

Cherry Trees School News



Diary Dates

**Monday 1st
November -**

INSET Day

**Wednesday
3rd November**

Spanish day

**Friday 5th
November -**

**Festival of
Lights**

**Thursday 11th
November -**

**Remembrance
Day**

**Monday 15th
November -**

**Anti Bullying
Week**

**Monday 22nd
November -**

**Enterprise
Week**

Friday 22nd October 2021: Issue 2

Headteacher's message: Laura Slinn

Welcome to our October newsletter, it has been a really busy period, which is fantastic. Hopefully you will enjoy taking a look through at all of the fun things that have been going on.

Thank you for your support and donations for the harvest festival, a really important festival for the children to know about and celebrate. This week the school council have taken our donations over to the food bank and it was very gratefully received.

Thank you also for attending our parents evening it was lovely to see so many of you, we have received some great feedback and are happy with the progress the children are making.

This holiday we are looking forward to the completion of our new interactive sensory playground. Which is sited in front of our swimming pool. The area will include soft flooring, a canopy, a water table, log train set, a large mud kitchen, a water flow wall panel, a sand pit, activity panels and a planter. The staff and children are really looking forward to using the equipment and we will make sure that everyone has plenty of time to play on there in the coming weeks.

Following our parents survey, you will be pleased to hear that we have started the recruitment process to staff a morning club to run before school (we will be looking at running after school clubs too - so watch this space). I will keep you posted as to the start date of these activities and the process around booking slots.

Just a reminder that we have updated the website and the address for this is now: www.cherrytreesschool.co.uk

Many Thanks

Laura Slinn Executive Headteacher

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Blue Class News

We have had a very busy month on our learning journey in Blue Class.

We have now settled into the daily class routine and beginning to build on our social and communication skills, with adults and peers.

During this month, we have continued to make the most of the autumn sunshine by working in our outdoor area for lots of activities. We were really excited last week when our playhouse arrived back in the play area and we could extend our role-play activities using the play house.

We have great fun spending weekly sessions in our Forest School area. We have made potions and wands with natural materials, made faces with clay and to end the half term made engaged with pumpkin carving, we hope that you enjoyed what we made.

All of the staff in Blue Class are so proud how well everybody has settled into Blue Class and proud off the achievements that the children have made over the past half tem, and we look forward to their continuing progress next half term.

Have a lovely half term.



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Red Class News

Hello from Red Class.

This half-term, the children in Red Class have been impressing us with their work.

We have done some fabulous number work in Maths and have been looking at rhyming in English using the books 'Oi Frog' and 'Oi Dog'.

The children have loved their swimming sessions with Dawn and are already so confident in the water.

We have been focusing on our senses in our Science lessons. The children tasted a range of different fruits and told us what they were like. We then used the fruits to make a yummy fruit salad.

We are looking forward to our next half-term and all the exciting activities ahead.



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Orange Class News

We have been very busy this month in Orange Class.

In maths, we have been experiencing different shapes. We have been exploring the different textures and matching shapes.

In topic we have been looking at photographs of when we were babies and how much we have grown!

Our focus book this term is 'It Wasn't Me' and we are all doing really well with the repetitive words.

We are enjoying climbing and balancing in P.E and lots of sensory circuits!



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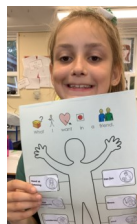
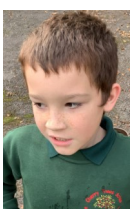
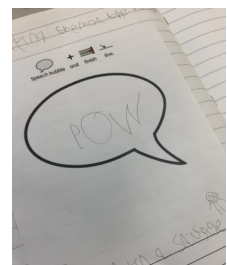


Green Class News

WOW!

What another fun packed month...We've started our class story: The Christmasaurus and the naughty list by Tom Fletcher. (I do apologise but with 41 chapters I need 41 days to finish it). We had an amazing parent's evening where you all got to see our wonderful classroom. We have been talking about friendships, what we would like in a friend, conflicts and resolutions, enjoying outdoor learning and some of us have enjoyed football on a Monday afternoon.

We have written our own stories using the original stories to help us: We used Handa's surprise and Little Rabbit Foo Foo. In maths we have been measuring, fractions, learning our times tables and enjoying different activities during 20 20; dough disco, write dance, Table troopers and addition using the dice.



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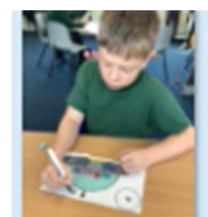
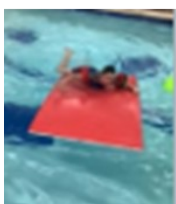
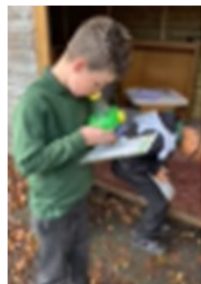
Yellow Class News

Yellow Class have had a great month! They have worked so hard, had fun, built friendships, and produced some amazing pieces of work! We have set up TEACH stations with a use of work, me and group time. This has allowed the children to build relationships and to develop independence. The children have all adapted well to this change and the majority have been completing a range of 1 to 3 activities independently! Well Done Yellow Class!

In English, we have been continued to explore mark making in different textures and materials – the children were not so keen on mushy peas! We have also been developing our communication skills using PECS and using talking tins. Yellow class have set up a snack bar to promote communication – children are encouraged to come to the counter when they get to school if they would like breakfast (cereal, biscuit, or fruit) and communicate their wants through their individual routes. We also use the snack bar throughout the day for children to communicate their needs for a drink or toilet, snack time and lunch time. This has worked well in class and children are now using it without being reminded to use the bar.

