

# Cherry Trees School News



## Diary Dates

**Monday 6th  
May:**  
**Bank Holiday**

**Wednesday  
15th May:**  
**Parents  
Evening**

**Monday 20th  
May:**  
**Endeavour to  
Learn Outside  
Week**

**Wednesday  
22nd May:**  
**Vision  
Screening**

**Friday 24th  
May:**  
**Boccia Event**

**Monday 27th  
May - Friday  
31st May: Half  
Term**

## Friday 26th April: Issue 8

### Headteacher's message: Alison Garrett



Hello and welcome to our April Newsletter.

What a lovely start to the summer term we have all had!

You will notice that I am changing my name to Alison Garrett. I got married over February half term and have made the leap to change all my documentation. The children always call me Miss Ali so no change there, but just wanted to let you know as it will appear on emails etc from next week.

This week Yellow Class visited the Pioneer Centre for their Residential. All of the pupils really challenged themselves in a new environment with new activities and I am so proud of how they coped so well.

Seeing photographs of some of our pupils at the top of the Rock Climbing Wall really is a reminder of how much our children are capable of and how high our expectations should always be for them and always "Dream Big".

We have Purple Class Residential going out next and I can't wait to see all of their adventures.

Our Summer Term Parents Evening is on Wednesday 15th May and I hope to see as many parents as possible. Letters will go out next week for this in pupil bags and via email.

Take care,

Alison



# Cherry Trees Learning



## Blue Class News

Blue Class have had a busy couple of weeks again since our Easter holidays. We are very proud of how well our children have all settled back into school and their learning.

We started our new Topic - 'One Man and his Dog' - with lots of learning activities based upon the story 'Dog's Colourful Day'. We have engaged in lots of sorting and counting in Maths and enjoyed some lovely creative activities exploring colours and textures as part of our expressive Art and Design. Our topic this half term is all about caring for pets and animals. Hannah brought Eddie our Therapy dog and some of his belongings into class last week for us all to see the things he needs, and to begin to learning about how to care for a pet. We have learnt about the different kinds of animals that are common pets and have now begun our second Topic story - 'Lola gets a Cat'. In the next few weeks we will be looking at other animals which may make more unusual pets!

We have a new trampette in Blue Class which the children are enjoying using and are hoping that this term we get some good weather so that we can enjoy lots of activities outdoors too. We are continuing to explore our Outdoor Learning environment and have all enjoyed beginning our swimming sessions again.

We have had a super start to the new term and are looking forward to sharing lots of lovely activities with our children in the coming weeks. Well done Blue Class!



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## Red Class News

Red Class have returned to school ready to learn...

They have been doing so well in all their areas of learning, but also have been continuing to build upon their friendships and working together collaboratively.

In Maths, we have been completing some addition and subtraction work. The children have worked well using the manipulatives to support their learning.

During our English lessons, we have been looking at making lists of items, instructions and then how to follow the instructions based on different texts. The children have made their own jam sandwiches and will be moving on to pancakes and gingerbread men.

In topic, we have been looking at the history around the Maypole and have been exploring different maypoles and will be taking a ride to look at Wombourne's maypole in the coming weeks.



# Cherry Trees Learning



## Orange Class News

Hello all,

Orange Class have come back and settled into routine amazingly. We are enjoying the topic 'Teddy Bears Picnic' this half term. In English we are listening to the stories 'Where's My Teddy' by Jez Alborough and 'The Everywhere Bear' by Julia Donaldson. We are working hard in our Maths lessons practising our skills in maths. In Number, we are looking at counting to a range of numbers through rhyme or resources. In Shape, we are exploring 3D shapes and 2D Shapes, and in Applying we are looking at the terminology empty/full and heavy/light. Our topic is everything teddy bear - from picnics to going on a bear hunt. Everyday we have the biggest smiles from the children and loudest laughs. Well done Orange Class!



