

Cherry Lane Newsletter



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Packed Lunches

If you are supplying a packed lunch for your child can you please make sure they have it at the beginning of the school day. There has been a number of issues where children are saying they have a packed lunch with them but they don't physically have it on them as they are waiting for their parents to drop it into the school office.

On a number of occasions parents have not been able to come to the school with the packed lunch and the school has had to provide a chargeable basic school sandwich for the relevant child.

West Drayton / Yiewsley Hotspot for Robbery

The school has been made aware that the local area is becoming a hotspot for robbery. Locals are being targeted and forced to hand over money, mobiles and scooters. Please be vigilant and please keep safe.

Edibles

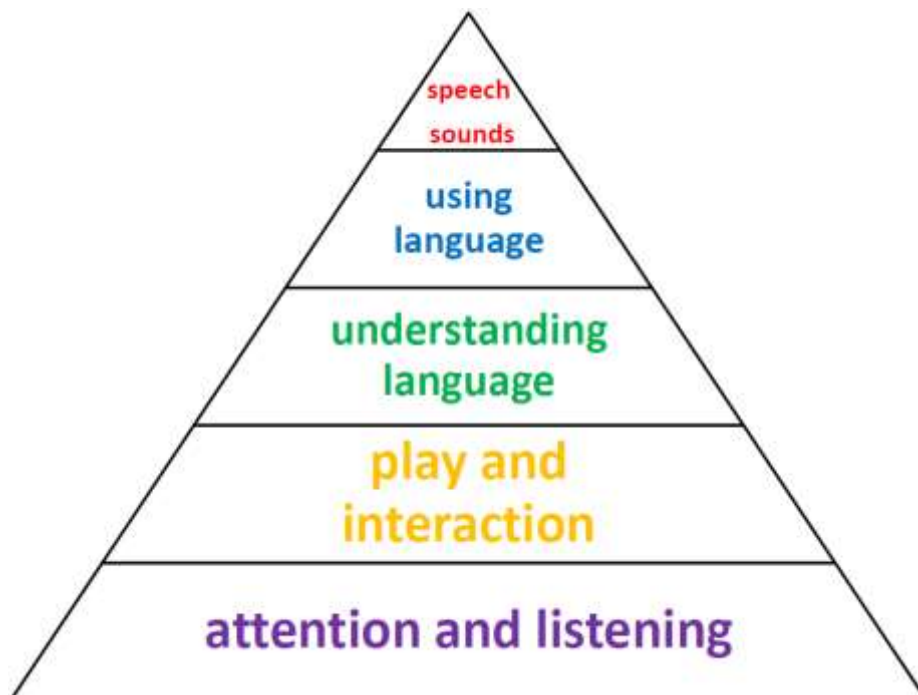
Please be aware of edibles, often purchased online, that are mixed with slow releasing drugs. Remind your child not to take or swap sweets with other children and do not allow them to order sweets online.

Language & Communication

Language and communication are key skills for children to learn in childhood, however due to the restrictions during lockdown, many children have been unable to socialise in their normal way, which has inhibited their development. The government has researched this and found that a large number of children are behind in their development.

Here are 5 top tips which will help your child's communication skills and their learning in general

1. Have conversations with them about things they are interested in. This seems obvious but in the busy day to day routine, conversations can be rushed and limited to the normal day to day events.
2. Read with them. Make the most of sharing books and talking together about the story or text. Books are packed with rich vocabulary, which can be talked about and unpicked.
3. Give your children experiences — and these don't have to cost money! Take them to the park, a stream or woodland. Talk about what you see and find. There really is so much around you that will thrill children if they are encouraged to look closely.
4. Question, comment and explain whenever you are talking. This will help to expand their vocabulary.
5. Enjoy rhymes and singing together — children love this activity! It will teach them not only new words, but develop their understanding of rhyming words! These five simple things can help your child enormously. It is amazing what they will pick up if done in this very natural way!



The Big Ask survey for school pupils

Last month the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever survey of children in England. It asks all children about their priorities and concerns for the future, so that we can put children at the heart of the national recovery post-COVID-19.

Have your pupils all had their say about what matters to them? If not, then please consider supporting them in completing this survey and make their voice heard. Every single pupil's voice is important. The deadline for completing the survey is Friday 28 May.

[A range of teaching resources](#), including lesson plans and activity packs, has been produced to help teachers incorporate this into lessons.

Medical Appointments

Wherever possible **ALL** Doctors, Dental & Hospital appointments must be made out of school time. If this is not possible you must notify the school office of dates, times and provide proof of appointment whether it is in letter, text or email form. If an appointment has to be made over the phone you must provide proof of your attendance.

Resident Parking

Please be mindful and respectful of our neighbours when parking your car when you drop off and pick up your child/children from school. Please be aware of drop down kerbs and parking over residents driveways.

Staff Update

Miss Ghai has been covering 1P since Easter and will be leaving us on 21st May. We thank her for her time at Cherry Lane. On Monday 24th May, Mrs Robins returns from her maternity leave and will take over as teacher for 1P until the end of the summer term. Mrs Robins has been in school on a few occasions recently and has been in the class to get to know the children.



Can primary children help find names for our 5 new food waste trucks?

In Hillingdon we have five new trucks to collect your food waste every week – but they each need a name! Can you help us?

Food waste is collected every week to be recycled into energy. Food is powerful stuff and once recycled it can generate electricity to light our homes and streetlights and fuel to power vehicles! Your recycled food waste can also help farmers to grow more food by becoming fertiliser.

We're asking all primary school children in Hillingdon to help us to name our new food waste vehicles by taking part in this competition. The winning five names will be printed onto the vehicles and the winners will get to meet their named truck in person!

Shortlisted entries will be judged by the Mayor of Hillingdon, the Cabinet Member for Environment and the Waste Services team.

It's really simple and here's what pupils need to do:

- Come up with a fun name relating to food or recycling
- Submit your truck name online <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PMTLFL8> If you need help ask a parent, carer or family member.

The closing date for entries is **31 May 2021**.

Terms and conditions:

- The competition is open to primary school children of the ages 5 to 11 years old, attending a Hillingdon Primary School.
- One submission per pupil
- Any offensive or inappropriate entries will automatically be rejected





Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



7th June – Nursery Open Day

7th June – Staff Training Day – School Closed

23rd June – Year 6 Trip - Legoland

28th June – 2nd July – PGL

21st June – 2nd July – Life Bus

W/C 12th July – New Reception Pupils & Parents Meeting

5th July – Year 1 School Trip - Bird World

6th July – Year 6 Transition Day to High Schools

7th July – Year 3 Trip – Discovery Centre

8th July – Year 4 Trip – Whippsnade Zoo

9th July – Year 2 Trip – Beale Park

1st September – School Closed – Training Day

School Calendar

Summer Term – 2021

Half term: Monday, 31st May to Friday, 4th June

Summer 2 starts: Tuesday, 8th June

Term ends: Thursday, 22nd July @ 2pm

Autumn Term – 2021

Autumn 1 starts: Thursday, 2nd September

STAFF TRAINING DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

7th June 2021

23rd July 2021

1st September 2021