

Message from the Principal

Thanks to all the parents that attended Parent's Consultation afternoon. It was really useful for the teachers to update you on the progress of your children and discuss any concerns. As the Christmas period rapidly approaches, please look out for any additional information from either the PTA or the Academy on separate newsletters and information sheets - as it's a really busy term with lots going on!

I hope you are looking forward to the Christmas productions as much as I am—always a lovely time of the year to see our little ones performing on the stage and our older children in their concert. Look out for further information on these over the next few weeks!

Co-op support for our PTA!



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Co-op Members

We are delighted to announce that the Co-op will be supporting Cherry Orchard PTA with their fund raising efforts over the coming year through their support for local community causes.

How can you help?

By joining the Co-op for **just £1**, you will receive a loyalty card to use in each of your local co-op stores. Every time you spend in store, 1% of your purchase cost will go towards Cherry Orchard PTA - whilst at the same time, you can save 5% in points towards the purchase of any co-op product for yourself.

Please help us to raise as much money as we can during this year. You can keep a track of how much is raised by visiting the website. You will need to select Cherry Orchard as your local community cause by visiting <https://causes.coop.co.uk/>

How to join the Co-op?

It's really easy to join the Co-op and select Cherry Orchard Primary PTA as your local cause. Simply click on the link <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership> and join today! Once you have become a member, you can then select COPTA as your specified cause and the rest is automatic.

All the proceeds raised will go to the PTA who are working towards a long term goal of raising funds towards a trim trail in the woodland area at the far end of Cherry Orchard grounds.

Arrangements for last day of term

On **Friday 20 December**, the children will have their Christmas parties and can then be picked up for an early finish at 1:30 after lunch. We are aware that some parents have booked clubs and after school provision and this will still be available for children staying on.

However, please be aware that moving forwards we will finish early at the end of the Christmas, Easter and Summer terms.

Children in Need



This **Friday 15th 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 and purchase a Pudsey sweet treat!

In addition, children will be able to wear spotty outfits to school on Friday for a £1 donation and bringing along any loose change in our challenge to cover our giant Pudsey Bear with coins! We will also be taking part in a whole school 'Joe Wicks workout' during assembly on Friday morning to get us ready for the day.

Parental Permissions

Just a reminder that on admission forms, parents have signed for permission for their children to go out on local trips / walks in and around Castle Hill. There is no need, therefore, for additional permissions in these instances.

Class Newsletters & Class Google Sites

Class Newsletters for Term 2 are up on the website under the appropriate class headings. In addition, our Google Sites giving a 'window into the classroom' of what your children are learning can now be viewed from the same area on the website.

We hope you enjoy looking at their work and seeing what they get up to during the school day! Please click [here](#) to view your class google site - but remember you will need a google account to view this.

Gentle Reminder

Please can you make sure that hairbands, bobbles and scrunchies are in school colours and are minimal in size. Some of our new parents may not be aware of this requirement. Thank you for understanding.

Football Coaching at Castle Hill

Dartford FC Community will be leading on the delivery of a Tuesday evening football coaching slot at Castle Hill tennis courts.

Two coaches from Dartford Football Club will be there starting on Tuesday 5th November to Tuesday 10th December between 5 - 6.45pm, the football sessions will be for children aged 8+ and are free to attend.

From this they are looking to help develop a new youth football club in Castle Hill for primary aged children.

A leaflet is being produced and will be distributed as soon as this is received.

'Christmas Fair & Raffle'

The PTA will run a Christmas Fair after school from 3:15 until 6pm on 13.12.19

With Santa's Grotto (*tickets to be purchased in advance*) with games and stalls; bar, hot & cold drinks, BBQ and a Christmas Raffle - there is sure to be something for everyone!

Books of tickets will be sent home with your child and the PTA would be very grateful if you could sell these at a cost of £5 per book and return in the named envelope provided. Further details in a separate COPTA Newsletter.

Design a Christmas Card & Wrapping Paper

W/b 18 November

During this week, the PTA will be asking children to design a Christmas card and wrapping paper, which will be submitted for printing and Parents will have the opportunity to purchase this in the run up to Christmas.

Full details will be supplied by the PTA shortly

Book Donations

If you are having clear out of books at home before or after Christmas - please can you consider donating them to school to replenish our Library. Likewise any good quality board games or toys would be gratefully received in Extended Schools.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu jabs have been postponed on Monday due to problems with the delivery of vaccines from Public Health England. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and will notify you of the new date as soon as this is confirmed with us.

Extended Schools IMPORTANT Information

Registration for Term 3 Clubs including ASP and BC will open w/b 18 November and close w/b 2 December at 9am.

Please note that we are unable to accept bookings where there is an outstanding amount on account from the previous term. Now that the Academy is growing, our Extended Schools Clubs are becoming increasingly busy; for this reason we will no longer be accepting bookings for **Activity Clubs** once the online registration has closed to allow for registers, club activity leaders and over subscriptions to be processed and parents notified, before the end of the term.

We will continue to accept ad-hoc bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Club where spaces are available, but these need to be booked **at least two clear whole working days** before required, to allow us to notify Finance, Staff and Catering.

From Term 3, we will no longer be accepting bookings the night before for BC the next day, or during the day for ASP that same day. Our Extended Schools email will only be accessed between the hours of 3:45 until 5pm at the end of the working day, so please do not expect a reply outside of these times, as our staff are busy working in the classroom. Please accept our apologies, but this decision has been taken to ensure that correct sessions, allergies, contact details and catering facilities are recorded for your child. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Reminders and dates for your Diary

Reception Heights & Weights: Thursday 14 November @ 9:30 am

Year 2 Trip to Lullingstone Villa: Friday 15 November

Children in Need Fundraising Day: Friday 15 November

PTA Xmas Wrapping Paper and Xmas Card designs: w/b 18 November

PTA Buy a Xmas Present: 9 - 12 December

PTA Bring a bottle to School: Wednesday 11 December

Xmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 11 December

PTA Christmas Fair: Friday 13 December

T2 Golden Afternoon: Monday 16 December

EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Xmas Production: Tuesday 17 December am and Thursday 19 December pm

KS1 (Yr1 & Yr2) Xmas Production: Tuesday 17 December pm & Wednesday 18 December am

KS2 (Yr3 & Yr4) Xmas Carol Concert: Wednesday 18 December pm & Thursday am

Stay & Share Christmas Activities: Wednesday 18 December 3:15 until 3:45 pm

Class Christmas Party Day: Friday 20 December



A separate letter detailing Christmas Events will be sent out shortly from the School - but the above will give you advance warning!