

Message from the Principal

This week at Cherry Orchard we are beginning to assess children so we can identify any gaps in their learning, this helps our teachers to plan effectively for the term ahead. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss these assessments, as well as their progress in class, during parent consultations which will take place during week 1 of term 2, details to follow. It was great to see children in years 1-5 take home 'real' reading books for the first time this week! This has been made possible by introducing a quarantine system for the returned books, please ensure they are returned to school on Thursday each week so they can be ready for the following Monday.

The Google Classroom Yrs 1 - 5

Home Learning - EYFS (Nursery & Reception)



Home Learning



We are pleased to report that the vast majority of our parents are now engaged with their class Google Classroom.

Following two successful parent workshops on the Google Classroom over the past couple of weeks - run by our digital champion Miss Boswell - we are now in a strong position to start to implement our newly launched 'blended learning strategy' which will enable students to access online learning from home as well as at school.

Over the next few weeks, resources and links will continue to be posted in the Google Classrooms for all year groups. In addition, the '**Home Learning for children isolating**' folder should give access to enough learning resources to provide students that are isolating at home, whilst awaiting test results due to coronavirus. Should any year group bubble be sent home to continue their learning at home, more comprehensive lessons and assignments will be posted by the class teacher.

Parents using the contact book on their phone or tablet will need to download the **Google Documents app** to be able to submit a response and 'turn it in'. This will be responded when required by the class teacher.

Weekly spellings, daily reading records and login details for Mathletics, TT Rockstars and MyON are also accessible on your child's account.

Reading Records

Thank you to all those parents who are regularly logging in and completing their child's reading record. Teachers will regularly look at these to check who has read but will not necessarily comment. Any comment about a specific problem with reading needs to be entered on your child's contact book.



Tapestry Learning Journal



For EYFS (Nursery and Reception) contact to the class teacher can be made via your child's account on Tapestry. A '**Home Learning for children isolating**' post is also available for any child out of school waiting for a test result. If one of the bubbles are sent home to continue their learning at home, more comprehensive lessons and assignments will be set by the class teacher.



Late Arrivals



Thank you to parents who are arriving on time for their Bubble entry and then either exiting/reentering for the next Bubble - if they have children in more than one Bubble entry time - or are waiting to one side of the playground.

Staff will be available at each gate on both sides of the building and will wait for about 5 minutes after the set arrival/departure time for each Bubble.. If you are running late please call the office. Children will still need to be dropped off/collected from their year group's allocated gate. As well as letting us know if you are running late you will also need to let us know when you arrive at the gate so that we can come out to collect your child/bring your child to you.

However please be aware that it takes time to notify the appropriate staff in the specific year group bubble and for them to come back out from their class - so wherever possible please be on time.

Please do not come to the office.

Please help us to keep everyone safe by wearing a mask, maintaining a social distance and supervising younger siblings closely whilst waiting.

Additional Whole School Information 1

myON Virtual Library
by Renaissance®



A reminder that you can access lots of different reading books from all different genres via [myON](#)

Year 3 are in the lead this week with most time read

Year Group Top Readers this week are:

Year 5: Mason **Year 4:** Diya

Year 3: Marco **Year 2:** Aarya

Year 1: Olivia W



Earrings on PE Days

Children must not wear earrings into school on PE Days!

Earrings during PE can be very dangerous and could cause an injury. If your child is not able to take out their own earrings, they must be taped up. Due to COVID-19 adults cannot do this for children any more - so please ensure your child's earrings are taped up before they leave home on their designated PE days.

All long hair must be tied back for all PE lessons!

Coronavirus Symptoms

We are currently monitoring our absence very carefully to keep abreast of the current situation within the school. For this reason we urge you to report your child's reason for absence with as much detail as possible.

With the cold and flu season fast approaching it is vitally important that parents monitor their own household and any illness within the family and report this to the school as soon as possible. Where a child is out isolating awaiting a test result, this will be recorded and monitored so please ensure that you keep us updated with the date of the test.

It is important to note that a Coronavirus test **must be undertaken within 5 days** of your child or member of their household experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Failure to take a test within 5 days will mean that your child may have to isolate for up to 14 days.

