

Cherry Trees

School News



Diary Dates:

Thursday 4th March
– World Book Day

Monday 8th March
– Return to School
for All

Friday 12th March –
Mother's Day
Activities

Tuesday 16th March
– School
Photographs

Thursday 1st April –
Easter Celebrations

Thursday 1st April –
Last Day of Term

Monday 19th April –
Back to School

Monday 19th April –
Knowledge of the
World Week

Friday 23rd April – St
George's Day
Celebrations

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

Friday 26th February 2021: Issue 7

Headteacher's message: Laura Slinn

I am pleased to share that we will be returning to full opening on Monday 8th March 2021 – this will be all of the children returning to their normal classes, with their normal teaching staff – which we are so pleased about – we will continue to work in our current bubble system. We hope that we will be able to stay fully open moving forward, but ask for your help in achieving that. To keep us all safe we ask that the following guidance be adhered to:

- Parents who bring their children to school will need to arrive on site at 9:15 – please do keep to social distancing from each other and the wearing of face masks for adults is required.
- Children who attend school on the Local Authority transport will arrive at school for 9:00 and will be taken in to school by designated class staff.
- Parents who collect their children will need to do this at 2:45 (we will look to extend this following the Easter break). All adults please keep to social distancing and wear a facemask.
- Children who are collected by the Local Authority transport will leave school at 3:00.
- Lunch times will take place in the children's classrooms, not the hall – this will mean less mixing for the children, and better cleaning control of the shared environment. We will be returning to our access to hot school meals and children who are eligible for free school meals will be able to have this provided by school.
- We will be taking part in recovery curriculum activities, which focus on developing independence, social and academic skills that may have been impacted through this period away from school. We will be requesting that children very regularly wash their hands.
- Please keep the items that your child brings in to school to a minimum and things that are cleanable.
- If children are unwell before they come in to school, displaying temperature, coughs or loss of sense of taste or smell – please have your child tested for COVID-19 and isolate at home for 10 days – do let school know.
- If your child displays some of the lesser symptoms stomach ache, aches and pains, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing, headache, unusually tired or vomiting – please ensure that your child does not come in to school until they have received a COVID-19 test with a negative result. Please keep school informed about all of this. This measure has come from the learning we have gained as a school from our previous positive cases – we hope by us all supporting this, we will reduce the amount of single class closure that we have experienced.
- Do please take a moment to look at the risk assessment on the school website.

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Blue Class News

All of the children in Blue Class have continued to work hard this month, whether it be in school or at home. We continue being proud of all of the pupils achievements on their learning journey.

This month we have tried hard on our communication skills. We are all engaging really well for our weekly sessions of learning 'Makaton' signs. Each week we learn new signs and recap on the previous weeks signs.

We all enjoyed our 'Cultural Day' in the last week of the half term. We celebrated 'Shrove Tuesday' by tasting pancakes, and later in the week, we engaged with activities to celebrate 'Chinese New Year'. We listened to music, tasted noodles, prawn crackers and sweet and sour sauce. We then engaged, with lots of sensory activities- we all had lots of fun!

We are all continuing to work hard on our independence skills during the school day, and I know the children are trying hard with this at home too!



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Orange Class News

We have had a lovely time in Orange Class during February. We did some lovely Valentines craft activities and learnt all about heart shapes.

Our topic this term is 'Land Before Time' and we have been looking at dinosaurs. We made a Jelly Sensory swamp for our dinosaurs which we all enjoyed playing with. We also made some Dinosaur Footprint cookies which were lovely! We sent some home for our family, so we hope they enjoyed them as much as we did!

We have all been looking at different colours and experiencing sorting them into groups and had great fun playing with the colourful parachute.

We are looking forward to seeing all our children back in the classroom in March.



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Red Class News

This month in Red class we have been learning all about the end of Winter, using the outdoors to watch the changes in seasons. We have been on a senses walk using what we see, hear and feel to describe the weather.

Our topic was 'To Infinity and beyond', the children enjoyed songs about space and the solar system, showing some excellent knowledge of the planet names. We made planets in Art and design that are displayed very proudly in class.

