

Cherry Trees School News



Diary Dates

**Monday 30th
January -
Friday 3rd
February -
Endeavour to
be Active
Week**

**Wednesday 1st
February -
Sports 4
Schools**

**Friday 3rd
February -
Sponsored
Walk**

**Wednesday 8th
February -
Parents
Evening**

**Monday 20th -
Friday 24th
February - Half
Term**

**Friday 31st
March - Last
Day of Term**

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Headteacher's message: Alison Higgs



Hello and welcome to our first Newsletter of 2023!

We have had a brilliant start to the year which kicked off with Level 1 Makaton Training for all staff. Many of our staff are already fluent with Makaton and have years of experience of using it in schools and other specialist settings. It was good for us all to focus on communication as a team. A staff survey found that 100% of our staff feel that it has improved their confidence with signing and I am observing and monitoring the impact of this in the daily communication with our children. Please do look out for our signs of the week which are posted on Dojo every Monday by our Therapy Lead, Mrs Phillips, and practice with your children at home.

I am looking forward to welcoming lots of you at Parents Evening on Wednesday 8th February. If you haven't done so already, please can you return your forms to the office as soon as possible so we can best accommodate you.

This term we have also welcomed our Acting Assistant Headteacher -(Curriculum) Kerry Dickenson. Kerry has a strong SEND Curriculum background and will work closely with myself, our teachers and our Executive Headteacher, Laura Slinn, to ensure we continue to do our very best for the children of Cherry Trees School.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the Newsletter!



Ms Alison Higgs — Acting Headteacher

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Blue Class News

Blue Class have all settled back into school well after the Christmas holidays and have welcomed two new children into the class!

We have been working hard on our new topic "Let's Grow it!" which began with the story of "Jack and the Beanstalk." We have enjoyed lots of fun 'beanstalk' related activities including retelling the story with our sensory tuff tray, counting and adding leaves to beanstalk pictures and building our own very tall Duplo beanstalks!

Our topic has continued with the story "Titch". In Maths we have done lots of work comparing length and height. We have also been learning about seeds and parts of plants. We are watching our 'beans in bags' growing now in class. We have all made cress head pots too—we are watching our cress heads growing their hair this week!

We have also been working hard with our phonics and reading and we have enjoyed some lovely Music and PE lessons. It's been a lovely and busy start to 2023, well done Blue Class!



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Red Class News

Wow! What an absolutely amazing start to the Spring term. The children returned from the Christmas holidays and have settled straight back into their routines and learning. They have amazed us with their attitudes to work and we are all so proud of how well they are all working and trying hard in all areas of their learning.

This half-term, we have been working on a range of skills in Maths including place value to 20 and beyond, using tens frames, money and weight. The children have enjoyed learning through a range of practical activities.



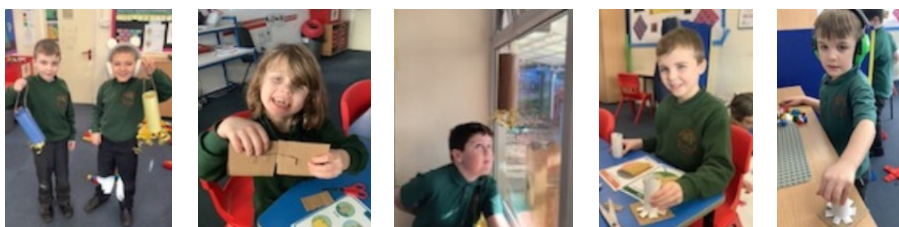
In English, we have been wowed by the children's reading and writing skills. They have read a range of books including 'Whatever Next', 'Toys in Space' and 'Here come the Aliens'. The children have written captions, sentences and labelled pictures in their lessons.



In our afternoon lessons, the children have worked so well in their Science and DT lessons.

In science, we have made wind socks and wind spinners and will be moving onto light sources including the sun and torches.

In DT, we have been designing a rocket. The children have followed a design brief and have been recording their work within their project booklet. They have so far enjoyed researching and designing a junk model rocket. They have experimented with ways to join materials in preparation for making our rockets next week.



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Orange Class News

Orange Class have all settled in well after the Christmas break and have all been engaging well with their activities.

