



Weekly Newsletter



#6 13.10.23

Dear Cherry Orchard pupils, parents and carers,

We are racing towards the end of this half-term - only two weeks to go! Don't forget to book your parents evening slots for either Wednesday 25th October or Thursday 26th October (4:00pm – 7:00pm). This is a great opportunity to find out about your child's progress and how you can further support with their school work. Huge thanks to the parents/carers of 6C who came to watch the first of our class assemblies this year; it was an excellent performance from the class. Keep an eye on the school website calendar to find out when your child's assembly will be.

Next week is national recycling week, so don't forget to use the red box by our front gates if you have any suitable items.

And finally, thank you so much for all of the Harvest Food Bank donations. Our School Council will be totalising the donations on Monday, but it looks like we may have reached the 1,000 items target. Thank you so much for supporting this amazing cause - many families will benefit from your generosity.

Have a lovely weekend,

Karen Banford, Head Teacher

Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Weds until 22nd Nov	4C swimming
Tues 17th Oct	Y6 trip to the Ashmolean Museum
24th-27th Oct	Book Boxes in school (buy a book time!)
25th and 26th Oct	Parent consultation meetings after 3:30-7pm
28th Oct-5th Nov	Half term holiday
MON 6th Nov	TEd day so school shut to children
Fri 10th Nov	Flu vaccines
Thur 16th Nov	6R class assembly 8:55am in the hall
Tues 5th DEC	Y3 and 4 trip to the pantomime
Thur 7th DEC	6O class assembly 8:55am in the hall
Mon 11th DEC	KS2 Cathedral Carol Service 1pm

Weekly attendance:

Whole school:


97.4% (down on last week)

Best year group:

Year R with 98.59%

Best class/classes:

6C, 3R and 1R with 100%

Also Well done to RR, 3C and RC with 99+%. 

Housepoints:

Severn 498

Avon 370

Teme 412

Overall winners: Severn

KS 1 winners: Severn

KS2 winners: Severn

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.

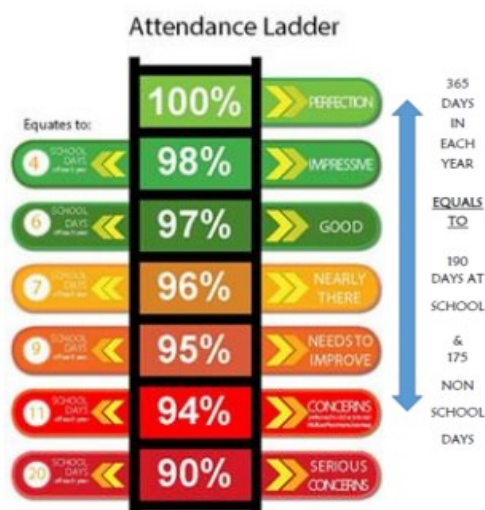
Cherry Orchard Primary School

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.

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	
	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.

This week at Cherry Orchard.....

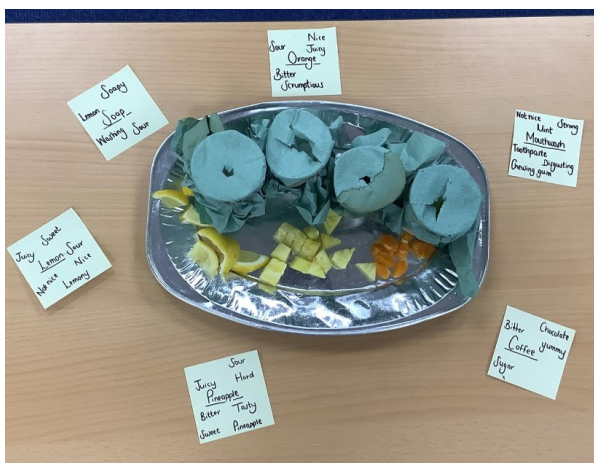
Reception have been continuing their work around 'Please Mr. Panda'.

Last week, we designed a doughnut. This week, we decorated a doughnut from our designs...and then last night, we ate our doughnuts!

Scrumptious!



This week, Year 1 have been exploring our senses in Science. We used our sense of smell to identify the contents of some mystery items. We also used our sense of taste, eating a variety of fruits, describing them using words such as bitter, sweet and juicy. Ask your child which their favourite tasting fruit was.



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This week, Year 2 have been learning about the importance of hygiene. We carried out a simple experiment to compare what happens to glitter when touching it with soap and without soap. We discovered that, like glitter, germs do not like soap! We now know that we must use soap when we wash our hands to clean away germs.

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Our Year 3 classes made quite a sight as they snaked down the paths towards the Cathedral this week. They were off exploring our local area as part of their geography unit.

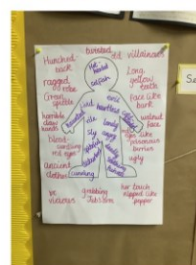
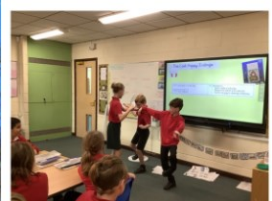


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In Year 4, the children investigated evaporation by measuring the perimeter of a puddle throughout the afternoon. From this, the children concluded that the puddle reduced in size because the warmth of the day turned the liquid into a gas, which is the process of evaporation.



This week, Year 5 have been immersing themselves in our new writing text. The children explored in forest school and found clues to help them make predictions. Once they had heard part of the story, they participated in role play and collated effective vocabulary to describe the witch in '*The Lost Happy Endings*'.

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Year 6 have been working on their shading techniques this week in Art, in preparation for sketching illusions.

