

Cherry Trees

School News



Diary Dates:

Wednesday 7th July
– Sports Day

Monday 19th July -
Leaver's Assembly

Tuesday 20th July –
Last Day of Term

Wednesday 21st
July – Inset Day

Wednesday 1st
September – Inset
Day

Thursday 2nd
September – Inset
Day

Friday 3rd
September – Back
to School

The activities above will be held in school, for the children to take part in due to the COVID 19 restrictions.

Friday 2nd July 2021: Issue 11

Headteacher's message: Laura Slinn

Welcome to our Newsletter – school has been a busy place, with lots of preparations for end of term activities and planning for transition, it's a great place to be. It has been so exciting for us all to be able to go out into the community on some trips – the children and staff have had a fantastic time, this has been something that we really have missed in our curriculum, we look forward to planning in more.

I am sorry that we have not been able to include visits to the school in our end of year celebrations, but we hope that this is just for a little bit longer – we plan to take lots of photographs and share these with you. I must thank you all for the support in keeping the distance (as shared in guidance) it is not easy and we can't wait to get back to in school events for families.

We also take this opportunity to say a special thank you. We thank all of our staff too in celebration of thank a teacher day (4th July) - they really have shown great dedication to the children throughout this challenging year and I'm sure you would want to join me in thanking them.

We have now carried out one transition session with the children, and are reviewing any changes that need to be made before we have another session. Once this is all complete we will share your child's planned class for September 21.

Finally, I must share that we are also changing our website address at school – following our parent survey we have been working on creating a new one. The new address for the website will be www.cherrytreesschool.co.uk this is due to us having moved away from being a Local Authority maintained school and being part of our academy. This change will take place towards the end of July and we will share a text to make sure you know as soon as it happens.

Many Thanks
Laura Slinn – Executive Headteacher

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Blue Class News

We have taken advantage of the lovely warm weather by doing lots of outdoor activities in our outdoor area to continue our learning journey.

We have also had lots of opportunities to extend our cultural experiences this month. We have explored the Forest School site, music, cooking activities and have been out into the community on the school mini bus.

We are also very excited to share with you that we have had lots of opportunities in class to spend time working and learning at the interactive white board, for lots of different lessons. We have all engaged well, especially for the topic activities of 'Mini beasts'.

This month everyone has continued to work hard on their independence and social skills in Blue Class.



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Orange Class News

Orange Class have had a very busy few weeks.

Our topic this term is 'Under the Sea' and we have had lots of fun with water play! We have been looking at different sea creatures and listening to lots of rhymes including '5 Fish' and '1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive' to help us with our counting in Maths. Our focussed book this term is 'The Rainbow Fish' and we have decorated our own rainbow fish by printing with celery.

We have enjoyed our independence session where we help to make toast and then use PECS to choose our toppings.

We have all engaged really well with our weekly music therapy session with Carlence.



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Red Class News

This term in Red class we have done a lot of exciting activities and listened to some interesting stories.

We enjoyed reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and acted out the story using fruit and toys. The children were able to retell the story very well. We related our Maths work to the story and made some very tasty caterpillar apples in cooking.

In Science, we looked at insects and their habitats and we went on a hunt around school using magnifying glasses and a clipboard to mark our Insect findings.

We made clay insects and painted a lady bird.

In English, we are now reading 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson.

In Maths we are looking at subtraction. If you would like to do this at home, you can use number rhymes to count down or toys to take away from 10. We like '10 in the Bed' song.

We were lucky to enjoy a Sports session and the swimming lessons will be staffed by a qualified member of staff, and we are lucky to be able to swim once a week until the end of term.



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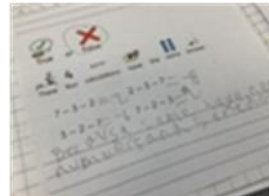
Green Class News

WOW!! What a busy month we have had again. We have all worked so hard. The green class team are so, so proud with the effort from all the children. We do have such a lovely class.

We have continued to work on our friendships and helping others.

We had an amazing time during our Olympics day. We all played a little golf, used the rackets and balls and all tried to shoot the arrows. Mrs Hill wasn't very good. All of the children in green class were totally amazing!

In RE we wrote our own Ten Commandments. We have been working on our place value in Maths and answering word problems, some of us have had to explain how we have worked an answer out as well. A special well done to Jayden who even looked at negative numbers on a number line. We have had so much fun and have done so many things, it's as hard as ever to fit it all on here... Our working wall is once again starting to fill up with amazing work of our green class children.



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Yellow Class News

Yellow Class have enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greeks in our topic this term. We have tasted Greek foods and found out about the first Olympic Games. We had a great time taking part in our Olympics enrichment day. We did archery, tennis, golf and running races. Yr6 pupils had a fantastic time at the Pioneer Centre where they took part in a climbing challenge, inflatable assault course and outdoor assault course activities.



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Purple Class News

Whilst our Year 6's had fun at 'The Wyre Forest', the rest of Purple Class had a challenge to complete – use paper straws to build a bridge. As you can see, we had some successes, learnt about the strength of triangles and got “stuck” in.



Cherry Trees Communicating



Creating Happy Memories Summer Activity Pack



Are you ready
to create happy
memories?

For simple, practical, activities and guidance for navigating summer, visit our school website www.cherrytrees.staffs.sch.uk; go to the Life at Cherry Trees page then the Parents & Carers page and scroll to the bottom.

