

Cherry Trees School News



Diary Dates

Half-Term:

Monday 20th

February -

Friday 24th

February

**(Return to
school Monday
27th February)**

School

Photographs:

Tuesday 14th

March

Covid

Vaccinations:

Wednesday

15th March

Incontinence

Coffee

Morning:

Wednesday

29th March

Last Day of

Term: Friday

31st March

Easter Break:

Monday 3rd

April - Friday

14th April

Summer Term

Begins:

Monday 17th

April

17th February 2023: Issue 6

Headteacher's message: Alison Higgs



Hello and welcome to our February Newsletter!

First of all I wanted to share with you how thrilled I am to have been appointed as the new Headteacher of Cherry Trees School. This is by far the proudest moment of my career and I feel excited about the new challenges ahead.

I would like to also take the opportunity to thank the staff team for their overwhelming support during this period of change, they are a very special group of hard working and caring people.

Throughout my twenty years of teaching, I have worked in some of the most challenging schools and alternative provisions. Not only has this built my resilience as a leader, it has also cemented my fundamental belief that we should have the highest expectations for ALL pupils.

We have made significant progress since our 2022 Ofsted, which was a year ago this week. We were happy to have our hard work and improvements recognised in our December Ofsted Monitoring Visit.

'Since the last inspection, you have demonstrated tenacity and drive for change. The positive steps already made show that the capacity to improve further is developing well'. - Chris Pollitt His Majesty's Inspector, Dec 2022.

I wish to serve the school and local community properly and ensure that the outcomes for our children are what both they and yourselves as families deserve.

My door and ears are always open so please do contact me if you would like a chat about any concerns.

Thank you for your support and have a lovely half term!

Ms Alison Higgs — Headteacher

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Blue Class News

It has been another very busy couple of weeks in Blue Class! We have all been enjoying lots of learning activities based upon our topic story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar".

We have been doing lots of matching and sequencing activities to learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. In our Maths lessons we have learnt about pattern and shape. Everyone enjoyed creating symmetrical butterfly pictures and making clay and collage butterflies. We have also explored lots of printing techniques to create some beautiful butterfly pictures and have been hunting for minibeasts in our sensory trays. We have also continued to look after our bean and sunflower plants and have been watching them grow.

Last week everyone enjoyed meeting one of our guinea pigs and this week we have all made our special Valentine butterflyes to bring home for you.

It was lovely to see all parents at our Parents' Evening and to share our children's fantastic work and achievements with you. Hope you all have a lovely half term break!



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Red Class News

It has been a busy time in Red Class these last few weeks. The children have been amazing us with their hard work in all areas of their learning.

We have been continuing our exploration of light sources in Science and the children enjoyed making shadow puppets.



In Maths, we have been looking at symmetry and time. The children really loved using the mirrors to explore reflection symmetry. During our English sessions, we have extended our literacy skills through traditional fairy tales. We have read Sleeping Beauty, Hansel and Gretel and Jack and The Beanstalk. In ICT, we have been exploring coding using the Bee Bot app.



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Orange Class News

Orange Class have had a very busy month. We are all extremely proud of how hard they have all worked and engaged in the activities.

We have enjoyed listening to the story of The Gingerbread Man and doing lots of exciting activities including making and decorating gingerbread men, and putting them in water to see if they'll sink or swim.

We have also been watching our 'magic' beanstalks grow, and learning to identify the root, stem and leaves.

In Maths, we have been making different patterns and completing puzzles.

We celebrated Valentines Day by making Jammy Heart Biscuits, and making a pink and red sensory tray.

We have all enjoyed some calming time with the Guinea pigs and have all been very gentle and caring when stroking and feeding them.



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Green Class News

Firstly, I would like to say how wonderful it was to see you all at Parents' Evening, and hear how happy you are with your child's progress and the relationships they have been making. It is lovely to see them encouraging each other to come and play, and gifting each other pictures or cards. We have reached the end of another half term and they have thoroughly enjoyed the topic 'Meet the artists'. Each week in art/history, we have learnt about a new artist, explored their work, completed a fact file and have a go at interpreting their work. They have made some amazing pieces of work!

We have made great progress on our use of Makaton, and they impress me every day using the sign they have learnt. I have heard they have been impressing you just as much at home.

Coming up next half term, we have a very exciting topic focus, 'Amazing animals', which I know they will love. We will be linking our work to the topic in mostly all of our subjects, but most of all our trip, which will be to ... **West Midlands Safari Park!**



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Yellow Class News

It has been another very busy couple of weeks in Yellow Class! We have all been enjoying lots of learning activities based upon our topic "A Magic Carpet Ride".

Each week we have been on our pretend magic carpet, and visited different parts of the world. We have been to India and tried some delicious foods, and we have been to see the barrier reef and explored an under the sea tuff tray. We finished our topic by exploring "There's no place like home". Yellow class have been fully engaged with how we have utilised our class, having a continuous provision approach to learning during an afternoon. Well done Yellow Class, some amazing playing, exploring and building of relationships.

