

Cherry Trees School News



Diary Dates

Easter Break:
Monday 30th
March - Friday
10th April

Summer Term
Begins:
Monday 13th
April

May Day:
Monday 4th
April

Half Term:
Monday 25th
May - Friday
29th May

Friday 27th March: Issue 7

Headteacher's message: Alison Garrett



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a very busy (and wonderfully lively!) term, I wanted to share a few exciting updates from school.

Firstly, after reflecting on how we can continue to strengthen our leadership and keep driving the school forward, I've made some changes to our Senior Leadership Team. I'm absolutely thrilled to let you know that Kerry Dickenson is now our Deputy Headteacher, effective immediately. Kerry is already such a steady, positive force in school, and I know many of you will join me in congratulating her on this very well deserved step.

I'm also delighted that Nicola Johnson has taken on the role of Senior Behaviour Lead – DSL. Anyone who has worked with Nicola knows how passionate she is about supporting and advocating for our pupils and families. We're very lucky to have her in this new role.

As always, I am incredibly proud of our pupils. Their progress this term has been just brilliant, and I've really enjoyed sitting down with a cup of tea and reading the class updates — they always make me smile. It's a privilege to see how much they grow, learn and shine.

With the Easter break now upon us, I hope you all get the chance to enjoy some rest, some chocolate, and maybe even a bit of sunshine if the British weather decides to cooperate! Please remember that I continue to monitor my email a.garrett@cherrytrees.staffs.sch.uk throughout the holiday. If you need anything or have any worries, big or small, just drop me a message.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter.

Warmest wishes,

Alison Garrett, Headteacher

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Blue Class News

We have all enjoyed lots of lovely experiences in Blue Class this month through our topic 'Everyday Heroes' (People Who Help Us). We have learnt about the many different people who help us at home, school and in the community. Our school nurse spent a lovely afternoon with us teaching us about her role and it was great to have a visit from our Community Police Officers. The children really enjoyed spending time with them in the classroom and engaged in lots of activities with them.

We also had a lovely time on our visit to PlayTropolis where we learnt lots more about people who help us through a variety of role play experiences. The children all did very well travelling on the school minibus to learn and play in a new environment.

Our World Book Day was another lovely day in class where children and staff enjoyed dressing up and sharing lots of books and stories together.

We have also had our living eggs in school during this last week. Our children have really enjoyed going to see the eggs and the baby chicks that have hatched.

Alongside our topic activities, we have had a very busy half term continuing with our regular Phonics, Maths, PE, Music Therapy and all our other classroom learning activities. Well done as always to everyone for all their hard work and achievements!

Wishing you all a very Happy and relaxing Easter break!

Blue Class Staff



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Red Class News

The children have had a busy half-term. We have worked well in all lessons on number, reading and writing skills. We also had our Endeavour Employment week, where we had the nurse come and show us how she can help us. We then explored dressing up using lots of different clothes to see what we could be when we grow up.

In the last week, we received some eggs and then watched them hatch into little chicks. We then were able to visit the chicks and have a little stroke of them. They were so softy and fluffy.

Well done Red Class!

See you in the Summer Term.



Role-playing different jobs.



Having some time looking at the newly hatched chicks.



Enjoying drumming in our Music lessons.



Role-playing different jobs.



Finding out how the nurse can help us.

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Orange Class News

Wow! What an amazing half term we have had in Orange class.

Our topic this half term is 'do you believe in magic?'. We have been exploring the story 'Cinderella', and through this we have engaged with lots of creative and magical activities. We have created magic wands, dressed up, role played the circus and worked hard in English to sequence our story.

In maths, we have been focusing on making groups of objects. We have looked at one and lots, and began to add and take away objects from a collection. To support this we have used nursery rhymes and worked together in our attention for autism sessions.

We are all so proud of the progress Orange Class are making, their interactions with both staff and their peers, and how hard they are working to complete their targets.

Have an amazing half term, and we look forward to welcoming back the children to Summer 1, with our topic being 'teddy bear's picnic'.




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Green Class News

This half term we have enjoyed the play tunnel from Clare, some of us lie in it to read! We also had our school nurse in Pam to talk to use about how she helps others. We had role play after this where we became a lollipop man (Remembering our Green Cross Code from previous learning), nursers and doctors and a firefighter.

We had a welcome addition of chicks. Some children held them, some even saw them hatch - a very special moment. On this page I have added chicks. **Can green class count how many and let me know?** Happy counting, count carefully. 

