

# Cherry Trees School News



## Diary Dates

**Monday 4th**  
**May: May Day**

**Tuesday 5th -**  
**Wednesday 6th**  
**May: Year 6**  
**Residential**  
**(Laches Wood)**

**Monday 11th -**  
**Tuesday 12th**  
**May: Year 6**  
**Residential**  
**(Pioneer**  
**Centre)**

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

**Friday 26th**  
**June: Sports**  
**Day**

**Thursday 9th**  
**July: Leaver's**  
**Assembly and**  
**Disco**

**Friday 10th**  
**July: Summer**  
**Fete**

Thursday 30th April: Issue 8

## Headteacher's message: Alison Garrett



The last few weeks have flown by, and it has been a real pleasure to see how much has been happening across the school. As always, I have thoroughly enjoyed reading this month's newsletter, seeing the photographs and celebrating the wonderful progress our children continue to make each and every day.

It is great to see such a strong emphasis on developing independence skills and communication. These are so important for our pupils, and it is lovely to see their confidence growing as they practise these skills throughout the school day.

The summer term is always a busy and exciting time. I have now added key dates, including Sports Day and other events to the calendar to give families plenty of notice and time to plan ahead. I hope these are events you will be able to join us for and enjoy with your children.

I will be sending out information about transition and next year's classes after May Half term. During the last half term we will also send pupils yearly report home. It's going to be a busy time ahead!

Thank you, as always, to our staff, pupils and families for your continued support. I am very much looking forward to all that the rest of the term will bring.

Warm regards,

Alison Garrett

# Cherry Trees Learning



## Blue Class News

Blue Class have had a lovely two weeks back in class since our Easter holidays!

Everyone has enjoyed the start of our topic 'One Man and his Dog' where we are learning about the many different animals people keep as pets. We have looked at a range of pet pictures, including some unusual ones, some belonging to staff and some belonging to children. We have also been learning about how we take care of our pets and the things they need.

We have really enjoyed all our activities based upon the story 'Dog's Colourful Day'. We have had some super exploration of colour, pattern and texture in our Maths and Art lessons. This week we have started our new topic story 'Lulu Gets a Cat'. The children have enjoyed the story and have done some lovely reading and matching activities already themed around caring for a cat.

Later on in our topic we will be learning about more unusual pets and animals. Our topic stories are 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and 'Dear Zoo'. We have lots of lovely activities planned for the children to follow up these stories. We are also hoping to enjoy more of these sunny days and more activities outdoors!

Well done to everyone for a super start to the Summer term!



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## Red Class News

Welcome to the Summer term! The children have returned after the Easter holidays ready to learn and have got straight back into their routines well.

In Maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction. So far in English, we have looked at the stories 'Ketchup On Your Cornflakes', 'The Giant Jam Sandwich' and 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes'. The children have been exploring May Day and May Poles in Art. We have also managed to enjoy some of the lovely sunshine we have been lucky to have.

Well done Red Class! A super start to the Summer term.



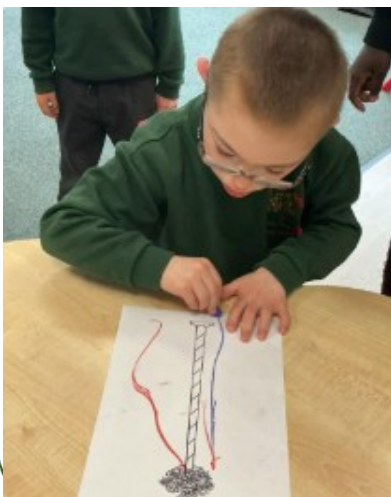
Buttering and cutting our toast snack.



Building CVC words in English.



Cutting and sticking habitat pictures in Science.



Chalk pastel May poles in Art.



Minibeast hunting on the field.



Adding one more cake for the bear.

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## Orange Class News

Orange Class are progressing well into our Summer Term !! We have begun our topic, 'Teddy Bear's Picnic', and are exploring all things teddy bears. We are very pleased with how the children are interacting in our English role play sessions, getting involved in all stations that relate to our story. We have been using role play to stretch our attention and understanding of the story through practical activities. Through this, we have seen an increase in sharing, turn taking and building anticipation in all areas of learning.

In Maths, we are solidifying our number skills, beginning to recognise, order and complete 1 to 1 correspondence independently. We are very proud of how Orange Class are working hard and persevering with the activities, and we can already see a reduction in adult support.

In PHSE, we are focusing on building our independence and self help skills. This week we have looked at private and public personal care activities, and had a go at brushing our own teeth, hair and washing our hands properly. Well done Orange Class for all your hard work!



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## Green Class News

Since returning after Easter we have been busy!

We have celebrated Earth Day and made some amazing Earth door hangers. We also made a pledge to say what we could do better to help the Earth. We made flapjack! It very nearly didn't make it home, but they loved it. So much so that we had all the ingredients they made them independently just asking for an adult to melt it. Very proud.

