

# Cherry Trees School News



## Diary Dates

**Friday 30th  
September  
2:00pm-3:00pm**

**Macmillan**

**Coffee After-  
noon**

**Thursday 6th  
October**

**National Poetry  
Day**

**Monday 10th  
October -**

**Harvest**

**Festival/Food  
Bank**

**Wednesday  
12th October -**

**Parents  
Evening**

**Half Term**

**Monday 24th  
October —  
Friday 28th  
October**

**Monday 31st  
October**

**Back to School**

## 29th September 2022: Issue 1

### Headteacher's message: David Murphy

Welcome back to another school year. It's fantastic to be back and the children have settled in well to school life. Hopefully you have received your letter for parents evening and are able to return your slip - if you haven't please do contact school and ask for another letter.

It has been so lovely to see afterschool clubs starting up and also children having the opportunity to go horse riding. We look forward to introducing more clubs and hosting drop-in coffee mornings for parents and carers. So please keep an eye out for more information to come.

We will be changing our MIS to Arbor in October which will be an exciting move forward for school, so please bare with us as we carry out this work.

Please enjoy our first monthly newsletter this year, you will see how busy we have been.



Laura Slinn is our Executive Head Teacher of Cherry Trees and Two Rivers Primary School. Laura is on site two and a half days per week, where she works on policy, procedure and practise.



David Murphy is our Head of School. He is on site five days a week. David is your first point of contact and is responsible for the day to day running of the school.

# Cherry Trees Learning



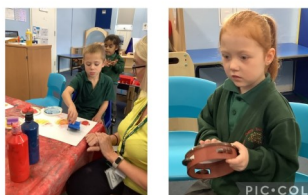
## Blue Class News

Blue Class staff have been extremely proud of how well our children have settled into school and our class routines. They have all done amazingly well and we have had a super start to our school year.

Our primary aim so far this term has been to ensure our children are well settled, have become used to our day in school and how we work together to learn in our classroom. We began our timetabled curriculum which has included music, swimming, PE and lots of other exciting and creative activities.

Our first topic is called "Me and My World". We have explored lots of blue creative media as we are Blue Class. Everyone enjoyed making blue handprints and mark making in blue sand and paint. We have been working on recognising our photos and our names. We have thought about being part of a family through our topic story "Five Minutes Peace". We have also been learning number rhymes, counting together, sorting and matching colours and objects in our maths time.

It has been a lovely and busy couple of weeks welcoming back some of our children from last term and getting to know our new children. Well done everyone!



# Cherry Trees Learning



## Red Class News

The children have settled into class well since coming back from the summer holidays. The children have already amazed us with how well they have come back into school following the break and settled into the routine of Red Class.

The children have really enjoyed getting to explore the different areas of the school again; including soft play, swimming, and the park.

As part of our new school year, we have already begun some fabulous learning through our lessons and new topic 'All About Me'.

We have also been lucky enough to have started our horse riding sessions. We were wowed by how well the children have taken to this new and exciting hobby and in the few sessions we have experienced, the children's confidence has grown massively.

Well done Red Class for such a wonderful start to the new school year, keep up the fabulous work!





# Cherry Trees Learning



## Orange Class News

Orange Class have settled well back into the school routine all happy and ready to learn!

Our topic this term is Africa and we have been reading the book Handas Surprise. We have been exploring the different fruits from the story,

We had our first outing in the minibus which all of the children enjoyed. We drove around looking at animals in the fields and the trees in the countryside.

Our Maths focus is 5 Little Speckled Frogs and we have engaged in a lot of exciting activities.

In English we are continuing with Write Dance and have been looking at the book A Wet Walk.

We are so proud of Orange Class and all of their hard work this month!

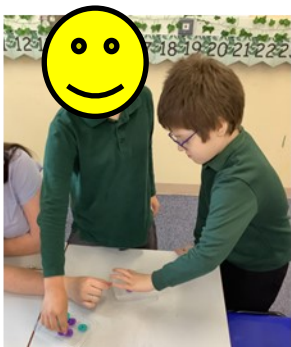


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## Green Class News

Green Class have had a wonderful first month back full of learning new expectations, routines and learning strategies. From the first day back all the children have settled so well, and I am extremely proud of them. They have adapted to a new routine which involves lots of learning including the use of colourful semantics, which has been a HIT! We are seeing children begging to understand how it works and almost using it independently to form their sentences. The new green class consist of children they have not necessarily met or socialised with before but already we are seeing some amazing relationships being built. I am really proud of how far they have come in just a few weeks. It is only going to get better from here.





