



Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Cherry Orchard pupils, parents and carers,

This week has been yet another busy one! Yesterday, we were delighted to host a visit from our local MP, Mr Robin Walker and the Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP, one of the Education Ministers. They were really interested in our school and in particular our impressive phonics provision and the Cherry Orchard curriculum. Our Year 6 Learning Ambassadors enjoyed a question and answer session with the visitors and were intrigued to hear about the conventions of parliamentary debating! It is always a pleasure to walk around the school, but even more so with such distinguished guests – well done, team Cherry Orchard!

Next week, we are looking forward to the COSA discos on Thursday night – Hub parents please note that collection will be down the side path, at the Year 4 classroom door. Thank you for your patience with this change to the usual arrangements.

Please have a lovely weekend,

Karen Banford, Head Teacher

Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Mon 4th Dec	E-safety webinar (see poster later on)
Tues 5th DEC	Y3 and 4 trip to the pantomime
Wed 6th Dec	Parent forum meeting 8:45-10am in school
Thur 7th DEC	6O class assembly 8:55am in the hall
	School discos (see poster later on)
Mon 11th DEC	KS2 Cathedral Carol Service 1pm
	See Christmas events page later on
Fri 15th Dec	Y6 parents in to taste meals 2:30pm
Wed 20th Dec	Y5 parents in for work share 2:30pm


Weekly attendance:

Whole school:

95.92% (a little up on last week)

Best year: Year 4 with 97.5%

Best class: 6O with 99.35%

Also Well done to 4O with 99+%. 

Housepoints:

Severn 436

Avon 270

Teme 314

Overall winners: Severn

KS 1 winners: Severn

KS2 winners: Severn

Coming soon.....



Parent Forum meeting for all parents/carers

Please come along to our first Parent Forum meeting for this year on Wednesday 6th December, from 8:45am.

We will meet in Our Space (what we have called the new area when you enter school) for coffee and tea from 8:45am, with the meeting from about 9am for about an hour.

This is an informal meeting, more of a coffee and chat where we can talk about general school-related items. During this meeting, we would like to share our new experiences trail, and explain all about the trips and events we are organising this year. Please come along if you can.

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Advance warning...



Christmas dates for the diary



Event	Date	Time	Year groups involved
Pantomime. Jack and the Beanstalk at The Swan Theatre	5th Dec	am	Years 3 and 4
Cathedral Carol Service	11th Dec	1pm-2:30pm	All of KS2 (Y3-6) Parents invited
Christmas performances (parents and carers invited to all performances)	12th Dec	9:30am	Reception
	13th Dec	9:30am	Reception
	14th Dec	9:30am	Year 1
	15th Dec	9:30am	Year 1
	18th Dec	9:30am	Year 2
	19th Dec	9:30am	Year 2
	21st Dec	9:30am	Little Cherries
Christmas jumper day (to wear with uniform)	22nd Dec	All day	All children

NB Christmas parties will be held in year groups at a time that suits each group and parents and children will be informed of these closer to the time.



CHRISTMAS DISCOS!



**£2.50
per
child**

7TH DECEMBER

3-6.30pm (time slots below)

Reception, Yrs 1 & 2 disco 3-4pm
Yrs 3 & 4 disco 4.15-5.15pm
Yrs 5 & 6 disco 5.30-6.30pm

PLEASE PAY BY
5/12/23 via
Parent Pay
(incl. drink &
crisps)

**All children can
come to school for
the day wearing
their festive party
clothes!**

**PLEASE SEE INFO LETTER ON EMAIL FROM SCHOOL
COSA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SUPERVISE
PLEASE SIGN UP VIA CLASSLIST!**



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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



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PRIZES!**

TICKETS FOR SALE ON

CLASSLIST - £1

DRAW ON 17TH DECEMBER



**SCAN TO BUY
YOUR TICKETS**





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This week at Cherry Orchard.....

the spotlight is on...



Reading



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Reading at Cherry Orchard

Read Write Inc
phonics



At Cherry Orchard we are passionate about ensuring all children become competent, confident and enthusiastic readers. We value reading and recognise that it is a skill that lays the foundations for lifelong learning.

RWI – Little Cherries, Reception, Year 1.

The systematic teaching of phonics is of high priority throughout the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and Key Stage 1 to ensure that all children are able to read as soon as possible. Our chosen Phonics programme is Read Write Inc (RWI) which is a DfE validated scheme designed to ensure progress for every child. Phonics is taught daily to all children in Reception, Year 1 and those in Year 2 who have not yet completed the RWI phonics programme. The children in Little Cherries enjoy early reading activities such as sound discrimination games, rhyming games and story role play so that they are ready for learning sounds more formally when they start in Reception.