In Maths, we have continued our learning around number and shape space and measure. Children have been learning the song 5 flying men in a flying saucer. We have used the attention for autism bucket phase 1 to support this learning (we like to get messy). Here is a link to something similar; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvtDoYFUQsw> .

During our afternoon sessions we have continued our topic of Witches and Wizards by getting creative making lots of different pictures. We have also been exploring textures and materials for Autumn and Halloween.



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Purple Class News

The highlight of this month was undoubtedly our trip to Cannock Chase Museum. Here is a sample of the fun we had.



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Parent Satisfaction Survey – Cherry Trees School

During the 6th week of Autumn Term 2021 we canvassed the parents and carers at Cherry Trees School for their thoughts and feelings about how the school is operating for their family. We offered all 56 parents an opportunity to complete and return the questionnaire and we received 13 responses – the outline below shares the information from these responses.

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
My child is happy at school	84%	15%			
My child feels safe at school	77%	23%			
My child is making good progress at this school	54%	46%			
My child is well looked after at this school	62%	38%			
My child is well taught at this school	77%	23%			
My child receives appropriate homework for their age and ability	23%	38%			15%
The school makes sure the pupils are well behaved at school	62%	31%			
The school deals effectively with bullying	54%	15%			31%
The school is well led and managed	69%	31%			
The school responds well to any concerns I raise	69%	31%			
I receive valuable information about my child's progress including about their IEP	77%	15%			7%

Actions for school to consider moving forward:

- To investigate the possibility of implementing extracurricular clubs – to enable a richer and broader experience for all children.
- To investigate what we have learned from remote learning and use this information to inform our homework approaches making sure all that is offered is appropriate.
- To share more information with all stakeholders about how we manage bullying at school.

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Parent Satisfaction Survey – Cherry Trees School (continued)

More responses from our parents and carers :

Questions	Parental responses
Would you recommend this school to other parents and why	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, happy, safe, nurturing environment. • Yes. • Yes, C struggled at her last school with work, friends etc she has been coming to Cherry Tree for the last 4 years and has improved, made friends and really enjoys school. • Yes, our child loves coming to school and has made great improvements in her learning and social skills. • Yes. • All teachers is hard working regarding student's needs. • 100%. • Yes – so friendly and a real community of love and care, children allowed to be individuals. • Yes, I would recommend the school to other parents because they involve the parents and inform them about my sons education. • Yes, I would as it really has changed our lives for the better. My child's needs are catered for with lots of flexibility and understanding. Small and caring setting always happy to help. • Yes, it is well managed and makes special needs parents feel at ease. • The support is amazing, its like a big family who also educates my son.
Are there any improvements to school that you would like to see	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of clubs such as dance, sports, and crafts. • NA • Bigger site (more space in the hall etc), but not more pupils – keep it small • Maybe after school club. • Maybe a few after school activities. • Can't think of any. • Extra clubs.

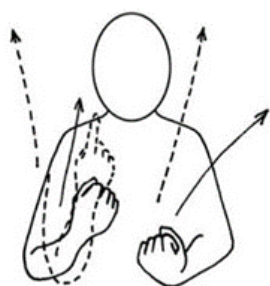
We are really pleased with the positive responses from parents and will continue to work together to meet the needs of all of our learners. A huge thank you for taking the time to respond.

Laura

Cherry Trees Sharing



Sign of the Month



Fireworks

Our sign of the week is Fireworks – Clench hand with knuckles out and flick alternate fingers in the air slowly rising up – whilst you say fireworks. You can see how to do the sign here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aORzKEtuOb8>

Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	93.7
Red Class	97.9
Orange Class	93.7
Green Class	92.6
Yellow Class	91.5
Purple Class	85.5



Congratulations to:

Red Class

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



Cherry Trees Safeguarding



Please be mindful about letting your child access Squid Game as it has a rating of 15. Some of the older children at school have been wanting to act out some of the programme through their play and we need your help to stop this.

Safeguarding information – Squid Game

Due to the popularity of Netflix's most recent viral show, Squid Game, we have decided to release a Safeguarding Update that highlights the main risks and concerns that safeguarding experts found when researching the show.

What is Squid Game?

Squid Game is a South Korean television series streaming on Netflix. The plot centres on a group of adult debtors, thieves, and gamblers competing against each other in a series of childhood games for a grand cash prize. However, there is a dark twist to these seemingly innocent games – losing competitors are violently killed off in ways that grow more twisted as the games grow more intense.

Since its release in September 2021, Squid Game has become number one across 90 different countries in Netflix's ranking of most watched TV shows. It has been number one in the UK for thirteen consecutive days since its release.

Harmful Content in the Show

Currently, Squid Game has a rating of 15+ as the visual content includes high levels of gore, death, violence, and physical assault. It also has graphic depictions of suicide, murder, and sexual assault.

Children and young people are likely to know about the show via word of mouth and because it is so popular on social media. They may be unaware of the extent of gore, death, and violence the show contains. It also focuses on adult themes that are not appropriate for younger sensibilities. For young people who live with mental health issues, they may be triggered by some of the content.

The aesthetic of Squid Game, especially in promotional images and material, appears innocent and childlike. This is to provide a clash with the excessively violent content that is meant to be jarring and unsettling to viewers.

Parents and carers should be aware that video content from this show is found on TikTok, which could also increase their interest in watching the show.

Remember: even if you restrict the young person in your care from watching Squid Game, they may be able to access content on other social media platforms.

Please take a look over this holiday period to ensure they are not accessing this damaging material.

Thanks Laura

Cherry Trees School Council



Thank you for all of your support with our Harvest Festival collection. We have received lots of items which will make such a difference to families who are struggling to provide enough food during these uncertain times.

Members of the school council have been to donate the collection to the Black Country Food Bank.