In Maths, we are focussing on Goldilocks and the Three Bears and size ordering and counting.

We have made porridge for the 3 bears and used our maths skills to weigh and measure the ingredients.

In English, we have been focussing on our communication skills and used a range of equipment to request our favourite objects and our basic needs. We are all also trying really hard with our Makaton. We are all enjoying Write Dance and are learning new actions to our Pancake Song.

Our topic this term is Once Upon A Time. We have listened to the stories of 3 Little Pigs and Jack and The Beanstalk and taken part in lots of exciting sensory activities.

Super work Orange Class!!



Green Class News

What a start to 2023 we have had! Green class are thriving and striving. In 3 short weeks, we have already done so much, such as attending Aladdin at the pantomime, getting back to routines such as TEACCH, building friendships and attending weekly pottery workshops. Green Class have been thoroughly enjoying our topic this half term which is Meet the Artist. Each week we have dived into the history of one famous artist, gathered facts about their life and recreated their style or a piece of their art. They were all very keen to see 'The Scream' by Vincent Van-Gogh. As well as that, they have impressed me with their knowledge of habitats and living things in science, sharing previous knowledge. This also applies to Geography and their knowledge of France has blown me away, it's always amazing to hear them wanting to share what they know in input time and teach each other. The Pottery workshop has been such a fantastic opportunity and those who have attended so far have created some superb pottery. Green class have also been focusing on goals in PSHE and has set their own class goal to achieve 5000 dojos by the February half term to get a sandwich, doughnut, smooth and milkshake party. Come on Green Class, you can do it!



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Yellow Class News

WOW!

What an amazing start to spring term. We have been so busy over the last few weeks and we are all so proud of them!

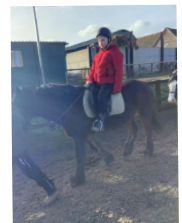
In Maths and English we have continued our personalised TEACCH approach to develop our skills in writing, reading, communication, number, shape and applying. The children have also been accessing Bug Club phonics four times a week and this is showing in their recall of sounds and their decoding knowledge.

During our afternoon sessions we have been very lucky to visit Sainsbury's weekly to collect our ingredients for their cookery sessions and they have all been having a go at paying for it at the till with adult supervision. We have also been engaging with our science curriculum and the children have been loving exploring water!

Again, we have been very fortunate to be the third class to go horse riding and the whole team are very proud of Yellow Class. On our first visit, we went to the stables and every child put on their helmet and got on a horse! We even trotted around the field. There were lots of happy tears from our staff!

Finally, we have started our WOW trip to Busy Buildings Sensory Room, the room is full of lights, sounds, buttons and calming music. The children are really enjoying this and we have been lucky enough to book two more sessions!

Amazing work Yellow Class, we are very proud of you all!



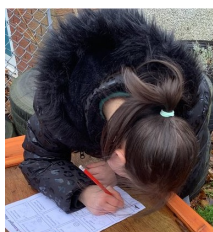
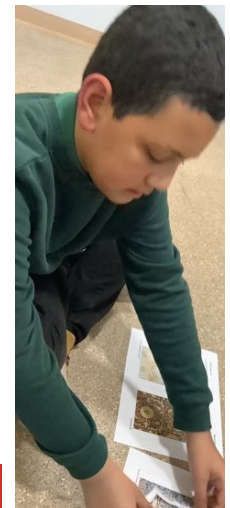
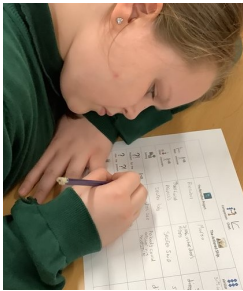
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Purple Class News

During the start of the Spring term we have already done so much! We started our new texts in English for comparisons: The Barnabus Project and The Antlered ship. We talked about how it's ok to be different and that we wouldn't all want to be the same. In maths, we have been focusing on 3D shapes and their properties, counting faces, edges and vertices. The children have all shown some amazing balancing skills and dismounting from the apparatus. We started our artist work on William Morris and framed parts of his wallpapers that we liked, talked about our preferences and reasons. We've played games involving; high frequency words, place value, prefixes and suffixes towers and maths number problems which have really got our brains working! I could go on and share even more of the wonderful stuff we have done but I run out of space...as always, so proud.

