

Cherry Trees School News



Diary Dates

**Monday 7th
November:
Return from
Half-Term**

**Monday 7th
November:
INSET Day for
Blue, Orange &
Red Class**

**Wednesday
15th
November:
Parents
Evening**

**A letter will be
sent home after
Half Term to
confirm a date
for the
Christmas
Nativity and
events.**

Friday 27th October: Issue 2

Headteacher's message: Alison Higgs



Hello and welcome to our October Newsletter!

This term has been so busy! Staff and children are all now really settled in to school and working hard.

The building work is due to be signed off on the Friday of half term and then we can get back into our classrooms and back to normal. It hasn't been easy with three classrooms displaced and no hall, library and soft play. I have been so proud with how staff have pulled together and how the children have managed. I can't wait to share photos of the completed works over the next couple of weeks. It has transformed the school and will help us with our mission to be the best SEN provision in Staffordshire.

Thank you to everyone that donated to this years Harvest. Even with the increased cost to groceries, we received more donations than we ever had. This is testament to the kindness and generosity of all of our parents and carers.

I look forward to welcoming you all to parents evening on the 15th November where we can share all the amazing progress the children have made. It will be the first time we have been able to welcome you all into the building and we are very excited to see as many of you as possible.

Take care and have a lovely half term,

Alison

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FOODBANK**
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Blue Class News

This month Blue Class have continued to make us proud with their fantastic progress during the first half term of the year. They are understanding and following our class routines really well, and we are having some lovely engagement in our various class activities.

Our topic 'Me and My World' has continued with us enjoying lots of learning activities linked to our special stories 'Peace at Last' and 'My World, Your World'.

Our Maths activities have included lots of sorting, matching, counting and pattern activities. We have also been enjoying lots of number rhymes and songs, comparing toys and objects for size and exploring basic 2D shapes.

We have been learning about colour through a range of creative activities, including making patterns and mixing colours with toy vehicles in our tuff tray.

Special activities have included our Harvest Assembly and our School Bake Off, which we have enjoyed alongside all our other learning and curriculum activities - PE, Music Therapy, Swimming and more recently, spending time with Eddie, our Therapy Dog.

It has been a very busy but lovely half term settling all our children into school and into our 'Blue Class Hall Classroom'. We are proud of the start they have all made and are now very excited to be moving back into our fantastic new classroom after the holiday. Have a lovely half term, we look forward to welcoming everyone back into our lovely classroom!

Blue Class Staff



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Red Class News

Red Class have been working their socks off this half-term!

We have explored lots of different activities in Maths, such as number, shape, money and the early stages of addition. We finished the half-term with our Maths Week Bake Off. The children enjoyed making cakes and decorating them in the style of a cherry tree. I think you'll agree that it looks wonderful.



In English, we have worked on labelling, creating short sentences and matching.

The children have worked hard exploring self-portraits in Art, comparing toys, transport and communication from long ago to the present day in History, and finding out about our senses in Science.

Red Class also took part in lots of fun activities to learn about and celebrate Harvest. They all worked so well and particularly liked singing and dancing to the Harvest Samba.

Well done Red Class, what a bunch of superstars you have been this half-term.



Enjoy the holidays and we will see you next half-term.



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Orange Class News

Orange Class have had a busy month! We have been learning about Harvest Festival and took part in a sensory celebration in the outdoor learning area. The children also enjoyed making a scarecrow and singing our harvest festival song—Harvest Samba.

We had a class celebration as part of our RE learning and have also been enjoying making Halloween themed artwork.

The children have been working hard in their Sensory Maths and English activities



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Green Class News

In Green Class this half term, we have been exploring how to keep our bodies healthy through our topic, Healthy Happy Me. Through almost every subject, we have been expanded our knowledge. In English, we have been reading books and completing writing tasks on food instructions from disguising as something else to writing about our most hated food. In Science, we moved on from learning about our teeth to food chains and animal teeth. Green class have been thriving in their outdoor learning time by completing a range of activities such as carving pumpkins, making apple crumble, creating paint from berries and spices and drilling holes into conkers using palm drills.