*10 days for the child/person with symptoms
14 days for anyone in the household without symptoms*

In the event that a Bubble is sent home to isolate to continue their learning at home - COPA have set out their approach to online learning and what this will look like.

Please download The Principal's [letter](#) outlining the approach to remote learning, but note this is only in the event that a whole Bubble and their teacher are sent home to isolate.

Students isolating at home waiting for a test result can log on to learning via the folder entitled 'Home Learning for children isolating'

Reminders to help us keep your children safe!

- No bags/backpacks - except on Mondays and Thursdays (see below for more information)
- Washable lunch boxes and a named water bottle only
- Children to independently access items in lunch boxes
- No shoelaces unless your child can tie them independently
- Hold your child's hand so they don't cross the yellow line
 - Avoid mixing with other year group Bubbles
- Parents to wear masks when dropping off/picking up
 - Maintain your social distance on the playground
 - Arrive at your appropriate Bubble time only
- Ring the Absence Line to report reason for absence
- Book a test if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Keep the office informed of your result by phone or email



Reading Books

In response to parental concerns and our decision to send home reading books - book bags can be brought to school on **Mondays and Thursdays** to carry these to/from school. However they should only contain books and nothing else from home and bags do not need to come to school on the other days of the week.

Toilets

Whilst teachers make every effort to ensure that children visit the toilet before they go home, please be aware that once the children vacate their classrooms, these are subjected to a deep clean. For this reason, children are not allowed back into the classrooms to visit the toilet.

We have had reports from a parent that children have been seen urinating in the playground or on the school grounds. For obvious reasons, this is not acceptable or appreciated by staff and parents alike.

Additional Whole School Information 2

'Our Learning Journey'

During the coming weeks, teachers will be working hard to incorporate a 'Window into the Classroom' on each year group Google Classroom. This will showcase much of the children's work and give you an insight into what the children are learning each term. An added bonus because you need to be a parent and login to view this - rather than open to public viewing - is that we will be able to include children's photos and samples of their work.

The existing Google Sites links will be removed from the website and be replaced by a folder called '*Our Learning Journey*'. You will be able to click on the folder to view each classroom as it develops. This should be available in each Google Classroom and on Tapestry for EYFS by the end of Term 1.



Olive Dining Census Day

Next Thursday (1st October) will be a special Census Day Menu of chicken breast goujons & chips with double chocolate chip cookies. *Vegan nuggets and chips for our vegetarian children will also be available.*

This will replace our usual Jacket Potato Thursday!



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Music Mark Status



Thanks to our fantastic Music Teacher - Mrs. Stroud, we are very excited to announce that the Academy has been nominated by Kent Music for Music Mark status. This is awarded when the school is able to show that they provide a broad and balanced music curriculum for all children and that they have raised the profile of music throughout the school. We have achieved both of these and therefore have been awarded Music Mark status. This gives us access to a huge number of resources, advice and support to continue our excellent progress in music at Cherry Orchard.

Absence & Attendance

If you are intending to take a holiday during the Christmas break, please be aware of any known quarantine restrictions.

If you knowingly book a holiday to a country where there are quarantine restrictions in place and need to isolate for two weeks on return, this period will be unauthorised and you could be issued a penalty notice for the two weeks quarantine.

This is currently £120 per parent per child reduced to £60 per parent per child if paid within a specified timeframe.



Extended Schools News



We had hoped to run a Holiday Club throughout October Half Term for our working parents. Unfortunately due to the latest Government restrictions on Coronavirus, we would have found this very difficult to manage. Response to this from parents was also sporadic and for this reason we have decided not to proceed with a Holiday Club service until further notice. We hope this allows those parents that have expressed an interest to find alternative childcare during half term.

We will revisit this decision in January for the February half term.

Sadly, there will also be no After School Activity Clubs until further notice.

Dates for your Diaries!

Thursday 1 October: Olive Dining Census Day - change of menu - no Jacket potatoes

Thursday 15 October - NHS nasal flu immunisations, years R - 5

Friday 16 October: End of Term 1

Monday 2 November: Start of Term 2

W/C Monday 3 November: Parent Consultations (dates/times TBC)



Ties are part of the school uniform - please make sure your child wears their tie to school!