



Message from the Principal

As we come towards the end of term 1, our teachers have been busy with assessments and progress meetings, ready to meet with parents in the second week of term 2. Details of these can be found in the newsletter and we hope all parents are able to attend via Google meet. It has been a challenging term for all of us, getting to grips with new systems and procedures and it seems these could be with us for some time. The children have coped with all this change brilliantly and are definitely ready for a break. I hope you all manage to enjoy a restful half term holiday at home with your families, keep safe.

The Google Classroom Yrs 1 - 5

Home Learning - EYFS (Nursery & Reception)



Home Learning



Over the next couple of weeks teachers will be gradually adding in photos and information about what the children are learning in class - to give a 'window into the classroom'

The google site that usually hosted this information has now been removed from the website and put into the Google Classroom - as a continuous slide show. This gives us the opportunity to showcase children's work and photos without worrying about public access and gives parents the chance to see the children's 'Learning Journey' here in school.

Parent Consultations

During the week beginning 9 November, we will be hosting virtual parents' consultation appointments, to give you the opportunity to discuss with the class teacher, how your child has settled into their new class and how they are doing academically.

We have already trialled with Rosewood Class a system of online booking for ten minute appointment slots with the class teacher, from 1pm until 7pm, which so far has worked well. We will, therefore, be rolling this out to the whole school in the first week back after half term. This google form will be posted in the Google Classroom and allow you to select your preferred time slot. Once all the appointments have been scheduled, you will be sent your own personal google meet link to speak to the class teacher.

Each year group will be on a different day of the week - to allow us space in school for teachers to speak with you privately. These sessions will be recorded and retained for 21 days in line with our safeguarding policy. More information can be found [here](#) in a letter from Mrs. Forsythe dated 13 October.

Please make sure you look out for the Booking Form on Monday 2nd November.



Tapestry Learning Journal



We are so sorry to hear about one of our pupils in Reception who has been poorly this week and wish them a very speedy recovery!

In the meantime, Miss Sherress and Mrs. Cook will be posting work and information on Tapestry for those Juniper and Chestnut children isolating at home. Your teachers can be contacted via Tapestry Contact Book should you wish to leave a message.



Mask Wearing

Dear Parents / Guardians

It has been noticed and reported that many adults are not wearing face coverings, when dropping off/picking up children. We have many vulnerable students, staff and carers and the lack of adults choosing not to wear coverings is increasing their anxiety due to their vulnerability. Whilst we appreciate that some adults are exempt, there are many who are choosing not wear face coverings.

We are working hard to ensure that Cherry Orchard remains a safe place for everyone and are striving to do all we can to enable us to remain open and able to deliver education to our students whilst keeping everyone safe.

We are therefore reminding you that, unless medically exempt, we require face coverings to be worn at all times when visiting the school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Additional Whole School Information 1

myON Virtual Library
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A reminder that you can access lots of different reading books from all different genres via [myON](#)
Please see the most minutes spent reading by year group in order from most to least;
Year 3; Year 4; Year 2; Year 1; Year 5

Well done to Year 3 who are in the lead this week with most time read!

Year Group Top Readers this week are:

Year 5: Nicholas Year 4: Sethumi Year 3: Marco Year 2: Abdullah Year 1: Aiden

These children have read for the most minutes this term and will be contacted to make a choice of prize from a selection of books their teacher has chosen - this will be arranged the first week back after half term.



Car Park & Cherry Orchard Road

We have had a request from a resident living on the road from Cherry Orchard Primary, for parents to please supervise their children as they walk home.

She has had trees repeatedly pulled out of her front garden and crisp and sweet packets are being thrown into her garden by children - some of which are pupils from Cherry Orchard Primary.

Please make sure your children are respectful when walking past other people's property.



In addition, the following request was received from a parent witnessing dangerous behaviour outside the car park to the school. Please be sure your parking is not dangerous to other users.

'As a resident and a mum with a child at Cherry Orchard I was very disappointed to see other parents driving and parking on the pavement outside the school, with children walking on the pavement this is an accident waiting to happen.