Each RWI lesson follows the same format – learning a new sound, reading words including that sound, reviewing previous sounds, reviewing previous sounds in words and then reading a storybook with a partner. Each sound has a picture and a phrase linked to it – e.g. cup of tea, aw yawn at dawn. The storybooks are read in school and then sent home to re-read several times with parents. This is so important to help develop reading fluency. Children are only given phonics books which are closely matched to their stage of reading and contain the sounds they already know.

Pupils love their Phonics sessions and this, in turn, develops into a love of reading.



Reading Lessons

Further up the school, each year group plans their reading lessons around a high-quality text.

Lessons all include the opportunity for children to develop their reading fluency as well as focusing on other key skills such as retrieval, inference, and prediction.

Responses to reading include a variety of activities aimed at deepening children's understanding of the text. These might include drawing a scene from the text, putting themselves in the character's shoes or measuring a character's emotions throughout the course of the story.

Love of Reading

At Cherry Orchard, we recognise that fostering a love of reading can benefit children's personal wellbeing as well as their academic success.

Engagement with and access to a variety of books is key to promoting reading at Cherry Orchard. Whether it's reading and sharing a new text during reading lessons, writing lessons or in story time at the end of each day, children are given ample opportunity to find books that they love in an environment that promotes a shared approach to discovering new books to enjoy. As well as this, children have regular class visits to the school library to make their own choices based on their reading preferences. On a weekly basis, book talk is promoted across school, with children sharing their favourite reads and making recommendations to their peers.

Reading is celebrated throughout the course of the year through events such as World Book Day. Home reading achievements are also recognised, and certificates are awarded for continued achievement in this area.



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PHONICS at Cherry Orchard



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YEAR R



We begin to foster a love of books and reading in Reception with our reading corners and library visits.

Why not make a fun place to read at home?

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YEAR 1



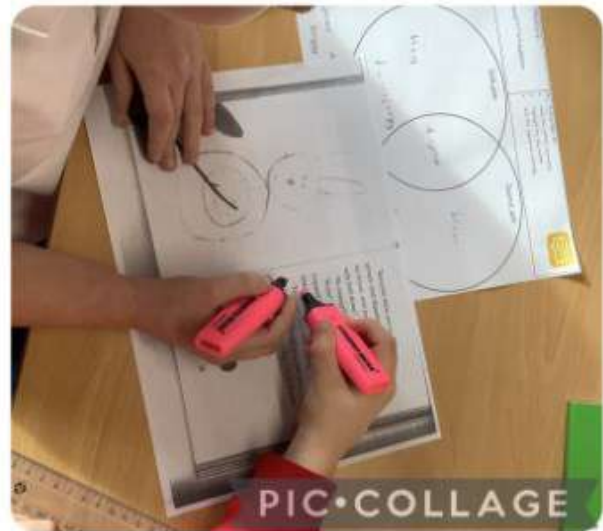
Reading for pleasure
enjoying our present from the
Advent Calendar!



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Year 2 Reading lesson.
Retrieving key words from a text.



YEAR 3

LL To retrieve from a text **SL Remember to:**

- Scan the text for key word/s
- Read around the word/s to look for clues
- Circle the answer and copy it carefully

Independent/Paired/T/TN/Adaptation

- What happens as you go deeper under the waves?
- What temperature is the water closer to the surface?
- What plant grows in the 'sunlight zone'?
- Which animals live in the 'twilight zone'?
- Why is it called the twilight zone?
- How have animals adapted to live in the twilight zone?
- In which zone would you find seals?
- How could you describe the midnight zone?

1. There is less light and the temp. plums. warm

2. ~~water~~ as 30°C

3. algae A lops

4. Eels and squid

5. There is very little light. Animals

Question	Prediction	Answer
1. Where does the BFG live?	The same ^{same} place	Winters great park
2. What disaster happened with the captive giants?	stayed on the kids	1 man still a and 4 seals
3. What did they do about it?	Left them	with a ^{sun} same ^{same}
4. What did the BFG do in his spare time?	given the giant secretaries	The Royal Dream
5. Who wrote the BFG?	Roald Dahl	The BFG

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Independent/Paired/T/TN/Adaptation

1. Look at the fourth and fifth paragraphs. How is an igloo like a blanket? because it ~~keeps~~ ^{traps} the warm air.

2. Look at the paragraph beginning 'This heat starts to melt...' What happens when the inside of the igloo starts to melt? Tick one.

