners!

Children without the correct PE kits will not be able to participate in PE lessons. If children forget their PE kits regularly, they will be sent a reminder slip from the PE Coordinator.

Now that the children have been in school for a couple of weeks, we will be issuing green uniform slips to go home, where children are not wearing the correct school uniform. We are aware that some of our new children are still awaiting orders from Brigade and allowances will be made for this.

Donations for ASP

As our After School Provision grows, we are constantly on the look out for donations, particularly bikes, scooters, lego and construction toys, playmobil or similar items.

Please drop these off at the main office and we are grateful to you for your support.

Class Newsletters & Class Google Sites

All class newsletters have been sent home and links to these are also displayed on the website [here](#).

In addition - following on from the success of the Year 3 Class Google Site, we will be releasing websites for the remaining year groups, SRP, ASP and PE during the month of September. This will give a 'window into the classroom' for you to view learning taking place in the classroom or activates in ASP / PE.

This is to let you know that you will need to register for a **GOOGLE ACCOUNT** to view this - if you do not have one already.

Car Parking

We are aware that many parents have or may still be experiencing problems with parking at drop off or pick up times!

We are very lucky to have a public car park outside our school, but this is not owned or managed by the Academy and we have no rights to it. This week, the land owners have released some spaces in an area designed for staff parking and this has alleviated parking problems slightly.

However, we would continue to warn parents that if you park on the road or surrounding areas, you may be subject to a parking fine!

Please be aware of the parking notifications displayed on the lamp posts.

As the shops adjacent to the Community Centre near completion, this will have an additional impact on parking in the car park. The Academy has been built for local residents and we would urge parents - wherever they can - to walk to school, to limit the number of cars trying to park.

School Meals

Olive Dining are hoping to have dinner money envelopes delivered early next week. Thank you to all parents who have paid in advance for meals. Could we please ask that when paying you kindly put your child's full name, class and the amount enclosed.

'Parents Drop In'

Our Parent Workshops are not only designed to introduce you to new members or staff and give you the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, they are also informative about any new or existing initiatives and how you can help support your child!

Our next Parents Drop In Workshop will feature a presentation on the compulsory 'Times Tables' testing new this year.

Mrs. Foxwell and Miss Brylikowska will speak to parents about the new national tests for and how you can support your child, as well as give you an informal opportunity to ask questions and chat to other parents over a cup of coffee.

Parents are welcome to come into the hall after drop-off and the presentation will start promptly at 9:00 once the children are settled in class.

Festivals & Celebrations

A letter has gone out to all parents asking for information on celebrations that take place in the family home to ensure we are aware and respect the different cultures that make up our school.

If you have not done so already, please return to your class teacher.

'Walk-in-Wednesday'

Our next WIW will take place on the last Wednesday in the term - October 16 from 3:15 until 3:45.

For our parents who have not joined us before, this enables your child to show you round their classroom and share their work with you.

Although class teachers will be on hand, this is an opportunity for you to share with your child their learning experiences and show you their books, models or paintings!

Extended Schools IMPORTANT Information

Although registrations for Breakfast Club and After School Clubs have closed for Term 1 - ad-hoc bookings are still being accepted at a cost of £5 and £10 respectively.

Bookings for T1 School Activity Clubs has now closed and we will not be taking any more bookings for clubs for this term.

HOLIDAY CLUB will run for two weeks through the **OCTOBER HALF TERM** and registration will open very shortly on our website. Full details of costs and sessions times can be found on the website under our Holiday Club tab.

Links to this and Term 2 BC and ASP Provision will be posted on the website and notified in the next Academy newsletter. Closing date will be **FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER** to enable processing and invoicing in the week beginning 7/10/19 prior to the end of term.

Reminders and dates for your diary

Jeans for Genes Day: Monday 16 September

Harvest Contributions: Tuesday 24 September

KM First Class Photo (Year R) - 30th September

Yr 2 Parents History Event: Friday 4 October

School Photographs: Monday 14 October

'Walk-in-Wednesday': Wednesday 16 October

T1 Golden Afternoon: Thursday 17 October

END OF TERM 1: Friday 18 October

START OF TERM 2: Monday 4 November

Parents' Consultations: Wednesday 6 November

EYFS Christmas production : 17 December, am, 19 December pm

KS1 Christmas production: 17 December, pm, 18 December am

KS2 Christmas production: 18 December, pm, 19 December am