# Cherry Trees Learning



## Yellow Class News

This first month has been a busy one in Yellow class! We are without a doubt super proud of the children. The children have settled in well to school life, they have adapted well to new adults in the classroom, they have developed a routine within the classroom and they have all been motivated and willing to have a go at activities.

Our English skills are split into three parts; reading, writing and communication. During our writing sessions we have been developing our gross and fine motor skills by taking part in lots of early mark making activities. Our reading sessions have been taking place in the library. We have been learning to read with adult support, share a book with an adult and with a peer. Our communication skills have been developing throughout the whole day with adults modelling language to the children for example "I want drink" using PECS or "can you help?" when needing help with an activity or a coat.

In Maths we split our learning into three parts; number, shape space and measure and applying. We have been learning to recognise numbers 1-5, we have been sorting objects by colour and size, we have also been looking at a selection of 2D and 3D shapes. During these sessions we have used numicon to support number, sensory trays with shapes hidden in them and we made shape prints using paint and 3D shapes.

Our topic this half term is Journeys, we have been different vehicles and the story The Train Ride, The children have enjoyed exploring and playing alongside each other in small world tuff trays.



# Cherry Trees Learning



## Purple Class News

**WOW!!** What an amazing start to the term.

The children have started back in Purple class so, so well. We have all settled together and those wonderful friendships are starting to be built already. We have certainly started as we mean to go on...We've been learning a new Makaton sign together as a class and as whole school so we are all able to help and communicate with others. We have begun our class story *George's Marvellous Medicine* and learning about Roald Dahl. The lion and the mouse, The lamb and The wolf and Town Mouse and Country Mouse have been the first three fables we have looked at for English. In our maths we have shown an amazing understanding of place value, making, comparing and ordering numbers including decimals for some of us. We also looked at the NSPCC PANTOSUARUS video completed some work around PANTS. We have enjoyed our outdoor learning and have acquired several frogs and a caterpillar that is currently turning into his pupa/chrysalis! Lewi and Poppy both ran our very first tuck shop which was a huge success.

I am very proud of each and every one of them!





# Cherry Trees Communicating



## Horse Riding



Red Class have really enjoyed horse riding and are learning lots about how to care for and look after animals.



We look forward to seeing you at parents evening Wednesday the 12th of October.

Please make sure you fill in and return the appointment request slip so that we can arrange time slots.

**BLACK COUNTRY**  
**FOODBANK**  
LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST

On Monday the 10th of October the children will be celebrating Harvest Festival. We are asking for donations that we will be delivering to the Black Country Food Bank.

Any donations will be gratefully received.



# Cherry Trees Sharing



## Sign of the Month



Help

Simply make a fist with your thumb up and place it on the palm of your other hand. Remember, you must say help as you make the sign.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgWqlqmi5bU>  
You can see the video of the sign at this web address.

## Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	88.1%
Red Class	98.2%
Orange Class	96.4%
Green Class	83.6%
Yellow Class	82.6%
Purple Class	95.8%



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



At Cherry Trees School, we want the children to attend school and be happy. Our attendance policy shows that our approach is to support our families, So if you feel like you need some support there are two things that can happen:

- 1: You can contact school for some support from the teachers and leaders there.
- 2: You can ask for help from our education welfare officer—Michelle Smith.

The government has reviewed its guidance around attendance and we will be sharing this information on the website over the coming weeks.



We welcome **Michelle Smith**; our new Education Welfare Officer.

Michelle will be working closely with school and families to support with attendance.



**VIP Education**  
Visionary Individual Pathways

VIP Education is an Independent Education Welfare Support Service that is now working with your school to support Attendance, Punctuality and Welfare needs.

Their staff have a wealth of experience supporting pupils and families. Regular visits and communication will take place at your child's school to monitor every child's school attendance.

If you feel you require support, you can ask your school to contact us.

**The government guidance makes it clear that:**

Improving regular attendance at school is a key priority, both locally and nationally. Attendance is an important part of your child's education; they cannot learn if not in school.

Everyday Counts!