☐ The igloo falls apart

☐ The igloo needs to be repaired

☒ The walls of the igloo turn to ice

LL To retrieve information from the text **Success Criteria:**

- Scan the text for key word/s
- Read around the word/s to look for clues
- Circle the answer and match the answers

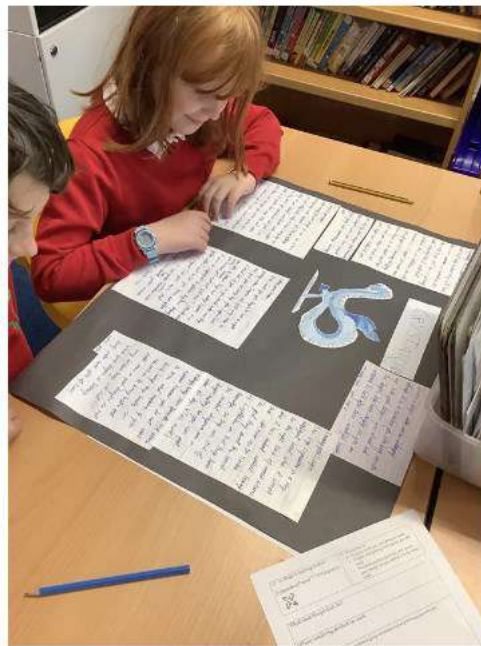
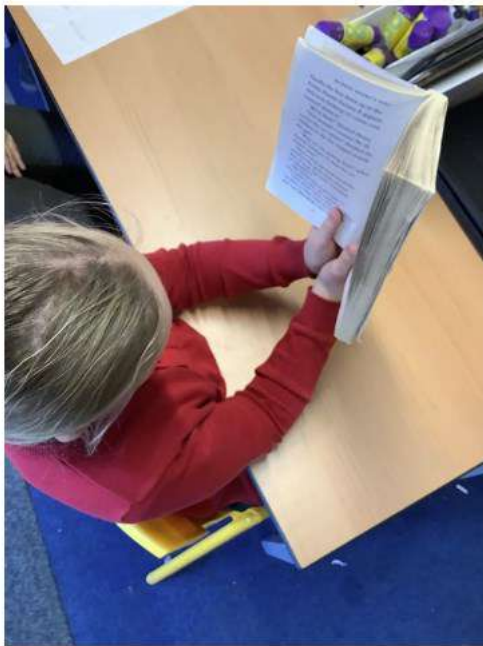
Independent/Paired/T/TN/VF/resources

ROALD DAHL BFG

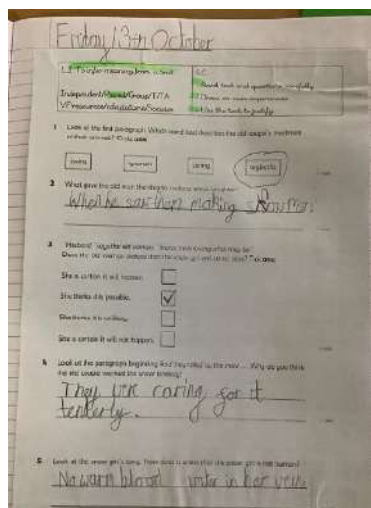
a large chest of drawers on top of the piano	the BFG's knife
the ping-pong table on top of the four grandfather clocks	the BFG's coffee cup
a brand new unused garden fork and... a spade	the BFG's table
the great sword hanging on the wall in the morning room	the BFG's fork and spoon
the biggest jug you can find in the kitchen	the BFG's chair