Alternatively visit: www.family-action.org.uk/get-involved/creating-happy-memories

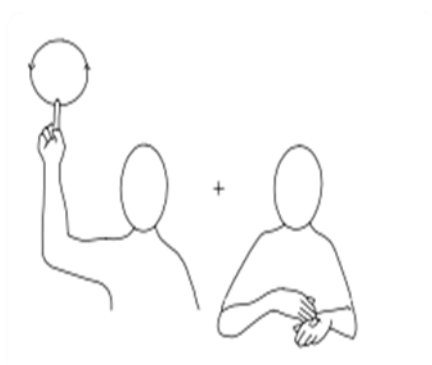


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Sharing



Sign of the Month



Sun Tan Lotion

Point index finger in the air and make a circular motion.

Then rub one hand over the other to imitate rubbing in cream.

A link to see this sign in action can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUuA3NIGtM>

Whole Class

Monthly

Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	90.6
Red Class	98.9
Orange Class	97.1
Green Class	98.5
Yellow Class	92.4
Purple Class	87.5



Congratulations to:

Red Class

**You have the best
Attendance for the Month
Well done to all of you.**

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Cherry Trees Safe & Well



The summer holidays will soon be here, so this month we have included some tips and advice for planning a holiday and travelling with a child with additional needs.



**Are you planning a holiday?
If so, here are some useful tips.**

Planning a holiday is exciting, but there are extra things to consider when travelling with your child with additional needs.

Choosing where to go

You may have a holiday destination recommended to you or you may read about what seems an ideal place. It is best to find out about the facilities and if the staff have an understanding of disabilities. Think about anything that might make your child anxious. Is there a quieter area of the hotel or complex that you can book?

Letting your holiday company know your requirements

Make your holiday provider aware of any special requirements your child has. These may include:

- A need to sit in a certain seat or area, especially on transport
- Dietary requirements
- The need to wear ear defenders to block out noise
- Any item of comfort you may need to take with you to reduce anxiety
- Wheel-chair access

You may be able to complete a form or send an email detailing these needs.

Preparation

Once you have booked your holiday, you should tell your child about the trip. By preparing them you can help to reduce anxiety and stress.

- Spend time with them looking at photographs, in a brochure or on the holiday company's website
- Compile a visual guide such as a booklet with photos, to help them to remember where they are going and what it will look like when they get there.
- Think about what situations they may need to understand, for example traffic jams or delays, and use social stories to help them to prepare.

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Documents to bring with you

Many tourist attractions will offer disabled customers a reduced entry fee, allow a carer free entrance and/or arrange special access to facilities.

You will need to show them some evidence of your child's disability, for example that they receive Disability Living Allowance, or a letter from your GP. It may also be useful to have any letter which states your child's diagnosis,

Insurance

Always have travel insurance that meets your child's needs.



Medication

Remember to take an adequate supply of your child's essential medication. It should be in its original correctly labelled packaging. It is also advisable to take a copy of your child's prescription.



How to get help at the airport (Hopefully we can fly soon!)

Discuss your check-in arrangements with the airline. They might be able to arrange an alternative check-in time or have a quieter area of the airport where you can wait. You could also ask about boarding as they may let you board first or last.

Take anything that is going to make your child's journey more comfortable such as headphones to listen to music, ear defenders, iPad, book or toys, and comforters and pillows.

Some airports offer guidance on travelling with adults and children with additional needs or hidden disabilities.



Travelling by train or boat

Again, it is important to take anything that is going to provide a distraction and make the journey easier. This could be your child's favourite music, book, toy, or computer game.

Many train stations and ferry ports will offer special assistance for disabled travellers. Make contact before you travel and ask what support they offer.



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Travelling by car

Plan frequent stops and limit distractions to the driver. Consider sitting in the back seat with your child to keep them from getting loud or disruptive. Again, take things to keep your child busy and distracted.

Eating out

Think ahead and book in advance. Many restaurants now have their menus online. When booking, ask about seating, is there a quieter area that you can sit in? Think about any dietary requirements your child may have. You can help your child to prepare by looking at a social story about going to a restaurant beforehand.

Maintaining Routines

Try to maintain your child's routine as far as possible, particularly around sleep, keeping the same bedtimes and getting up times.

National Key Scheme

If you are holidaying in the UK, then you may need to use accessible toilets. You may need a **Radar Key** from the National Key Scheme. More information is available on the Disability Rights UK website and through the Blue Badge Company.

Sunflower Lanyards

These are a discreet sign that the wearer has an invisible disability or requires additional assistance. You can pick one up from larger supermarkets- Asda, Tesco, Sainsbury's, or purchase one online at [Hidden Disabilities Sunflower \(hiddendisabilitiesstore.com\)](http://hiddendisabilitiesstore.com)

We hope you find these tips useful!

Happy Holidays!



Cherry Trees COVID Safe



CORONAVIRUS FOR PARENTS



DO NOT send your child to our setting if they, or anyone in the household, has:



or

a continuous new cough
Coughing and coughing a lot



or



If your child has ANY of these symptoms, **STAY AT HOME (SELF-ISOLATE)** and **BOOK A COVID-19 TEST** for them

While you are SELF-ISOLATING

YOU MUST NOT

go out of the house 
Apart from to get a test

Invite visitors to your home 
Do not invite anyone round

meet your support bubble 
Even with a mask on

If your child has a

NEGATIVE TEST RESULT

they are feeling better and
you have shared your test result with your child's setting and
your child is well enough to manage the normal daily routine



You can STOP ISOLATING and they can RETURN TO THE SETTING 

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The above information was correct at 18.12.20.
Please contact your Local Public Health Team
for more information:
www.gov.uk/health-protection-team.



Please look at our website www.cherrytrees.staffs.sch.uk where you will find more guidance about Covid-19 – related pupil absence.