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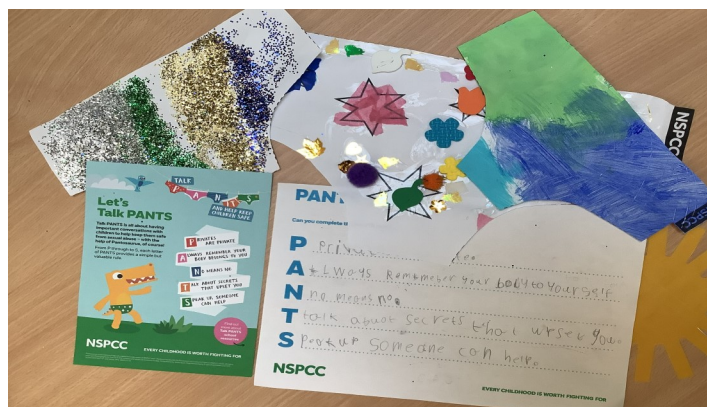


## NSPCC Underwear Rule!

The children have been learning the NSPCC Underwear Rule. They have learnt that PANTS stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

There has been lots of creative teaching to promote this important topic, children have watched video's, created written work, 's ang songs, and created some beautiful art work, that we will be displaying around our school.



## Services & Support:



**Staffordshire  
Together for Carers  
Service**

### Coffee & Chats

For more information please call 0300 303 0621

**Cheadle Fire Station, Ashbourne Road, Cheadle, ST10 1HF.**  
Tuesday 4th October - 10.00am-12.00pm

**Cup a Cha, 4 - 5, North Walls, Stafford, ST16 3AD.**  
Tuesday 4th October - 10.00am- 12.00pm

**Daisy Haye Retirement Village, Ball Haye Road, Leek ST13 6BW.**  
Wednesday 12th October - 10.00am- 12.00pm

**Lichfield Fire Station, Birmingham Road, Lichfield, Ws13 6HU**  
Wednesday 12th October- 10.00am-12.00pm

**HOT Community Café, Sacred Heart Church, Silver Link Road,  
Tamworth, B77 2EA. Wednesday 12th October**  
10.30am-12.30pm

**The Vintage Tea Emporium, 8 Market Place, Uttoxeter. ST14 8HP.**  
Tuesday 18th October -10.00am-12.00pm

**Bella's Cafe, 75 Market St, Hednesford, Cannock WS12 1AD**  
Wednesday 26th October - 10.30am-12.30pm

**Bradwell Community Education Centre, Riceyman Road,  
Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 8LF**  
Thursday 27th October- 10.00am-12.00pm

**Room 2, Burton Library, High Street, Burton-on-Trent, DE14 1AH**  
Friday 28th October - 10.30am-12.30pm



**Staffordshire  
Together for Carers  
Service**

### Weekly Zoom Sessions

To obtain links please call 0300 303 0621

**Quiz Every Tuesday - 11.00am - 12.30pm**

**Evening Coffee and Chat Every Tuesday**  
7.00pm - 8.00pm

**Distance Reiki Every Wednesday**  
2.00pm to 3.00pm

**Seasonal Flow Yoga Every Wednesday**  
6.15pm - 7.30pm

**General Knowledge Quiz Every Wednesday - 7.30pm**

**Yoga Nidra Every Thursday**  
7.00pm - 8.00pm

### Monthly Zoom Sessions

**Carers Mental Health Support Group**  
Wednesday 26th October-11.00am - 12.00pm

**Staffordshire Parent Carers Group**  
Every 3rd Thursday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.00pm



**Staffordshire  
Together for Carers  
Service**

### Carers Mental Health Support Group

A monthly online session to meet other carers who are caring for someone struggling with their mental health and access further information, advice and guidance led by one of our Carers Information and Support Officers.

Wednesday 26th October 2022 11.00am to 12.00pm

If you are interested in joining this group and are not already registered with Staffordshire Together for Carers please contact us on 0300 303 0621. Carers already registered will receive the link to join in our next newsletter



**Staffordshire  
Together for Carers  
Service**

### Parent Carer Support Group

Join other parent carers in this monthly online session to access peer support and information, advice and guidance led by one of our Carers Information and Support Officers.

Thursday 20th October - 7.00pm to 8.00pm

If you are interested in joining this group and are not already registered with Staffordshire Together for Carers please contact us on 0300 303 0621. Carers already registered will receive the link to join in our next newsletter



**Keep updated with more services & support over the coming weeks on dojo & via email!**

## The votes are in...



The classes have had a very hard task, to carry out the vote for our School Council has been voted for and they have already met and begun implementing their ideas around school.

They will meet weekly and discuss the things that matter to our children and feedback on how we can make school better for every child.