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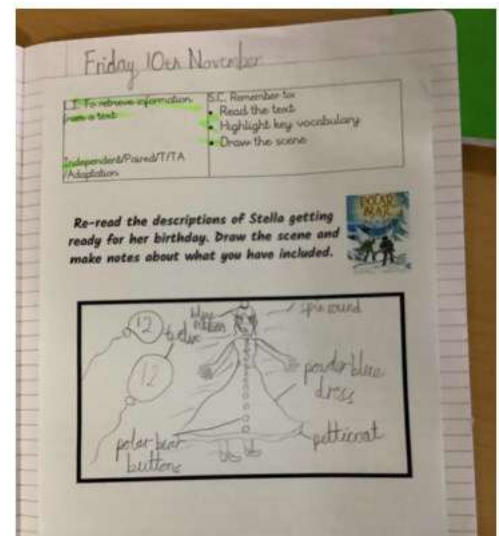
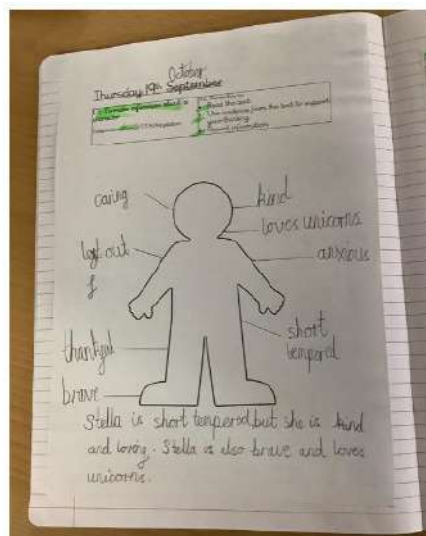
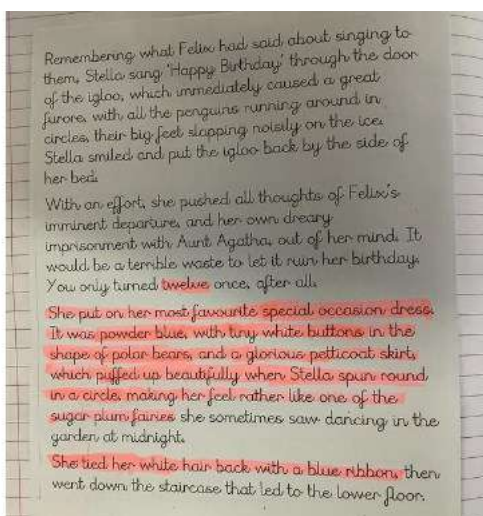
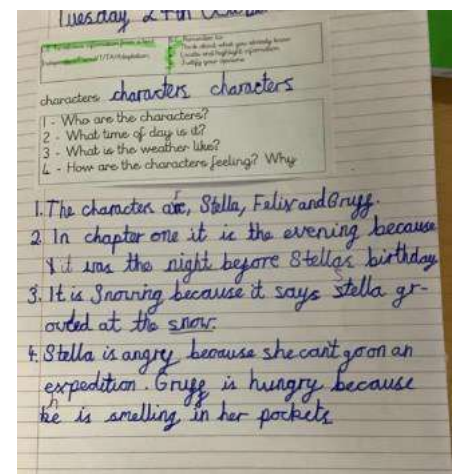
YEAR 4



Reading for pleasure



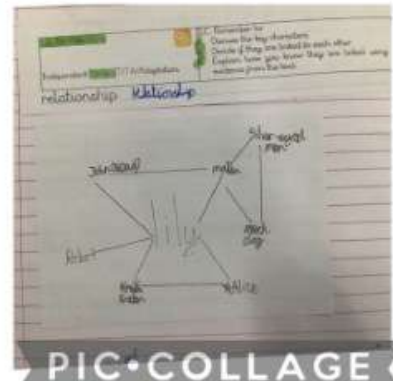
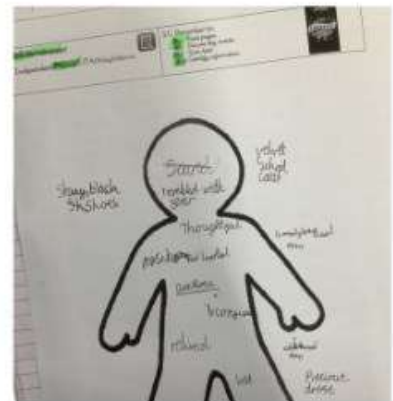
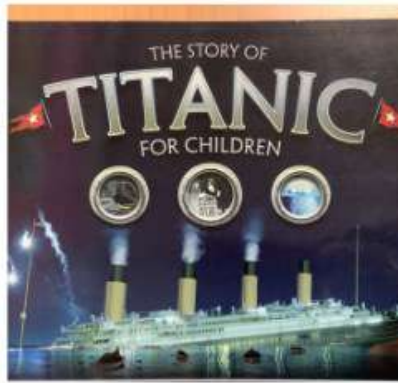
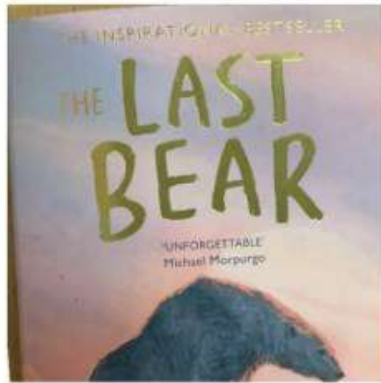
Activities to develop reading skills and a deeper understanding of texts.



