

Cherry Trees

School News



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Diary Dates:

**Friday 28th May
Last Day of Term**

**Monday 31st May –
Friday 4th June
Half Term Holiday**

**Monday 7th June
Return to School**

**Thursday 1st July –
Bubble 1 Swimming
Gala**

**Friday 2nd July –
Bubble 2 Swimming
Gala**

**Wednesday 7th July
– Sports Day**

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

Friday 28th May 2021: Issue 10

Headteacher's Message: Laura Slinn

Hello and welcome to our May newsletter. It has been good to get back to more normal curriculums over the last few weeks, and I know that the children have really enjoyed their experiences at school – which you can see through the newsletter this month. For me at school I have had another opportunity to go into classes and observe the children and teachers and have seen some wonderful learning going on. This time we focused on reading – it was great to see a wide range of approaches, texts and symbols being used by the staff teams. I was so pleased to see the engagement levels in learning were very high. I also observed some very skilled independent learning from our very youngest to our oldest children.

You may have seen that there has been the job of Head of School advertised over the last few weeks, this is because Hayley is moving on from our school. We will miss her and thank her for all she has done. In her place we will welcome David Murphy (our deputy head), who has been successful in securing his place as Head of School for us from September 2021.

Over the next few weeks, we will be carrying out transition activities with the children to make sure that we get the class groupings correct for September, once we have a clearer picture of this information – we will of course share it. After half term I will be sharing more information about the curriculum and class structure from September – some of this information is on the website already, if you would like to have a look.

Finally, from Monday 7th June, **we will be asking our parents who drop off and collect their children to do this at 9:15am and 3:15pm.** Thank you for your responses to the questionnaire – where individual arrangements have needed to be made, families should have received a phone call on Friday 28th May to confirm this. If these changes are a problem for your family, please do email school and we can make individual arrangements. Many Thanks, Laura Slinn.

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Blue Class News

We have now settled back into the class routine. We have all had a very busy month working hard on all of our targets. We have really enjoyed our topic this half term all about the 'Farm'. We have had lots of fun with all of the sensory activities inside class and in our outdoor area.

We were excited to have a new home corner set up in the classroom, and have all engaged in exploring this during the school day. We have even listened to stories in the home corner.

This month we have continued to work on our communication skills during the week. We are all trying hard to continue to learn 'Makaton' signs. We sit and do this as a group in our weekly communication lessons, and then working 1:1 with an adult, to embed the signs.

We are all excited to begin our new topic next half term and we looking forward to sharing this with you in next month's newsletter.



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Orange Class News

Orange Class have had a very busy half term. We have all engaged well in the activities and worked very hard.

We are still looking at 'Space' in topic and we have been decorating planets and making rockets to fly to the moon! We have been artists by copying 'Van Gogh's' painting of 'A Starry Night'. In cooking, we have made some Popping Candy Alien Cupcakes, Fruit Kebab Rockets and Blast Off Smoothies.

In Maths we have been looking at 2D shapes and making patterns and in English we have been looking at the letter 's' and enjoying the Jolly Phonics rhymes.

We are doing Disco Dough with all the children to help with their fine motor skills.

In PSHE we have been learning about our body parts by singing 'Head, Shoulder, Knees and Toes' and other rhymes.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break.



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Red Class News

Our story was 'Jack and the Beanstalk' in English and the children enjoyed learning the traditional tale very much, we made characters from the story and acted it out in class. The display was painted by the children and put up expertly by Mrs Boddis, they like to look at it and read books under the beanstalk.

We have been busy learning all about Plants in Science this week, what they need to grow, planting our own seeds and looking at plants growing.

This week in Geography we have been charting the weather and we have been outside each morning to draw a weather symbol for the day. We painted our favourite weather in Art and made rainbow cupcakes in cooking.

It has been wonderful and busy few weeks in Red class and I am proud of our achievements!



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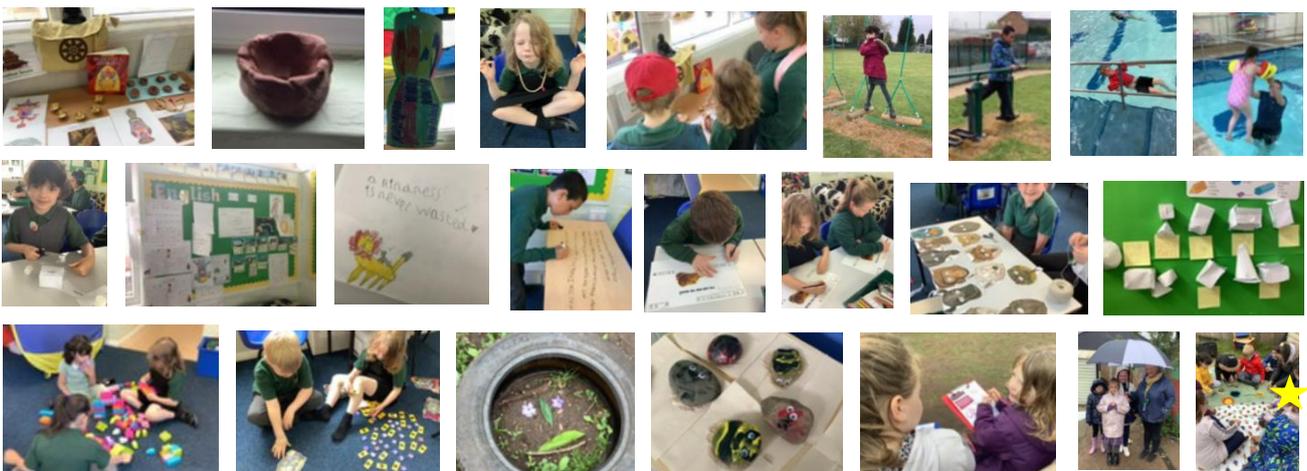
Green Class News

I am without a doubt super proud of the children in Green Class. They have worked so hard, had fun, continued to build friendships and produced some amazing pieces of work!