I know you can't tell people how to drive but is it possible to remind them to drive safely and not to drive on the pavement - even in the event of there being queues getting into the car park.?'

Please ensure you park and drive responsibly around children from the school.

Reminders to help us keep your children safe!

- No bags/backpacks - except on Mondays and Thursdays (for reading book change)
- 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 at all times
- 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 detailed reason for absence
- Book a test if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Keep the office informed of your result by phone or email



Termly Projects

As children cannot bring anything into school at the moment, we are suggesting to parents that they take a photo of their child's project and upload it on the Google Classroom.

In each Google Classroom, a folder will be created called termly projects and the children will be assigned a blank google document. Parents can then attach photos of the children's work and hand it in. We will then create time each term for children to show their pictures.



Late Drop Off / Pick Ups Reminders

Please can we remind parents that it is vitally important that children are dropped off and picked up on time for their year group bubble. We appreciate that there are times when we are all running a little late - but in these challenging times - it is even more important that children arrive in the playground on time in the mornings and are picked up on time. Lessons need to start promptly and staff cannot come back out of their bubbles to meet children arriving late at the school gate..

Parents who persistently arrive late to pick up children, at the end of the school day, will be charged a late pick up fee of £5 for every five minutes (after five minutes grace). This is because teachers from their year group bubble need to wait behind to look after them because they cannot go to ASP to wait any more.

Additional Whole School Information 2

Personal Development Curriculum (PDC) Consultation

Personal Development at Cherry Orchard centres around providing all pupils with the skills, knowledge and understanding they need to successfully manage their lives now and in the future. Our PD curriculum incorporates teaching and learning from both Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education and Relationships and Health Education (RHE).

In order to ensure that the curriculum is effective and well-suited to our pupils, we will be asking the children for their views on what they feel they need to learn about and when. We also want the curriculum to reflect the views and needs of parents and would like to invite you to complete the following google form. The form will be available to complete until Monday 9th November.

We thank you in advance for your support <https://forms.gle/YFQnzRJx1KEXnZbe9>



Request for Home Language Reading Books

If any parents have any books in their home languages, bilingual books or books in different scripts that they would be willing to donate - we would very much like to diversity our library and build up a selection of texts in different languages.

These could also include non fiction books about different countries.

BROMCOM REMINDER

A reminder to parents from the Office to please **not respond to email messages from our Bromcom Management Information System**. These replies sit in the Bromcom Cloud and are not picked up by the Office.

If you have a query or urgent message, please either telephone and leave a message or email. Your message will be picked up by the office and responded to in a timely manner.

Many thanks for your attention to this message.



Olive Dining News

Next Term - Olive Dining will be reintroducing 'Roast Dinner Wednesdays' - see the new menus on the website coming soon. We have also decided that the trial of Jacket Potato Day on Thursdays was not popular - so this has been dropped from the new menus for Term 2.

Please ensure that you mark any envelopes containing money for Olive Dining with your child's name and class as well as the date Olive Dining have received an envelope with £10 cash but no name or class to align this to. If a parent has sent in a £10 note, please can you notify the cook accordingly. Thanks for your cooperation.

Extended Schools News



Registration for Term 2 [Breakfast Club](#) and [After School Provision](#) has now been opened. Links have been emailed, but in case you have forgotten to register, please click on the above links. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis to a maximum of 15 each night in the separate key stage bubbles - in line with Government guidelines on After School Care.

Priority for booking will be given to our working parents to enable them to continue working or get back to work during these challenging times. Booking will close Friday 23 October at 5pm.

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

Dates for your Diaries!

Friday 16.10.20 - Monday 2.11.20: Half Term

Monday 2 November: Start of Term 2

W/C Monday 9 November: Parent Consultations (dates confirmed in the Google Classroom)

Friday 18 December: School to close early - details to follow



'Uniform slips will be issued during Term 2 for items of incorrect school uniform'