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Yellow Class News

Yellow Class have had a fabulous first half term with a focus on settling in, expectations, school rules and our topic, Witches and Wizards.

The children have all responded well to the structure and have worked hard on building relationships with staff and children, through carefully planned interventions; identi-play, tacpac, PSHE and team building in outdoor learning.

In English, we have continued to work on story structures and phonics. The children have really impressed us all with how amazing they have adapted to phonics, and have started to recall phonemes with the communication devices to support them.

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 2 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

And just like that we are at the end of the first half term, and what a half term it's been! We have been horse riding, focused on our mental health and wore what made us happy - we saw a lot in pyjamas that day! We have been having regular visits from Eddie our School Therapy Dog, and Purple Class are amazing with him, especially feeding him carrots (I know, what dog likes carrots?!), getting him to sit, fetch and speak. We are all so proud of them. We have also had the Bake Off and we are hoping we win the Star Baker wooden spoon. We have also taken part in Shape Week by creating 2D shape pictures, which Mrs Smith judged for us. Finally, with all the work we have achieved, I am most proud of how they are making new relationships; they are polite, kind and caring to each other and make us smile every day. We have loved this half term and can't wait to make more memories together next Half Term. Enjoy your half term and we'll see you all soon.

Love, Purple class



Cherry Trees Communicating



Harvest

Thank you all so much for your kind donations to the West Midlands Food Bank. Together, we donated an amazing 50kg of food!



Maths Week

During week beginning the 16th October, we enjoyed our Maths Week focussing on the theme 'Using and Applying'. All classes took part in the Cherry Trees Bake Off, putting their Maths skills into practical use.



Parents Evening

Parents Evening for the Autumn Term will be held on Wednesday 15th November 2023.

This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher and to discuss targets that have been set this term. A letter has been sent home in your child's bag with further details about how to book your place.



Cherry Trees Sharing



Sign of the Month



To sign aeroplane, take your outstretched hand, and tuck in your middle and ring fingers. Then move your hand away from your body a short distance, as if flying, bobbing it back and forth a couple of times.

Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	91.9%
Red Class	77.2%
Orange Class	96.0%
Green Class	96.1%
Yellow Class	95.6%
Purple Class	93.6%



Congratulations to:

Green Class

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

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Cherry Trees Safeguarding



Hi all,

As half term is fast approaching, I thought you may find it useful to have a list of some different events happening over the holiday's. With Bonfire night just around the corner, I have attached a list of firework events happening over the coming weeks too. The events are across the Midlands, as we have lots of families from different areas.

Have a great half term, Nicola

Gaia is back at [@lichfieldcathedral](#) until 5th November. See our beautiful planet from a different perspective. Adults £5, children 3, under 3 free.

Dippy in Coventry at [@the_herbert_cov](#) in Coventry. Yep Dippy is still residence as he will be for the next few years so if you haven't seen him already, or just have dinosaur fanatics in your family, why not visit, plus its FREE.

Bonfire and Autumn Craft Sessions [@bodenhamarboretum](#) 3rd November. Make some crafts and have a wonder through the beautiful Arboretum and admire the colour changes. Suitable for children 3+, £8 per child.

Autumn at [@nat_mem_arb](#) Staffordshire. There's so much to do there this October half term. Activity trail, crafts, interactive story telling & stick man Trail. Plus its all FREE including admission. You just pay £4 for parking if booked in advance (£6 on the day)

Jet and Space Week at [@rafmuseum](#) Shifnal, from 28th October-5th November. Family fun activities and workshops and huge mobile planetarium. FREE to visit, however planetarium is £5 each. You pay £6.50 for parking when you book online.

Masterful Masks at Lunt Roman Fort, Coventry. 31st October-2nd November. Make a spectacular theatrical mask, ready for the grand Feast of Jupiter. You can also explore the reconstructed fortress, the newly renovated ramparts and the world's only known Gyrus inside a Roman fort. Adults £3.75, child £3, under 3's free.

Space Camp at [@ikeauk](#) Birmingham, Wednesbury. Explore the AFTONSPARV space themed collection & enjoy FREE workshops, activities & so much more 30th October - 5th November

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Half term activities across the Midlands!