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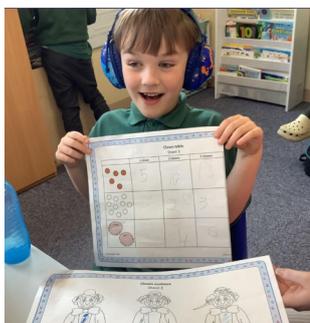


## Green Class News

Green Class have had an excellent start to the Summer Term, and everyone is enjoying our topic, 'The Great Outdoors'. In Geography, we are looking at the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and have been looking at human and physical features of the country. In DT, we are using various materials and joining techniques to create our own mini playgrounds.

In Maths, we have been working really hard on our multiplication and division, and positional vocabulary in 20/20 sessions. In English, we have been looking at the tales of Beatrix Potter writing book reviews and creating descriptive sentences of yucky foods that the animals eat.

Well done Green Class what an excellent start to the Summer Term!



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## Yellow Class News

What can I say!

We are all super proud of how Yellow Class have returned to school after a two week break for Easter. Before the Easter holiday, Yellow Class were working on washing hands and showering independently and they have returned and consolidated those skills we practiced. Well done all!

This half term we have launched our new topic "A Pirates Life For Me!". Our topic has consisted of dressing up, using our sense of smell and getting very creative with our painting skills. We have all been amazed by all the childrens' realisation and anticipation in all of our activities.

As well as launching our topic, we have continued to focus on our phonic, writing, number, shape and applying skills. This half term we are exploring exchanging a coin for a currant bun, the story Pirates Love Underpants, Dough Disco, making a sandwich using robot talk e.g. b-r-ea-d. We have also been challenging the children and some are becoming confident in phonemes l, n, m and d.

We are now looking forward to the adventures that our sensory residential will bring us all!



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## Purple Class News

April has seen Eid celebrations, henna patterns designed and transferred to our hands for the day and art inspired by Andy Warhol - the bright and outlined emoji faces were amazing! Maths we have been focusing on odd and even numbers with games, activities and mazes. English has seen some amazing sentence work from the children and the start of us looking at the water cycle with our new texts, 'The Dam and the Rhythm of the Rain'. Swimming, once again, showed me the wonderful listening skills and ability of Purple Class children and the improvements and progression that they are all making. They are growing in confidence each week. I enjoy seeing the relaxation on their faces when its time to rest because 'it's been really hard!'. Of course, not forgetting the introduction of our new trampette so even when it's raining they don't need to sit still.

A wonderful month of April and next month brings...the long awaited residential!



# Cherry Trees Communicating



## Residential

Yellow Class enjoyed an action packed day and night at the Pioneer centre. They enjoyed their activities which included climbing, inflatables and indoor caving. Everyone had lots of fun and represented the school amazingly.



A big thank you to everyone who came to our Easter get together before the holidays. It was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers.

We raised a total of

**£160**

for the school funds!

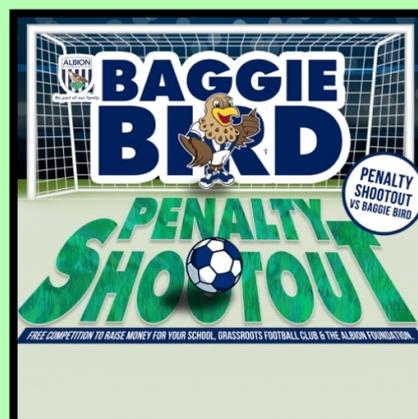


## Baggie Bird Penalty Shootout!

The Albion Foundation are inviting Cherry Trees children to participate in the 'Baggie Bird' Penalty Shootout fundraising competition. This will take place in school on Wednesday 22nd May.

To take part in this activity, we ask that your child raises funds for The Albion Foundation, this will subsequently be reinvested back into the local community and our school.

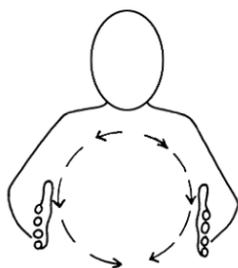
Look out for Letters and sponsor forms in your child's school bag.