In English we had stories linked to space, it was enjoyable to read 'Aliens Love Underpants', making our own washing line of pants. We also made a rocket from a cardboard box using tools as in the story 'Whatever Next'.

In Science we had to rescue Spider man as he was trapped inside a block of ice. We worked together to free him from the Ice, this was very fun.

The children are enjoying skills in DT. We have made toast and pancakes and they are learning to choose and spread toppings themselves and also to wash their plates afterwards.

Well done!

You are all working very hard, we are very proud.



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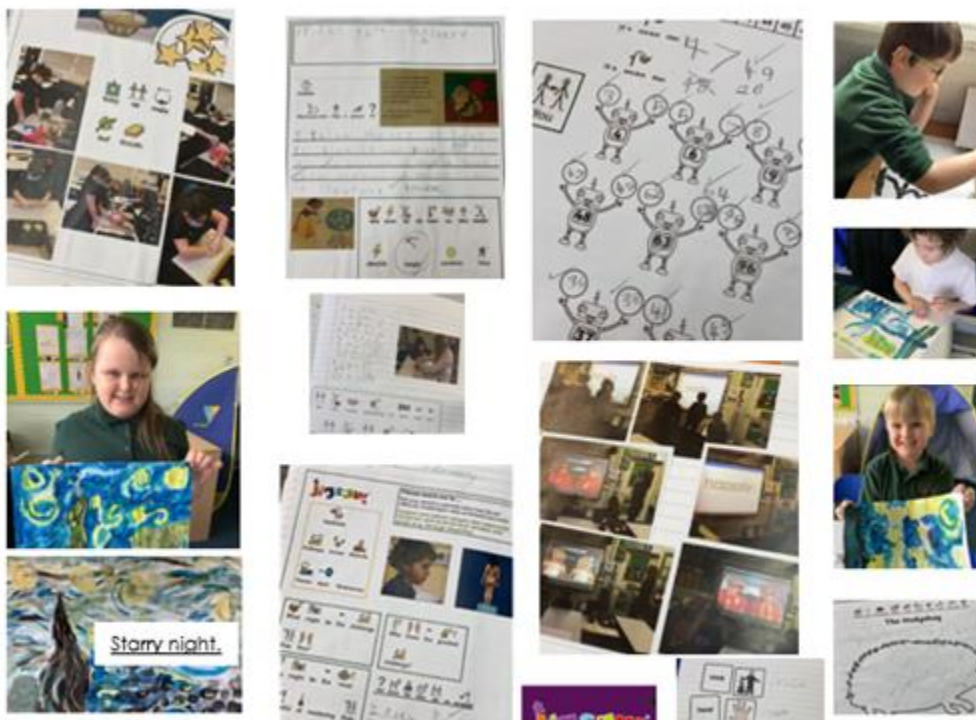
Green Class News

We have had a lovely time together again and have been learning lots. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying themselves and focused on their learning. One of our aims was to be **proud** of work we have done. The children were amazing at this. We are so proud too!

On a Monday and Tuesday Mrs Dawes has helped the children focus on their targets, developing listening skills through games and activities. She has provided time for the children to share and write their news and talk about how they feel. They have also had a focus on handwriting and forming letters correctly. Mindfulness activities take place throughout the week. The children have also been keeping healthy with The Daily Mile and Well-being: Be active yoga.

In our topic about 'Space', we looked at the painting *Starry night* by Van Gogh. We used the same colours that he did and we used the swirling of the brush to recreate the 'Starry Night.'

In English we looked at the text '*The Hodgeheg*' and '*The Gingerbread Star*'. We predicted what we thought might happen in both stories; looked at the characters and decided if we liked the story and why. We found words in the story that described Max, the hedgehog, and shared these with each other. We made biscuits like the stars on the end of the wizard's wand in '*The Gingerbread Star*'.



