



Cherry Pips  
Nursery

# NEWSLETTER

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Cherry  
Orchard  
Primary Academy

## Message from the Principal

A big well done to all the children who represented Cherry Orchard in the Futsal competition over the last two weeks, the teams performed really well, giving 100% effort and scoring a number of goals along the way! This was their first experience of a Futsal competition and I feel confident they will build on this performance to achieve great things in the future!

Congratulations also go to our three children from year 3 who represented Cherry Orchard in the Leigh Innovate competition that took part this week at Strood Academy. The team presented their idea for a mechanical jellyfish which would attract and capture waste products in the sea to prevent them causing harm to wildlife. They did brilliantly and were commended for their confidence in talking about their invention and answering the judges questions.

### PTA Christmas Fair

The PTA will once again extending a warm invitation to everyone to their second Christmas Fair on Friday 13 December after school from 3:15 until 6pm

With games and stalls, a Christmas Raffle, mulled wine and a BBQ topped off with a visit to see Santa in his Grotto - there is sure to be something for everyone to enjoy. Please support them by visiting with the family and sampling a mince pie and glass of wine!

Christmas Raffle tickets are currently on sale at £5 per book with first prize being £250 of Bluewater vouchers - just in time to finish your Christmas Shopping! Please return your raffle tickets to your class teacher to hand over to the PTA - anyone wishing some more books, please ask at the office.

### Principal's Gold Tie Award

Despite several reminders that our lovely green and red striped ties are an essential part of the school uniform here at COPA, we are still sending uniform slips home about missing ties and non school uniform shirts and blouses.

New for Term 3 will be 'The Principal's Gold Tie Award' which will be awarded to the smartest dressed COPA Student for the week!

### PTA Christmas Presents

Classes will be given the opportunity to visit the PTA to purchase a male or female Christmas present, which will be wrapped and labelled by volunteers from the PTA.

Children should bring in £2, £3 or £4 and will have a choice of presents to purchase next week. They will write their label and the PTA will deliver these to classes ready in time for Christmas!

### Attendance & Late Arrivals

As the Festive season draws near, we would like to take the opportunity to remind you that we are not able to authorise leave of absence during term time. Any request for leave must be made to the Principal in writing via the school office.

Full details explaining about [term time holidays](#), when penalty notices can be applied and our parents guide on attendance can be viewed [here](#).

Additionally, please be advised that your child can still attend school with minor ailments such as colds, coughs and temperatures, to avoid missing vital school sessions. Often some Calpol in the morning and evening will allow your child to continue to attend school. We often find that once children are in school and involved in their work or playtime with their friends they begin to feel much better and manage well. Please be assured if your child is too ill to be in school, the class teacher will ask the office to contact you.

If your child is prescribed antibiotics by a doctor, these can be administered by school staff, if you sign and complete a medical form from at the office. However, only prescribed medicines can be given.

As a reminder where children's attendance drops below 95% in an academic year, this will be flagged up by the Trust Attendance Officer and you will then be sent home a letter alerting you to this.

If your child regularly arrives **late** to school, they miss vital early morning work and may miss the lunch register. Please note that late arrivals after registers close will be counted as an unauthorised absence.

Also just to remind you that all absences must be reported on the absence line - including any updates - you will receive a call from the office to enquire about your child's attendance if we haven't heard from you.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

## *Santa's Grotto Tickets*

The PTA will be selling tickets to Santa's Grotto in the playground all this week and next. Please see Mrs. Pullen and her team to book your timeslot to see Santa at the Christmas Fair - to avoid queuing in the cold. Tickets may be available on the day if there are any left but you should book early to avoid disappointment.

## *Kent Adult Education*

We will shortly be sending out a questionnaire on Parent and Wider Family courses that are offered free of charge by the Adult Education Centre. We have offered to host a number of workshops and courses here at Cherry Orchard and welcome your feedback on which ones you would be interested in and what times of the day would be most suitable.

Please look out for this and give us your feedback through our usual google form - so that we can get these up and running for the New Year.

## *Irish Dancing*

We are delighted to announce that we will be offering an Irish Dancing After School Club for TERM 4.

To introduce this, we will be offering taster sessions during lunchtimes during Term 3. You will shortly be invited to apply on line if you wish your child to participate. Full details will follow, but we hope to offer one weekly half hour session for Reception and Year 1 and one weekly session for Years 2, 3 & 4 at a cost of £1.50.

Spaces will be first come, first served and will be limited to 12

## *Christmas Lunch*

*Wednesday 11 December*

Children entitled to universal school meals will be served a Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. Children who usually have packed lunches will be able to order a school Christmas lunch if they wish - please send in £2.70 in an envelope marked with your child's name and hand to the class teacher. This option is open to children in Nursery and Years 3 & 4.

This will also be Christmas Jumper day which should be worn instead of a school jumper.

## *Toilet Twinning*

Thank you to everyone who helped support Year 4's fundraising efforts with their 'toilet twinning' efforts. Final donations are still coming in but to date we are delighted to announce that we are able to fund FOUR toilets in Africa and South East Asia!

Well done to Year 4 and to those who donated!

## *School Production Tickets*

These will shortly be on sale from Class Teachers. Please make sure your name, class and number of tickets are clearly shown on the envelope with the correct money.

## *Extended Schools IMPORTANT Information*

### **Registration for all Term 3 Clubs closes at 9am 2 December**

Please remember we are unable to confirm bookings where there is an outstanding amount on account from the previous term. Invoices will be sent out w/b 9 December to confirm your registration. If you do not receive an invoice, please contact [finance@cherryorchardprimary.org.uk](mailto:finance@cherryorchardprimary.org.uk) to check. Now that the school 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.

### **There will be no Club Provisions on Friday 14 February as the school will be closed for Staff Training**

Mrs. Osborne will be available to deal with your queries between the times of 3:45 - 5:00 pm most evenings if you can leave an email message on [extendedschools@cherryorchardprimary.org.uk](mailto:extendedschools@cherryorchardprimary.org.uk)

## *Reminders and dates for your Diary*



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 17.12.19 am and Thursday 19.12.19 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 2:00 until 3:00 pm  
Class Christmas Party Day: Friday 20 December - School Closes at 1:30pm  
END OF TERM 1

### TERM 2

Monday 6 January - Start of Term 2

Tuesday 7 January - Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 12 February - Walk in Wednesday

Thursday 13 February - End of Term 2