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CELEBRATION

Class	Worker of the Week	Star of the Week
RC	Elowen	Cali
RO	Joanna	Thomas
RR	Ava	Ellie
1C	Ola	Bella
1O	Ellissia	Alice
1R	Rosie	George
2C	Nancy	Zora
2O	Toby	Harrison
3C	Ella	Amelia
3O	Thomas	Beau
3R	Filip	Edie
4C	Harry	Bobby
4O	Jack	Freya
4R	Maya	Hugo
5C	Jack	Destiny
5O	Richard	Mia
5R	Charlie	Isla
6C	Joe	All of 6C
6O	Jessica	Freddie
6R	Zachary	Maisie



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.

There have been some incidents of dog's off their leads running up to our children and jumping up at them this week, as well as fouling the footpaths near to the back of school. Please be vigilant and if you own a dog, help promote the right responsibilities for us.



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.

Autumn Term club information

All notifications about club spaces have been sent out. Clubs start Monday 18th September.

Year group	Clubs	Day	Time
Reception	Choir Construction	Tuesday Tuesday	3:15-4pm lunchtime
1	Cosmic yoga Lego Choir Storybook	Monday Monday Tuesday Thursday	3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm
2	Cosmic yoga Lego Art/collage Choir Maths	Monday Monday Monday Tuesday Tuesday	3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm lunchtime
3	Multi-skills French/ languages Choir Art club Homework	Monday Monday Tuesday Tuesday Wednesday	3:15-4:15pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm lunchtime
4	Times tables Multi-skills French/ languages Choir Art club	Monday Monday Monday Tuesday Tuesday	lunchtime 3:15-4:15pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm
5	Young Voices Lego Girls' football Choir Art club Sewing	Monday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Thursday	3:15-4:30pm Lunchtime 3:15-4:15pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm
6	Young Voices Netball Boys' football Girls' football Choir Art club Sewing	Monday Monday Monday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Thursday	3:15-4:30pm 3:15-4:15pm 3:15-4:15pm 3:15-4:15pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm 3:15-4pm

There will also be an orchestra club on a Friday after school for those already learning an instrument. Separate information will be sent out about this soon, as it is in collaboration with Mrs Daws.



Our school uniform supplier, Monkhouse is offering a huge 20% off everything in store and online between **16th October 2023 - 22nd October 2023**. If you need to top up on any uniform or P.E kit items or need a refresh on your everyday essentials and stationery, now's the time to shop. Use code **DEAL20** at checkout or



20% OFF EVERYTHING!

In stores and online with code:

DEAL20

Monkhouse.com

Be quick, offer live 16/10/23 - 22/10/23

#SAVINGSATMONKHOUSE

We will be celebrating World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October with some activities and thinking opportunities. Why not spend some time talking with your child about it this weekend.

9 MENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR CHILDREN



WORRY TIME



- Set aside a time each day for your child worry. Discuss with your child how long the worry time will be for. In this time your child can write down their worries, discuss them with you or problem solve to overcome them

THOUGHT CHALLENGING

- Help your child to write down any unhelpful thoughts they that experience. Try to challenge them with your child and come up with more realistic and helpful ones

ACTIVITY PLANNING



- Create an activity diary with your child and help them to schedule in some pleasurable and achievement related activities

TALKING ABOUT FEELINGS

- Why not create a time each week where your child can speak to you about their thoughts and feelings

WELLBEING



- Support your child to look after their wellbeing. Cook healthy meals with them, exercise or play sport with them and make sure they are getting enough sleep

3 GOOD THINGS



- Before bed spend some time with your child to identify and write down three good things they achieved from the day

IMAGERY

- Work with your child to imagine themselves in an imaginary future where everything has turned out in a positive way

BEING PRESENT



- Help your child to be present and live in the moment. Go for a walk and see how many different things you can both take in with all your senses

THOUGHT TESTING

- Try setting out some simple activities to help your child test out the validity of a thought.





COMING UP THIS WEEK



•LIVE•

WEBINAR

Webinar: Wednesday 18th October, 6:30 pm

Grief 101 for adults supporting grieving children and young people with Winston's Wish

**WINSTON'S
WISH** **WW**

Giving hope to grieving children

Watch online: club.teentips.co.uk →

Access The Wellbeing Hub at <https://teentips.co.uk>



This week (16th October) on The Wellbeing Hub

This month's theme is: Self-harm, suicide and bereavement

This week's content:

Webinar on Grief 101 for Adults Supporting Grieving
Children and Young People

Wednesday 18th October, 6:30 pm

With Winston's Wish, the UK's first childhood bereavement charity, supporting grieving children, young people, and their families



SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALES

Pick up good quality pre-loved uniform, coats, PE kit & shoes at affordable prices or pay what you can. A donation pot will be available at both Parents' evenings.

**WED 25TH & THURS 26TH OCT
4 TO 7PM**

IF YOU CAN HELP TO SORT AND SET UP, PLEASE
SIGN UP VIA CLASSLIST OR EMAIL US!
(cosawr5@gmail.com)

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HALLOWEEN PRELOVED SALE

**ITEMS
50P-£3**

**CASH ONLY
PLEASE
(SORRY NO CHANGE
AVAILABLE)**



**WED 25TH & THURS 26TH OCTOBER
4-7PM IN THE NEW ATRIUM**

**DROP OFF GOOD QUALITY HALLOWEEN COSTUMES,
DECORATIONS, BOOKS & ACCESSORIES BY 20TH OCTOBER
IN THE COSA BIN BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

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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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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/>