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Yellow Class News

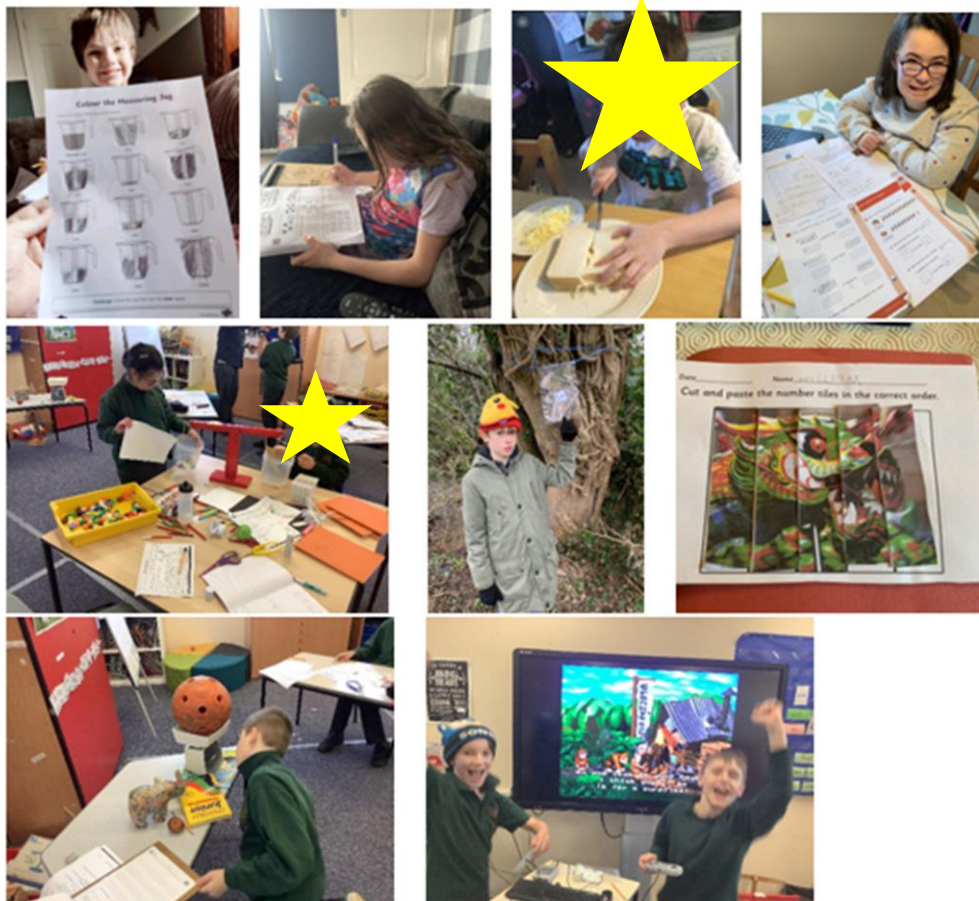
Yellow class have been working hard at home and in school.

We have been learning out about Chinese New Year and got to sample a range of yummy Chinese foods. We made lanterns and found out about the celebrations that happen.

In Maths, we have been learning about mass and counting in 2's.

Congratulations to Paul, Alex and William for finally completing 'Donkey Kong', which they have been playing in their golden time for the last year!

Children have been working hard and have enjoyed sharing their work on ClassDojo.



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Purple Class News

In Purple class we have been considering the mental health of the children during these difficult times. As there are currently (until 8th of March) only two or three children in at a time it has been very hard for them and so we have come up with a couple of ways to lighten their time in school whilst still learning! We have started playing table tennis and are about to begin a class tournament (including the staff!). Some of the boys have never played before and are picking it up really well.



We have also begun to develop an allotment on the school grounds. This week we have measured out plots where raised beds will go and the boys have begun to dig out two enormous tractor tyres that we will move to the allotment area and then use to grow some veg in. What are our next steps I hear you say...?

Well, next week we will continue digging and begin planning what we will be growing and where each vegetable will be planted. Who knows before long we could be selling home grown veg to you to raise money for the class! Watch this space.



Cherry Trees Communicating



Thank you to everyone within our school community for working so hard at both home and at school.

