

Message from the Principal

Many thanks to all parents and carers who sent in Harvest donations last week, they were very gratefully received by The Sanctuary in Gravesend who help homeless people in the local community. As we come towards the end of term 1 the children will be busy with assessments next week ready for teachers to meet with parents in the first week of term 2 and discuss their progress, we hope all parents are able to attend. Our children love to visit the library areas in school and enjoy choosing their new book to read. It's great that the library is so popular but that does mean that we are in need of new books all the time. If you have any children's books in good condition that you no longer want please deliver them to the school office where they will be gratefully received. Our library areas require constant love and attention to keep them neat and tidy for the children to use so we would welcome any parent volunteers into school during the day to assist us with this.

BetterPoints App

Walk, Scoot or Cycle to School Challenge



Ebbsfleet Development Corporation have again invited us to take part in the Better Points challenge during the Autumn term. Walk, cycle, or scoot to school to earn a 20 BetterPoints bonus per journey for yourself and 20 BetterPoints for Cherry Orchard Primary to help buy resources for the school too!

Simply click below to download the BetterPoints app



Watch a short video [here](#) to get you started or follow these instructions:

1. Download the **BetterPoints** app from the App Store or the Google Play Store.
2. Tap "**Sign up**" in the app, and fill out the form using the referral code '**Cherry**'.
3. Join the **Get Active in Ebbsfleet - Cherry Orchard School** challenge. You will be automatically added to the main **Get Active** programme due to your postcode. There will be a welcome message about this on your timeline in the app.
4. Tap the Play button in the top right corner of the app.
5. Track your activity via Automatic (always on) or Manual Tracking (when you want to track a specific activity).
6. Start earning **BetterPoints** and **BetterTickets**!

School Uniform & PE KIT

Please can we continue to remind parents to name **all** items of school uniform!

- Would parents please check their children's clothing to make sure they have the correct items of uniform. Many parents have inquired about missing uniform that is named.
- Green uniform slips will be sent home for missing ties, incorrect shirts and missing or incorrect PE Kits.
- Please can we remind parents - particularly of our new children who have joined us that any hair adornments should be in school colours (green/red/black or white) and be minimalistic. Large do-jo bows are not permitted; children sit on the carpet and often this is distracting for those sitting behind.

Thank you for your cooperation

KS2 Snacks

Please ensure all KS2 snacks are items of fruit - in line with what they had in KS1. KS1 have access to free fruit but KS2 should bring in fruit from home. No biscuits, sweets or fruit winders

Spellings for Year 1

Just to remind Parents that in accordance with the Year 1 Welcome Meeting in July, weekly spelling will not be sent home until Term 2. The two small sets of spellings that have gone out this term are related to their in class maths learning.

Class Newsletters & Class Google Sites

These will be available on class pages on the website (with the exception of Reception - where Tapestry is in place for this purpose) and will give an insight into the learning taking place in the classroom as well as a glimpse of some of the activities in After School Clubs. As previously mentioned, you will need a Google Account to view these - Look out before the end of the Term 1.

Unattended Children

Please can we remind parents that it is extremely unsafe to leave a child or baby alone and unattended. One parent was very upset to witness a child left alone in a parked car outside the school for several minutes in the heat, whilst older siblings were being collected from school. The child was seen to be very agitated and distressed.

Centre of Excellence



We were delighted to receive an accredited Award for our Specialist Resource Provision under the guidance of our SEN Lead Teacher Mrs Pinto. The SRP at Cherry Orchard has been accredited a Centre of Excellence for Speech, Language and Communication.

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Car Parking

We hope the recent opening of staff car parking facilities has alleviated parking problems for parents dropping and picking children up.

Although we are continuing dialogue with the owners of the public car park outside our Academy, to make them aware of the continuing parking issues, we would remind parents again that we do not have any control over the parking restrictions there or on the surrounding roads around the Academy.

Any fines that are being imposed have nothing to do with the school and although we have suggested that these restrictions be lifted during drop off and pick up times, this is not evident at the present time.

So although we empathise with parents and understand their frustration, any fine that is imposed is totally beyond our control.

Thank you for your understanding.

'Parents Drop In'

A reminder that our Yr 3 & 4 Parents are invited in to learn about the new National times tables for Year 4.

Mrs. Foxwell and Miss Brylikowska will be able to explain how you can help your child to practise, as well as answer any questions you may have.

Parents Consultations

Wednesday 6 November

This year we will be commencing Parents' Consultations at 1pm until 7:30pm. 10 minute slots will be available to speak to class teachers in the school hall and sheets will be available to sign up from Monday 7 October outside on the top patio for Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 and outside the EYFS for the Reception Classes.

For those parents with children in extended school provisions, the lists will be available at Breakfast Club Drop Off in the Nursery and at the School Office at After School Provision.

On Wednesday 6 November, tea will be taken in the Studio instead of the Hall for children in ASP and Handball Club will be outside on this occasion.

Extended Schools IMPORTANT Information

Registration for Term 2 Activity Clubs is now OPEN and this will close on Wednesday 9 October at 5pm. Due to an increase in numbers, we will not be taking ad-hoc bookings for Activity Clubs so please sign up for the start of Term 2.

October Holiday Club Registration for both Nursery and the main school has been open for a week now and this will remain open but our Early Bird Offer will close on **Monday 7 October**. Click [here](#) to register.

Registration for [After School Provision](#) and [Breakfast Club](#) for Term 2 has also been open for a week and this will also close on **Monday 7 October** for processing. Bookings after this date will incur the ad-hoc charges as laid out in our Extended Schools Brochure. Please click on the links above to register or look at our Extended Schools page under the Parents tab on the Academy website for further details.

Alternatively, you can enquire via the office on 01322 242011 between the hours of 3:30 until 5pm or email extendedschools@cherryprimaryacademy.org.uk

Reminders and dates for your diary

Yr 2 Parents History Event: Friday 4 October
School Photographs: Monday 14 October
Parents' Drop In Workshop: Wednesday 16 October - 9:00 am
'Walk-in-Wednesday': Wednesday 16 October - 3:15 until 3:45 pm
T1 Golden Afternoon: Thursday 17 October
PTA Halloween Disco: Friday 18 October
END OF TERM 1: Friday 18 October

START OF TERM 2: Monday 4 November
Yr4 Roman Workshop: Tuesday 5 November
Parents' Consultations: Wednesday 6 November - 1pm until 7:30pm
Reception Heights & Weights: Thursday 14 November @ 9:30 am
Year 2 Trip to Lullingstone Villa: Friday 15 November
Yr R - 4 Flu Jabs: Monday 18 November
Xmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 11 December
EYFS Xmas Production: Tuesday 17 December am and Thursday 19 December pm
KS1 Xmas Production: Tuesday 17 December pm & Wednesday 18 December am
KS2 Xmas Carol Concert: Wednesday 18 December pm & Thursday am
Stay & Share Christmas Activities: Wednesday 18 December 3:15 until 3:45 pm
T2 Golden Afternoon: Thursday 19 December
Class Christmas Party Day: Friday 20 December