Their first idea was the Tuck Shop, which was warmly received by all last week. It was been a big success!

Look out for more news and events coming soon!

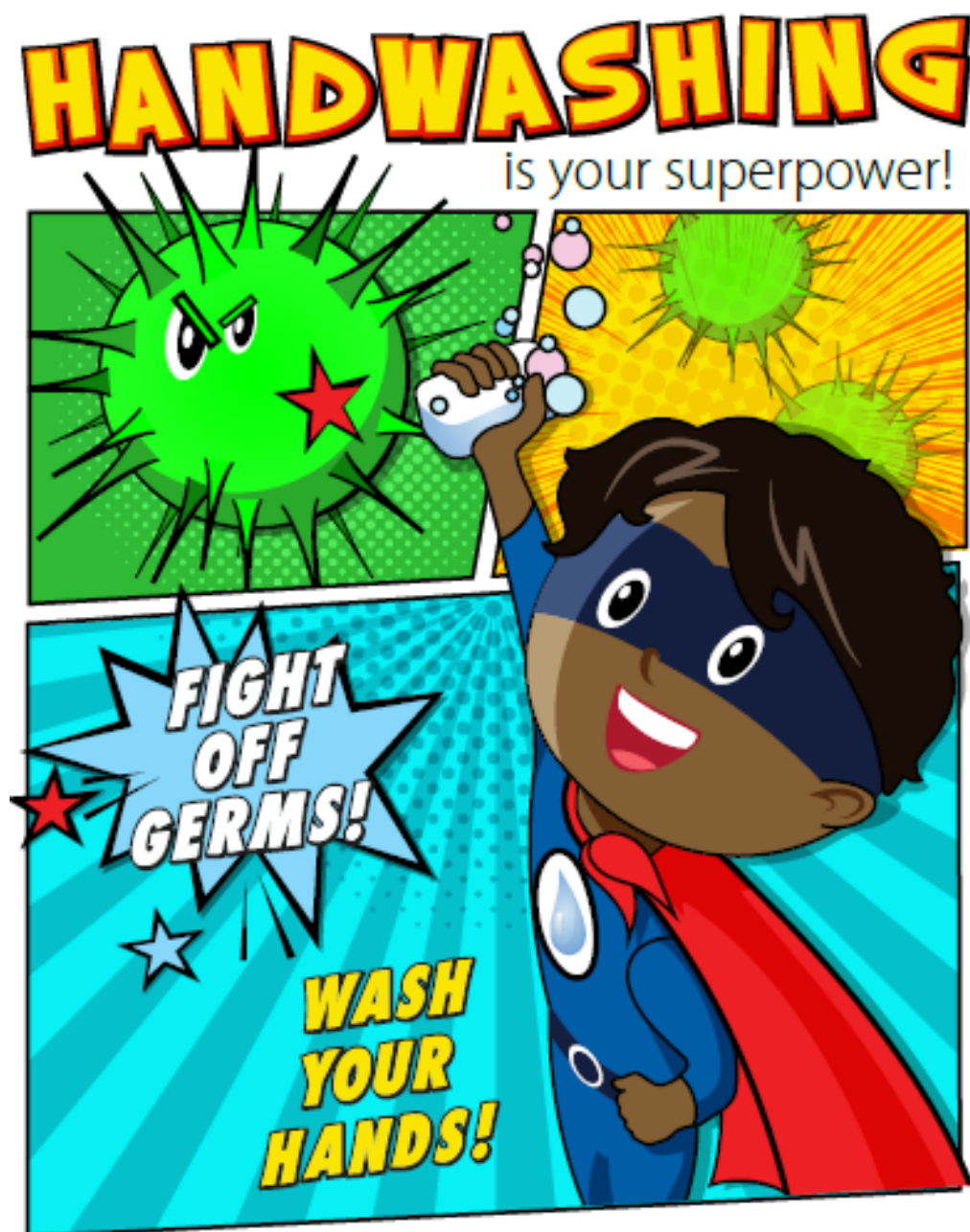


# Cherry Trees COVID Safe



Covid figures have begun to rise throughout school again over this week. Can I remind everyone to be a superhero hand washer and to practise this at home with your children. We will make sure we ventilate school well and continue to provide opportunities for everyone to wash their hands more regularly.

If your child tests positive for COVID they will need to be away from school for 3 days, only returning when they are well. All adults will need to have 5 days out of school before their return.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)