Please also look at the website to see the apps for you to download or visit with your child/children.

[Special apps for special learners](#)

Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good

[Place2Be](#)



Mother's Day.

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions we will not be able to invite you into school for our usual Mother's Day Celebrations, so look out on Class Dojo for a special message.



⚠ Urgent Safeguarding Alert ⚠

Dangerous Chat Rooms

Following recurring press reports about the **dangers of Omegle** we are sharing an updated safeguarding alert to make you aware of a likely **increase in interest** on this platform.

Despite young people seeing platforms like these as fun, they may not see the risks from those online malicious intentions.

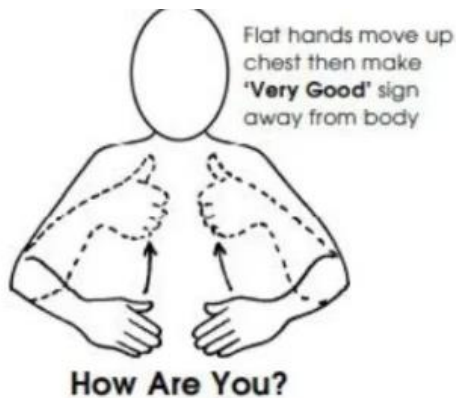
[Click to view platform](#)

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Sharing



Sign of the Month



How are you?

Flat hands move up chest then make 'very good' sign away from body.

[Click here to watch the video of our sign](#)

Whole Class

Monthly

Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	98.5%
Red Class	100%
Orange Class	100%
Green Class	88.8%
Yellow Class	90.9%
Purple Class	90.8%



Congratulations to:

Red and **Orange**

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

EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS

Cherry Trees Safeguarding



Online safety refers to the act of staying **safe online**. Being **safe online** means individuals are protecting themselves and others from **online** harms and risks which may jeopardise their personal information, lead to unsafe communications or even effect their mental health and wellbeing.

Online Safety

Follow the SMART rules to help stay safe online.

- S** **Safe**
Stay **safe** online by not sharing your personal information.
- M** **Meet**
Do not **meet** anyone who you have only become friends with online.
- A** **Accept**
Do not **accept** messages and friend requests from people you do not know.
- R** **Reliable**
Not everything online is **reliable**. People online are strangers and you can't always trust everything they say.
- T** **Tell**
Tell an adult you trust if anything happens online that you do not like.

Be careful what you share online!
Stop and think before you share information online.
Don't say or do anything that you wouldn't do in the real world!

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

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COVID Safe Cherry Trees School



Working, Learning, Achieving Together

Handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or the use of alcohol-based hand sanitisers when soap and water are not available is the first line of defence in stopping the spread of infection.

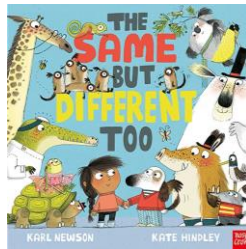
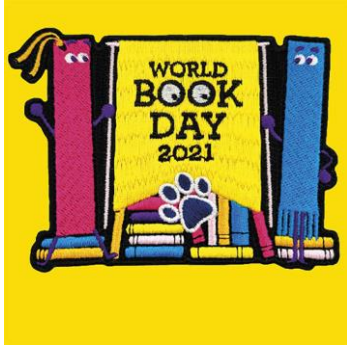


[Click here to watch the NHS hand washing song](#)

Maybe you would like

to make your own video for

washing hands.



World book day

Thursday 4th March 2021

World book day this year will be a little different, but we hope you will enjoy and take part.

We are all going to be exploring the story: **The same, but different too** by **Karl Newson and Kate Hindley**. We hope you can join in with that at home too.

- We will be sharing stories on dojo throughout the week, to look and listen to!
- We ask that you watch the story and try to sign along (please do video your child signing some or part of the story and we will put the clips together to create our own school version to share

www.bing.com/videos/search?q=makaton+signed+the+same+but+different+too&docid=608046251710812079&mid=C6497A1679768948092CC6497A1679768948092C&view=detail&FORM=VIRE