# Cherry Trees Sharing



## Sign of the Month



### Earth / World

Hold hands flat, and curve round in a circle to join hands at the bottom.

## Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	85.5%
Red Class	97.6%
Orange Class	95.2%
Green Class	93.6%
Yellow Class	88.4%
Purple Class	94.8%



Congratulations to:

**Red**

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

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

# Cherry Trees Safeguarding



**If you are worried about a child's safety please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away.**

The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads for Cherry Trees School:

**Nicola Johnson - (DSL)**

**Alison Higgs - Head Teacher**

**David Murphy - DDSL / Assistant Head Teacher**

We can be contacted via the school office, or by telephone on 01902 894484

You can also contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hubs for your local area:

Wolverhampton— 01902 555392

Dudley MASH—0300 555 0050

First Response (Staffordshire) 0300 111 8007

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999

## Who can help?

When you are feeling exhausted it can be helpful to talk to others to gain support. There are a number of practitioners that you can talk to about your child's sleep difficulties and some of them are mentioned below.

For further details about other practitioners who could help, visit the Early Support website [www.ncb.org.uk/early-support/resources](http://www.ncb.org.uk/early-support/resources) read or download the Background information resource on People you may meet.

**Health visitor** – This practitioner works with families who have young children and can help you to develop and establish a good bedtime routine for your child. Give them a call and ask to see them if you are not due to see them through a routine appointment.

**Occupational therapist** – They can advise on sensory issues that can impact on a child's sleep. They may suggest, for example, that your child would benefit from using a weighted blanket at bedtime. A weighted blanket can help some children with sensory issues feel calmer and safer.

**Paediatrician** – If your child is being seen by a paediatrician, you should discuss your concerns about sleep with them. They will be able to decide whether further investigation is necessary and may be able to refer you for additional support. If your child does not see a paediatrician then you should speak to your GP regarding your concerns.

**Physiotherapist** – If your child is seen by a physiotherapist you should discuss with them whether there are any physical issues that may be interfering with their sleep.

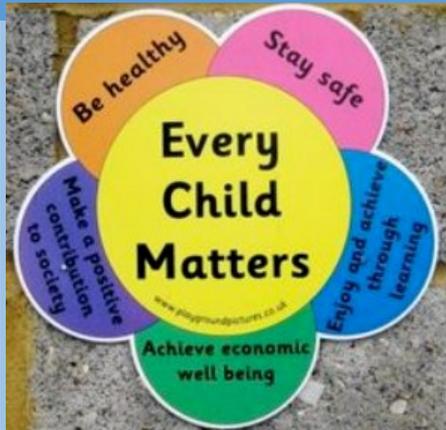
**Clinical psychologist** – A clinical psychologist helps people with a range of difficulties. They can help children with specific learning difficulties/impairments or behaviours that are challenging.

**Sleep practitioner** – It is becoming increasingly recognised that parent carers need support with their children's sleep. There are currently a number of courses that train sleep practitioners in England. The Children's Sleep Charity has a list of sleep practitioners available across the country who are specifically trained to work with families with a child or young person who has additional needs. For more information email [Info@thechildrensleepcharity.org.uk](mailto:Info@thechildrensleepcharity.org.uk).

**Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility**



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## Other sources of help:

- Many charities have information relating to sleep and specific conditions. For example, if your child has Down's syndrome, contact the Down's Syndrome Association for specialist information about their condition and sleep.
- The Children's Sleep Charity runs workshops where parents and practitioners can learn about sleep hygiene and meet other parent carers who have difficulties with their child's sleep. These workshops are run nationally and are free of charge for parents. For more information email [info@thechildrenssleepcharity.org.uk](mailto:info@thechildrenssleepcharity.org.uk) or call 07912 667676.
- Sleep Solutions is a service managed by Scope. It has a number of sleep services across the country. To find out more visit [www.scope.org.uk](http://www.scope.org.uk).
- Support groups can be a helpful way of meeting other parents and gaining support. You can find details about local support groups by contacting your local authority or by asking practitioners who support your child.