See you all on
parents
evening!
Gemma



Cherry Trees Communicating



Monday 30th January to
Friday 3rd February is
Endeavour to be Active
Week!

On Wednesday 1st

February we have Sport 4 Schools coming
into school to run fun
fitness workshops in
the hall for our pupils.



On Friday 3rd
February, the whole
school is taking part in a sponsored walk.
This year we are raising money for Cherry
Trees to provide an outdoor swing for our
pupils.

We have sent home Sponsorship Forms
and would be grateful if you could
collect as many sponsors as possible to
make this our most successful fundraising
event yet!

Parents Evening

Parents Evening for the Spring Term
will be held on Wednesday 8th
February 2023. This is an
opportunity for you to meet with
your child's class teacher and
discuss targets set this term. A letter
will have been sent home in your
child's bag with further details
about how to book your place.

Parents Evening

Parents and Carers Drop In Coffee Afternoon

We are inviting parents and carers to join us for regular catch-ups. This will be an opportunity to talk with other parents, voice any concerns you may have and share your views with staff.

We want all parents and carers to have a voice and this will be an opportunity to meet in a relaxed environment with coffee and biscuits.

These sessions will take place every Friday afternoon from 2:00pm in the Therapy room.



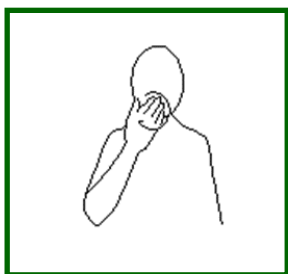
We look forward to seeing you!



Cherry Trees Sharing



Sign of the Month



School

Our sign of the week is school –Make a small circular movement in front of your mouth.

You can see how to do the sign here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbXAJz1-QCo>

Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	70.9%
Red Class	89.8%
Orange Class	95.7%
Green Class	95.0%
Yellow Class	95.1%
Purple Class	95.5%



Congratulations to:

Orange

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



Cherry Trees Safeguarding



Families come in all shapes and sizes. No matter how they are constructed, different services are committed to supporting families to realise their potential.

All families encounter difficult and challenging times and many will find ways to deal with their problems, getting the support they need from friends and relatives. There are times, however, when problems can seem too overwhelming to manage and support from school and outside agencies are needed.

Services will work to tackle some of the most complex and difficult issues facing families today – including financial hardship, mental health problems, social isolation, learning disabilities, domestic abuse, or substance misuse and alcohol problems.

Here are some of our parent voices who have had or who are receiving support:

"When I was first offered support from Cherry Trees School I felt like it was just going to be in school for my son, but their Designated Safeguarding Lead has been outstanding, nothing is ever too small and she has gone above and beyond with so many things. I always felt like I couldn't ask for help about any worries, concerns, or issues I had, but with the help of school this has been a lot less stressful."

"Being offered support at home was an option I thought would consist of been told how to look after my children and being told what I was doing wrong and the right way to do things. I was very sceptical about the whole process, I accepted it was something I felt I needed to do, but I was worried I'd be seen as a bad parent. How wrong was I, I have had more support from the team than I could ever ask for, they go above and beyond to help and support the whole family and no issue is too much.

There is no judgement and my children were very much involved in every decision that is made and I can't thank the team enough!"

"Nicola, the school and class team continue to offer me and my family support. They listen, they care and they will support to make sure the right support is in place for my children. However big or small they will help anyway they possibly can. I can call at any time and Nicola will come out and see us all too, she even makes time for my other children and our whole family is made to matter. I have been supported to speak with other professionals, as sometimes it's hard for me to get across what I want to say. There has never been any judgement, we can't thank Nicola and the school for always being there when we need it."

"I was really worried when my son started school as I had, had a negative experience with nursery. The school were welcoming from day one and have continued to offer support since. Class staff have worked with me to give me strategies that they use at school with my son, that I now use at home, these have made such a difference in such a short amount of time."

Please don't hesitate to call or pop into school if you need any support!

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