Halloween Farm UK [@halloweenfarmuk](https://www.halloweenfarmuk.co.uk) – Trick or treat street, the lost world, indoor

Whitlence Tearooms [@whitlence_tearooms_gardens](https://www.whitlence-tearooms-gardens.co.uk) – spooky Halloween trail- 7th Oct-5th Nov

Wonderland Telford [@wonderlandtelford](https://www.wonderlandtelford.co.uk) – trick or treat, wonder witches disco, mad hatters maize walk, pumpkin patch – 28th October-5th November

Manor Farm Park—[@manorfarmparkandwoodlands](https://www.manorfarmparkandwoodlands.co.uk) –maize maze, ghoul school, dinosaur trail, pumpkin carving 2st-31st October

Hatton World [@@hattonworld](https://www.hattonworld.co.uk) – Spooktacular programme of events at the farm. Magic shows, pumpkin picking, trailer rides. 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd, 28th-31st

Warwick Castle [@warwickcastleofficial](https://www.warwickcastleofficial.co.uk) – haunted castle, spooky trail, scare schools, witches den – 21st Oct-5th Nov

Cannon Hill Park – Spooky Welly Walk 28th October

Black Country Museum—[@bclivingmuseum](https://www.bclivingmuseum.co.uk) – Halloween nights. Museum after dark. Street performers, spooky characters and trick or treat. 28th, 29th, 30th & 31st Oct

[@webbsgc](https://www.webbsgc.co.uk) **John Lawson's Halloween Circus**, Webb's, West Hagley – Family friendly entirely human circus. 31st Oct -5th Nov

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Fire work events across the Midlands!

@tamworthcastleandgrounds Staffordshire – 4th November

@himley.hall Himley Hall, Dudley 4th Nov, bonfire, funfair, street food & movie themed entertainment

@altontowers Alton Towers, Staffordshire – 3rd -5th Nov includes entry to the park

Edgbaston Cricket Ground, Warwickshire – 4th Nov funfair & food stalls

@umbersladeestate Wolverhampton Racecourse, Staffordshire – 28th Oct Bonfire & fireworks

@wolvesraces Wolverhampton Racecourse, Staffordshire- 4th Nov, Fun fair & food stalls

@westonparkofficial Weston Park, Staffordshire -5th Nov – Funfair, bonfire & street food

@staffscountyshow – Staffordshire County Showground – 5th Nov

@bluebell_diary Bluebell diary, Derbyshire – 1st-3rd Nov family friendly, 'low bang' fireworks

@churchfieldsfarmhouse Church fields farm, Worcestershire – 3rd-5th Nov – Afternoon access to the farm low noise fireworks

@englishheritage Kenilworth Castle, Warwickshire – 4th Nov

@sandwellcouncil Dartmouth Park, West Brom – 4th Nov

West Midlands Showground, Shrewsbury – 4th Nov

@ironbridgegmt Blists Hill Victorian Town Ironbridge, Telford -4th Nov & includes town access

@nottingham_racecourse Nottingham racecourse, Nottinghamshire -28th Oct

@bentleycourtfarm Bentley Bonfire, Staffordshire – 4th Nov, fun fair & food stalls

@walsall.arboretum Walsall Arboretum, 4th Nov, fun fair & food stalls

@hattonworld 3rd & 4th Nov – street food, funfair, fire dancers @magic acts

@bromsgroverugbyclub Bromsgrove RFC, Worcestershire 3rd Nov – fun fair and street food

@tutburycastle Tutbury Castle, Staffordshire – Viking themed - 3-4th Nov

Cherry Trees School Council



We



are



your

school council

2023 - 2024



We

are



your



voice



in school



Classes have held their elections and have voted for their school councillors.

The School Council act as representatives of the school and the voice of our pupils. They will meet to discuss issues and make decisions about how our school is run. We will work together to implement ideas that support pupil's learning and development and to embed positive experiences for all pupils. The council will work closely with the Headteacher and the Assistant Headteachers, with regular scheduled meetings that are minuted and shared with the wider school community.

The School Council will be supporting with the delivery of our Rights Respecting Schools Award; helping pupils learn about their rights and helping us to achieve our Silver Award.