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YEAR 5



In Autumn term, Year 5 have enjoyed exploring a range of text in our reading lesson. We have particularly enjoyed Cogheart and a non-fiction text about Titanic. During our lessons, we develop on fluency skills and use retrieval and inference to show our understanding. Each day, we share a class story- this term it has been The Last Bear. Once a week, we visit the school library and we love having the chance to share a book we have enjoyed with the people in our class.

YEAR 6



These are some examples of the reading activities used in Year 6 to teach reading skills and help the children gain a deep understanding of their texts.

CELEBRATION

Class	Worker of the Week	Star of the Week
RC	Brant	Cooper
RO	Joshua	Gunes
RR	Cristian	Charlie
1C	Daisy	Gabby
1O	Ellissia	Sultanah
1R		
2C	Emilia	Van
2O	Max	Chloe
3C	Jesse	Simeon
3O	Maisie	Elizabeth
3R	Ava	Riley
4C	Jayden	Freddy
4O	William	Hima
4R	Morgan	Warren
5C	Hanzala	Poppy B
5O	Issy	Ano
5R	Thomas	Oskar
6C	Benjamin	Betty
6O	Ava	Casper
6R	Mildred	Alexia



Attendance

This is a screenshot of the Attendance guidance which is on our website, along with our Attendance Policy. Please help support your child's education by ensuring that they are in school, on time, every day. If your child is absent for any reason, please make the office aware of this as soon as possible, as the twice daily attendance registers are legal documents that must be accurately completed and shared with the LA. Attendance is a 'hot-topic' for the school, the MAT, the LA and the Government, as every child has the right to a full education.

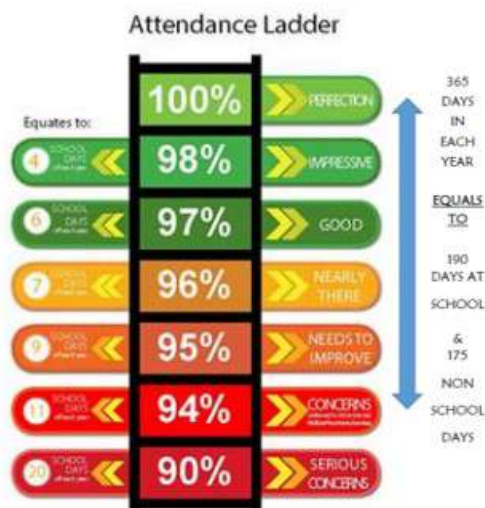
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Attendance Procedures

Attendance Matters:

At Cherry Orchard Primary School, we believe that good attendance is vital for all children to be confident, happy and independent learners. Good attendance is 97% or above – no more than 6 days off school in a year. Our aim is to give a clear and consistent message to parents/carers and children in our school, which we will constantly reinforce in our day-to-day work.

Good attendance is a priority at Cherry Orchard and our target is to achieve **97% or above** by the end of this academic year. It is an expectation that all children attend school every day because 'Every minute of every day matters'.



What is expected of Parents and Carers at Cherry Orchard Primary School:

- **Good attendance** – Parents/carers have a legal duty to ensure that their child/children are in school every day as it is vital for learning and promoting essential life skills
- **Good punctuality** – Parents/carers have a responsibility to ensure that their child/children arrive on time each day in school (so lessons can start at 8:45am) and are prepared for the day ahead
- **Medical/Hospital/Dental Appointments** – Where possible, and unless in an emergency situation, appointments should be taken outside of school hours or in holiday periods. Appointment letters/notifications should be provided to the school office when notifying us of the absence.
- **Absences due to illness** – Parents/carers have a duty to notify the school if their child/children are absent for any reason and this needs to be done as soon as possible and certainly before 9:15am. School will contact parents/carers if notification is not received by this time.
- **Holidays** – Holidays are not permitted in school term time. All holidays are unauthorized except in exceptional circumstances.

Reminders/information

School gates open at 8:30am and will close when children should be in class at 8:45am. This is when lessons start and the register is taken. The gates will be open again at 3:05pm for a 3:10pm finish for Reception children and a 3:15pm finish for all other year groups. Please try to be prompt in the mornings so that all opportunities for learning are able to be taken and in the afternoons by standing away from the building, close to the areas where your child will be released.