We have also been extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to attend weekly horse riding sessions as part of animal therapy! As you are all aware, we are very proud of the class for their attitudes to participation, great listening skills and staying safe while at the stables! Thank you Hannah for organising!

Coming up after Half Term, will be our new topic "Amazing Animals". I know the children will love and continue to develop with activities that are being planned. We will also be booking Jazz Sensory to come in and compete a sensory story workshop within our class.

Have a lovely half term!

From all of us in Yellow!



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Purple Class News

In Purple class, we have been learning about the Solar System. We learnt the order of the planets, and I know some went home singing it which was lovely to hear. We have been looking at why we have day and night, and why we have shadows. We have matched shadows to the objects we think they are, made our own shadows by blocking out the light AND made a sundial to see if we can tell the time on the hour!! So busy, busy in science. We also had two sports coaches visit Cherry Trees and worked Purple class hard with the cups and saucers game and dodge ball. We continued our work around the artist William Morris, by evaluating what we liked about sections of his wall paper designs, designing and making our own printing tile, and we then created some amazing prints, remembering to repeat the pattern. All of Purple Class have worked so hard and made it a lovely half term again. Have a good break and see you all soon.



Cherry Trees Communicating



On Friday 3rd February, the whole school took part in a sponsored walk to raise money for

Cherry Trees to provide an outdoor swing for our pupils. This is something that was mentioned by many parents at Parents Evening last term.

The children did a fantastic job, and we have raised a total of

£700.00

Well done Cherry Trees!

School Photographs!

On Tuesday 14th March, we will be having school photographs, which will be available to purchase.



More information to follow.

World Book Day

It is World Book Day on the 2nd March – a day when children of all ages will come together to share the joy of reading for pleasure.

Our theme this year is "You are a Reader".

Staff and children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, and will have the opportunity to explore lots of exciting and engaging activities around reading.



Cherry Trees Sharing



Sign of the Month



Love

Our sign of the week is Love .

Cross your arms over your chest.

Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	81.0%
Red Class	78.9%
Orange Class	94.1%
Green Class	86.2%
Yellow Class	86.2%
Purple Class	92.2%



Congratulations to:

Orange

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

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Cherry Trees Safeguarding



Find free local events

Local councils sometime run free half-term activities for kids, or sports workshops.

To see if you can join any nearby events, search your local council's name followed by 'half term activities' to see what's going on in your area.

Restaurant and pub deals

Here are some restaurant/pub deals on offer during half term. Many of them will require you to purchase an adult meal to qualify for the free kids meal.

- **Bella Italia:** Children eat for £1 with any adult main between 4-6pm, Monday-Thursday.
- **Beefeater:** Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with a paying adult.
- **Prezzo:** Kids up to 10 eat for free with a paying adult every weekday after 4pm and all weekend.
- **Hungry Horse:** Two kids under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with a paying adult.
- **The Real Greek:** Free under-12s kids' meal for every £10 spent by adults.
- **Whitbread Inns:** Two kids under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with a paying adult.
- **Yo! Sushi:** Free kids' meal for every £10 spent by adults.

Feedback

FREE AND CHEAP THINGS TO DO DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Asda café Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend required until 18 March.

Ikea Kids eat from 95p in Ikea restaurants. Available every day from 11am.

Morrisons Kids eat free when an adult spends £4.49 or more on a meal.

Bella Italia Children eat for £1 with any adult main 4-6pm (Monday - Thursday).

Yo! Sushi Kids eat free with every adult spend.

The Real Greek Kids eat free every Sunday for every £10 spent by adults.

Cineworld 'Movies for Juniors' screenings cost £2.50 for a child.

Odeon Adults pay kids' ticket prices at special 'ODEON Kids' screenings.



Watch a film

It's great to get out of the house to watch the latest blockbuster, whether it's new Marvel film Antman and the Wasp or catching up with Puss in Boots. Luckily, major cinema chains have offers for those wanting to watch a film with the family:

- **Cineworld's 'Movies for Juniors'** screenings offer children's tickets for £2.50.
- **Odeon Kids** has a deal where the adults pay the same price as a child, with the deal running every day during the school holidays, as well as every Saturday and Sunday.
- **Vue** has Mini Mornings screenings from 10am during the school holidays. Tickets for both adults and children cost £2.49 each.

Get a cheap kids' meal

A lot of restaurants and supermarket cafés offer 'kids eat free' deals or similar during the school holidays.

Here are some of the best offers we've seen. Some require you to purchase an adult meal to qualify, but you won't need to spend more than £5:

- **Asda café:** Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend required, available until 18 March 2023. During half term, children will be able to get a free bowl of Quaker porridge from 8am to 12pm every day in 205 Asda cafés.
- **Ikea:** Kids eat from 95p in Ikea restaurants. Available every day from 11am.
- **Morrisons:** Kids eat free when an adult spends £4.49 or more on a meal.