We have also started soft ball cricket, and I have to say, we were amazing at it and our eye-hand co-ordination is brilliant. During our English we have started looking at the stories by Beatrix Potter. We have read 'The Tale of Two Bad Mice', 'The Tale of Tom Kitten', and 'The Tale of Jeremy Fisher'. We've been comparing them and talking about the things from the stories that we liked. In Maths we have been exploring numbers; using Numicon, dice, dominoes and even marshmallows for addition. We have started on gathering data with bar charts and tally charts. Make way for the smarties!

We managed to get nearly all of the children to make a fishy foot to help us count in 5s. Some do have ticklish feet!

We can't wait for the next few weeks!



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## Yellow Class News

It is great to have joined Yellow Class this term and we are looking forward to being with Yellow Class until the end of the academic year.

This half term our topic is Pirates. We have been looking at the story 'Goodnight Pirate' in English, and have had lots of fun dressing up and doing lots of sensory seaside and pirate activities. Everyone has loved dressing up as pirates and exploring the water and sand activities. In Art we have made pictures of ourselves into pirates and created parrots using hand prints and collage. We have a lot more art and sensory activities to come over the following few weeks.

We can't wait to see what the next few weeks bring!

The Yellow Class Team



# Cherry Trees Learning



## Purple Class News

Welcome back to school and to Summer Term everyone! We have settled back into our routine really well and have got stuck into our first topic of the term, Crime and Punishment. We have been learning about types of crimes and what the punishments for those were in different time periods and sharing our thoughts on these. We have also been creating criminal characters in Art, using our historical knowledge. In English, we have been exploring features of a fiction text and reading some of our new story, 'Harry's Mad'. In Maths, we have been recognising and continuing repeating patterns, and interpreting data on different types of charts and graphs. We are enjoying our cricket sessions with Coach Prakesh and look forward to learning more cricket skills as the term goes on.



# Cherry Trees Communicating



## Easter Event

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 £85 for the school funds!



## Residential

We are really looking forward to our two Year 6 residential trips! The first will take place on the 5th–6th May at Laches Wood, followed by our second visit on the 11th–12th May at the Pioneer Centre. These trips are a fantastic opportunity for the children to build confidence, develop independence, and create lasting memories with their friends.



## Soft Ball Cricket

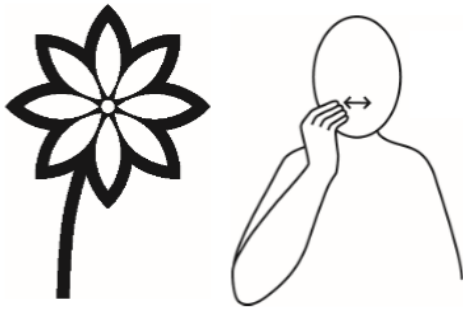
Now the weather is getting nicer, Purple and Green Class are thoroughly enjoying learning how to play softball cricket out in the sunshine. They have been developing their skills, working as a team, and making the most of the warm, bright days.



# Cherry Trees Sharing



## Sign of the Month



### Flower

Hold your dominant hand with fingers together, resting on top of your thumb. Move your hand under your nose from one side to the other, as if smelling a flower.

## Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	94.7%
Red Class	97.7%
Orange Class	83.3%
Green Class	89.8%
Yellow Class	95.8%
Purple Class	82.1%



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 –Senior Safeguarding & Behaviour Lead & Trust DSL**

**Alison Garrett- Head Teacher/DDSL**

**Kerry Dickenson -Deputy Head Teacher/ DDSL**

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.

**Family Support**—A family support worker helps families manage challenges by offering practical advice, emotional support and guidance on parenting. They connect families with services, improve relationships and promote stability & independence.

**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.

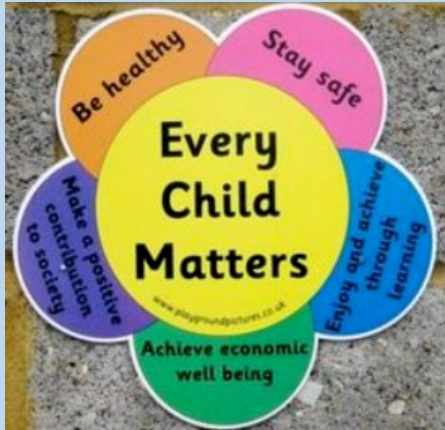
**Sleep practitioner** – It is becoming increasingly recognised that parent carers need support with their children's sleep. There are currently a number of courses that train sleep practitioners in England. The Children's Sleep Charity has a list of sleep practitioners available across the country who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

[Info@thesleepcharity.org.uk](mailto:Info@thesleepcharity.org.uk)

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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@thesleepcharity.org.uk](mailto:info@thesleepcharity.org.uk) or call 03303 530541
- 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.