Please try to discourage the bringing of toys/non-school items into school. They can go missing or get broken, meaning the children can get upset. Please keep them for home.



Please try NOT to drive down Timberdine Close in the mornings unless you have a parking permit for the school as there are not places to turn safely around. We have been asked to pass on that the NHS have had their entrances blocked and there have been some near misses with both children and vehicles, and, as a result, the community police officers will be doing some spot patrols.

Cherry Orchard Primary School and Little Cherries Pre-school



Our Facebook username is cherryorchardps, as is our Twitter username. Please search us out to see what is going on on our pages. We try to post to both types of media just to keep the world up-to-date with the amazing things going on in school.

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On Monday 4th December from 7:30pm - 8:15pm, we are hosting our annual Rivers e-safety webinar for parents and carers across The Rivers CofE Academy. This webinar will cover: what e-safety is, what we cover in the curriculum and top tips for talking about e-safety at home. This webinar **will be recorded** and available for all parents and carers after the event.



E-SAFETY FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Monday 4th December
7:30pm - 8:15pm

Come and find out how to keep your children safe online, the latest trends and how to setup parental settings on home devices.

Sign up

<https://bit.ly/riversesafety>

SCAN ME



Scan or click
the link above
to sign up

The Rivers
CofE Academy Trust



A healthy start for
a brighter future

Are mealtimes
stressful?



Is your child's fussy eating taking its
toll? Would you like to have more fun
and less nagging?

If you answer yes to this, would you like to...

- Feel more confident as a parent?
- Reduce mealtime stress?
- Encourage your family to be more active/healthy?
- Help reduce screen time?



Come along to our free group for parents/carers...

Where: Sunshine Family Hub, WR14 3SW

When: Friday 19th January 2024 for 8 weeks (excluding half term)

Time: 9.30-11.30am

For more information or to book a place please contact Louise Moriarty on 07793803501

Or louise.moriarty@actionforchildren.org.uk



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— The —
**Wellbeing
Hub**
— from Teen Tips —



This week (4th December) on The Wellbeing Hub

December's Theme: Friendships

This week's content:

Blog: Supporting young people through friendship conflicts
by Dr Amanda Gummer, Child Development Expert and
Founder of The Good Play Guide.

WE NEED YOU!



WE ARE HIRING

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS

- MONDAY - FRIDAY
- TERM TIME ONLY
- 1.25 HOURS PER DAY
- PERMANENT CONTRACT

**JOIN OUR
TEAM**



Pop into the school office or give us a ring on 01905 352787 for futher details and apply via the form on our website:

<https://www.cherryorchard-pri.worcs.sch.uk/current-vacancies/>





COSA Gardening Group

3rd
Thursday
every month

Next date
19th October

2-3.10pm
at school

Bring gloves
& tools if you
have them

Join in with watering, tidying & planting!

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Community News

Business &
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Worcestershire

Christmas Fayre

at The Hive

FREE ENTRY

Saturday 9th December
10:00am - 3:00pm

A day of festive activities with a local
Christmas Market, children's activities,
Christmas lanterns and Father
Christmas.

The Hive
A community hub
University of Worcester
Worcestershire
Worcester

Diglis Fields junior parkrun

What is Diglis Fields junior parkrun?

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds). Nearby Saturday parkrun events can be found [here](#).

When is it?

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.

Where is it?

The event takes place at Diglis Fields, Diglis Lane, Worcester, WR5 3FB. See [Course page](#) for more details.

What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! but please [register](#) before you first come along. Only ever register with parkrun once and don't forget to bring a [scannable](#) copy of your barcode ([request a reminder](#)). If you forget it, [you won't get a time](#).

How fast do I have to be?

The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!



Thanks to this week's volunteers

Aelwen REES • Alison HIGGINS • Ariane MCGRAHAN
Beatrice CHAMBERLAIN-FRENCH • Cara MCGRAHAN
Carole RUDOLF • Charlotte CAPEL • Dave WHITTAKER
Denise BESSANT • Dylan BELL BALDI • Georgia PLANT
Gerry RUDOLF • Joyce MORRISON • Karen COOPER
Lisa ROUSE • Liz JAEGER • Lucy CAPEL • Matthew CAPEL
Nichola Clair ROBINSON • Nicola BROWN • Phil WOOD
Richard ELWELL • Ross ROBINSON • Sarah FERNIHOUGH
Sophie BELL • Steve NICOLL

See our [volunteer page](#) for information on how you can get involved.

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