We have been learning about Chinese New Year and how the Jade Emperor started the race across the river with the animals. **Dojo points if the children can remember who was first and last?** In maths, we looked at greater than and less than and how, when using the symbols, the largest number goes by the open end. We made flapjack together measuring the ingredients correctly using scales, which the class then did independently! Great skills.

Have a lovely Easter break and don't eat too much chocolate!



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Yellow Class News

Hello everyone!

We have had an amazing and very busy term!

The children have met some new arrivals this week with our beautiful baby chickens, all the children in Yellow Class have done so well with meeting them and some have held them!

In maths this term we have been looking at making sets of 5, shapes around us and time. The children have been very busy engaging in lots of different activities and have done really well!

In English, we have been looking at the book 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann and 'We Are Going On a Leaf Hunt'. The children have really enjoyed going on their own leaf hunts outside and have learnt about different describing words.

We have also had lots of sensory play this term especially learning about ice and exploring different frozen objects and foods. The children all did amazingly with these activities and had lots of wonderful experiences.

Well done Yellow Class and thank you for making this term so brilliant!



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Purple Class News

Well March went past so quickly! I cannot believe it is the end of Spring Term already!

We have been so busy, we have been learning grid references, directional language and orienteering skills in Geography. We have explored and made the most of the outside space at school whilst doing this! We have worked really hard in English, designing new characters and writing a new chapter for our 'How to Train your Dragon' text. We have been making patterns with 2D and 3D shapes in maths, whilst some of us learn about the mean, mode, median and range.

The past couple of weeks have been very exciting with our Living Egg's delivery to school, we have loved watching the chicks hatch and grow! We also enjoyed a visit from our local PCSO's, learning about rules and the law as well as what it is like to be in the police. Finally, we have all had a lovely time on our work experience in the office and with Neil, well done everyone! We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and are looking forward to summer term!



Cherry Trees Communicating



Mother's Day Event

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Mother's Day event. It was lovely to see so many of you there celebrating together.

We're delighted to share that we raised £195 for school funds!

We hope you all enjoyed the special treat your child picked out just for you.



Living Eggs

The children have loved having the Living Eggs in school, learning about life cycles and showing so much care and kindness towards the new-born chicks.



Endeavour to Employment Week

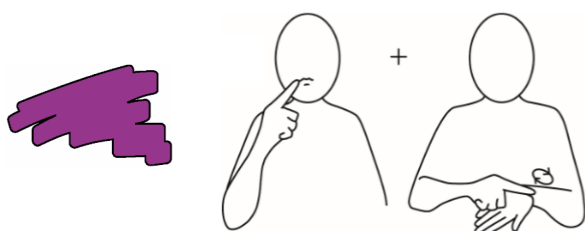
The children had a fantastic time during our Endeavour to Employment Week, enjoying working in the office and with the site manager, role-playing different jobs, and learning what these roles involve from visits by the police and a nurse.



Cherry Trees Sharing



Sign of the Month



Purple

Brush your lip: Take the index finger of your dominant hand and move it horizontally across your bottom lip.

Circle the wrist: Immediately after, use your dominant hand to make a small circular motion on the wrist or the back of your non-dominant hand.

Whole Class Monthly Attendance

| Group | % Attend |
|--------------|----------|
| Blue Class | 91.9% |
| Red Class | 90.3% |
| Orange Class | 95.0% |
| Green Class | 88.5% |
| Yellow Class | 95.5% |
| Purple Class | 86.0% |



Congratulations to:

Yellow Class

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



Cherry Trees Safeguarding



Half term can be challenging as routines have changed and it can be tricky to think of different ideas to keep our children busy and occupied. Below is a list of different ideas of places you could visit over the holidays.

Half Term Activity ideas:

- Structured holiday clubs (routine-based support)
- Free 'Yo! Wolves' activities across the city
- Creative arts, sports and social opportunities



Calm & Sensory Activity ideas:

- Local farms and outdoor spaces
- Animal interaction and open environments
- Great for emotional regulation and calm play



Indoor Play Options:

- Role-play Centre's and soft play
- Visit during quieter times
- Ask about SEND-friendly sessions



Nature & Outdoor Learning:

- Forest school and outdoor adventure
- Supports wellbeing and confidence
- Encourages exploration and social skills



Top Tips for Families:

- Visit at off-peak times
- Use visual timetables or social stories
- Bring comfort items and ear defenders
- Prepare children with photos of new places



Online Safety:

- Use parental controls
- Teach: STOP – CLOSE – TELL
- Encourage children to speak to a trusted adult