Our English unit has been fables; we have re-written the 3 fables we have looked at, sequenced the story, shared our ideas and wrote them on the tables. We all love this now, after the initial shock of Mrs Hill writing on the table 😊. We also wrote an alternative ending for 'The lion and the mouse', so that a different animal came to rescue the lion from the net.

In RE we have been learning about Buddhism and how and why they celebrate Wesak day. We all made a lantern and an offering bowl. We have sat and meditated with mala beads like a Buddha. The class have been so interested in the Buddhist display, and when it appeared over night, they didn't even put their hats and bags down before they looked. #enthusiasm #newlearning

Of course, not forgetting our 'Outdoor learning Day'. This was a wonderful way to spend the day together, even in the rain. We made faces from nature, painted rocks, lay down and watched the clouds and so much more. I don't have enough space to share all of our memories but here are a few...



We have now started our Super Seven Spellings and I must say, we are amazing! We have had 4 children get 7 out of 7. I am looking forward to lots of improvements after half term.



Can they tell you what we have been doing in our Jigsaw sessions? Talking about our 'wants and needs', roles and responsibilities, being grateful and more.

Have a lovely half term and I will see you soon for more learning and more fun.

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Yellow Class News

It has been a very busy month here in Yellow class. The children have enjoyed designing and making wands as part of our topic on 'Magic'. We really enjoyed our outdoor learning day, going on a vertebrate hunt as part of our Science lesson and creating land art using the natural objects we could find.

We had our first trip out in over a year and the children really enjoyed going out on the mini-bus and visiting the park for a picnic.



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Purple Class News

Purple Class have been rekindling friendships and making new ones. We recently enjoyed making friendship bracelets and some pupils exchanged them with a friend. We also had lots of fun and developed our teamwork skills by collaborating to design and build models with moving parts.

Dodgeball has become the pupils' new favourite game to play, and it is quite common to see 6 or more pupils joining in each playtime (along with some of the adults too!)



Cherry Trees Communicating



Football Sessions for Young People on the Autistic Spectrum



Wyrley Juniors Football Club are now offering sessions for young people with autism.

The club has a record of providing football for all. The sessions take place at Long Lane, Great Wyrley, WS6 6AT, Mondays 6pm-7pm.

The aim is to get a couple of teams going to play in tournaments against similar teams. There are two groups; ages 8-11 and ages 12-16.

Grass pitches so trainers or football boots required as well as appropriate clothing and shin pads plus a non-fizzy drink (toilets on site).

All qualified coaches with experience of autistic children. To confirm places - just message Keith Hardy via the club page: <http://www.wyrleyjuniors.net/>

Would you like to be a school Governor?

Cherry Trees School are looking to appoint more governors to our Local Governing Boards – if you have a skill in business, health and safety, HR or finance – it would be great to have you on board. The Governors meet once a term and provide support and challenge to school leaders to make sure we are the best that we can be. If you are interested, please phone, or email the school on: office1@cherrytrees.staffs.sch.uk.

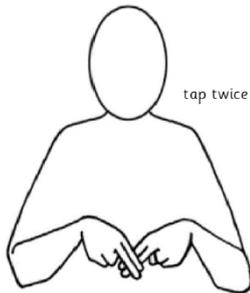
Laura would love to hear from you and is happy to talk more about how governors work with and support school.

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Sharing



Sign of the Month



Father/Dad

This month's sign is Father/Dad

Tap two fingers onto the outside of two fingers on your other hand twice. Don't forget to say father as you sign.

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

<https://youtu.be/EWvTOMj8KEA> so please do take a look.

Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	96.9
Red Class	99.6
Orange Class	97.1
Green Class	95.3
Yellow Class	95.8
Purple Class	92.2



Congratulations to:

Red Class

You have the best

Attendance for the Month

Well done to all of you.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Cherry Trees Safeguarding



Staying Safe Online

Please do take a look on our website, we are trying to keep updating it with new information regularly. The link is: <https://www.cherrytrees.staffs.sch.uk/>. If you visit the 'Life at Cherry Trees' page, followed by 'Parents and Carers Information', you will find this great activity pack to print off and have a go at together at home:



Cherry Trees COVID Safe



Advice for Families about Enhanced Testing Requirements

Which test?	Household Implications	What next?
 <p>Feeling fine and well Make testing part of your routine and take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) twice a week</p>	<p>None - unless LFT result is positive</p>	<p>Positive – Case and household isolate for 10 days and case gets a confirmatory PCR test within 24 hours Negative – carry on as normal</p>
 <p>*Reporting your child's sickness absence? Social contact must be limited, and the child should stay at home apart from going to get a free PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test</p>	<p>None - unless PCR test result is positive</p>	<p>Positive – Case and household isolate for 10 days. All household gets a PCR test within 24 hours Negative – return to setting when feeling well</p>
 <p>**Got Covid-19 symptoms? You must self-isolate and get a free PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test</p>	<p>Yes Household required to isolate for 10 days or until a negative PCR test result</p>	<p>Positive – Case and household isolate for 10 days from first day of symptoms. All household gets a PCR test within 24 hours Negative – isolation ends</p>
<p>*If no test taken, return to setting only after 48 hours of feeling well</p>		
<p>** If no test taken, case and household complete a full 10 day isolation period</p>		

Links to the following sites are here: -

Ordering LFT <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Recording LFT results <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Booking a PCR Test <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-testadd>

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