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Diary Dates

Tuesday 12th December:

Christmas Nativity

Thursday 14th December:

Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 20th December:

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 22nd December:

End of Term

Monday 25th December- Friday 5th January:

Christmas Break

Monday 8th January- Inset Day

Tuesday 9th January:

Return to School

Thursday 30th November: Issue 3

Headteacher's message: Alison Higgs

Hello and welcome to our November Newsletter!

We are now fully moved into our new classrooms! It has made a huge difference to the regulation and wellbeing of our pupils and it was well worth all of the inconvenience. Since Spring Term we have decorated, refloored and updated many of our rooms, corridors and outside spaces and there are plans to improve the swimming pool area and Green and Purple Classrooms in the not too distant future.

This time of year is a busy one for any Primary School, I am very excited to welcome parents and carers in for the Christmas Fayre and The Nativity. These are always really lovely events.

Please can I take this opportunity to ask all parents and carers to update us if there are changes to your child's health and if there are illness or seizures etc that happen outside of school. Our staff are highly trained and it is really important that we have the full picture of each child in order to support them and provide the best possible care. You can update us by phoning the school reception and/or by sending a dojo to your class team.

Take care and hopefully see you in school for one of our events.

Alison

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Blue Class News

November has been an exciting and busy month for us as we moved back into our lovely classroom! All our children are enjoying playing and learning together in our fabulous new space.

So far this term we have participated in learning about several special calendar events - Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Children in Need Day and Anti-Bullying/Kindness week. Our topic this half term is called 'Celebrate Good Times' and our learning is now focused around the theme of Christmas. We have enjoyed the story of 'Hansel and Gretel' and now 'Mog's Christmas'. We are beginning to make some special Christmas surprises!

In Maths, we have been sorting and matching topic-themed items and exchanging coins to buy things for our teddies. We have continued to explore colour, colour mixing and texture through our creative activities and are now exploring the special properties of gold and silver. Everyone has enjoyed exploring a new environment in our Outdoor Learning sessions where we have made collections of all the different natural objects we could find.

We all continue to be very proud of our children and their achievements. They did so well in our temporary Hall classroom and have been amazing with our move back into the new classroom. Well done everyone!

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Red Class News

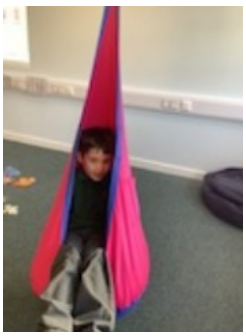
Red Class have settled well into the new classroom. We have been enjoying having more space inside and out and exploring more of the resources which had been stored away.

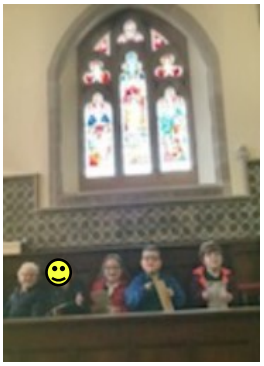
This half-term, we have been continuing with our Phonics learning and our English writing skills.

We have been looking at subtraction, length, doubling and halving in our Maths sessions.

During afternoons, we have explored electricity, the art work of Georgia O'Keeffe, using ICT to create multimedia work and different places of worship.

As you can see, we have created some wonderful pieces of work and we even took a trip out to our local church.





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Orange Class News

Firstly, I want to start by saying thank you for welcoming me to Orange Class and being so amazing. It was lovely to meet some of you on Parents' Evening and I hope you can all come and see our amazing new room. If I could go back and take photos of their faces when the children first walked in, I would - it was something I will never forget, and I can confidently say they have thrived in this new space. This half term we have started our focus on 'Planes, Trains, and Cars'. In English, we have done many activities around the nursery rhyme 'The Wheels on the Bus', and we are now starting our new book 'You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus'. In Maths, we have been practicing our skills of stacking, understanding one or lots of an amount and looking at empty or full. In PSHE, we are working on understanding the community we are in within school, family, and the local area. In R.E. we are looking at the importance of light in different religions. Finally, we have been really enjoying our cultural capital work by growing our independence, looking at special events, and we will soon be going out into the community.

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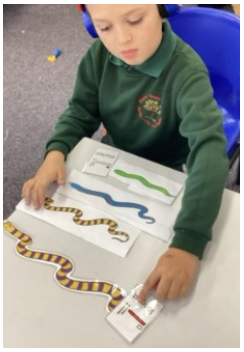
Green Class News

In Green Class this half term, we have started our new topic 'Victorian Wonderland', and we have been learning about the life of Queen Victoria and have role played her Coronation. In English, we have been reading and comparing books about mischievous animals, composing sentences and using full stops and question marks. In Science, we have been looking at electricity and making simple circuits trying to make a light bulb come on.

In Art, we are looking at the artist, Lowry, and have been mixing new colours using only the three primary colours and creating a painting using perspective.



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Yellow Class News

Wow! What a start to the second half of the Autumn Term!

Yellow Class have been super busy with lots of cultural capital activities; horse riding, busy buildings linked to our topic, swimming and dog therapy! Throughout each of the activities the children have shown great attitudes through the engagement model principles; initiation, exploration, anticipation, persistence and realisation. I could not be more proud of each of them.

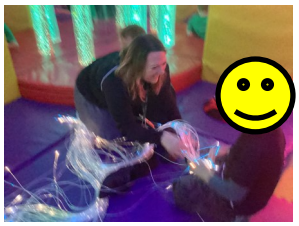
Our topic this half term is Winter festivals of light, we have focused our English work around the story 'Ella's Night Lights' where children have explored a sensory tuff tray, role play area and have ordered key elements of the story.

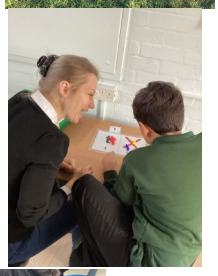
In Maths, children have been developing their number knowledge, shape knowledge and they have also been applying their skills to measure weight and volume - measuring volume has been discretely taught by using the swimming pool and different size containers.

Throughout our topic afternoons, we have been exploring the season, Winter. Children have explored ice, icing sugar, shredded paper and made igloos with sugar cubes.

I cannot wait to see how the rest of the half term continues and how the children continue to grow building relations and interacting with each other!

The Yellow Class Team





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Purple Class News

I feel like a stuck record but once again, we have had an amazing half a term! We started our WW2 topic, we created some of the most amazing Blitz sky lines, and we even turned our hands to make egg free war time cake - I think it's fair to say we weren't fans of them at all! In our outdoor learning sessions, we created journey sticks with a partner or independently, we attached natural items we found in the area and talked about the adjectives for each thing we added. They looked amazing! We have continued to work hard in our 20 20 sessions, from addition, multiplication to money and shape as well as reading, adjectives, rhyming words and sentence structure with punctuation. We spent time during Jigsaw sessions talking about our mental health and how to look after ourselves and our mental health. We also focused on Anti-Bullying Week by wearing odd socks to show we are all different and that is ok! What would we do if we saw someone else being bullied? A very mature talk by Purple Class! Science - WOW what can I say? The topic of Light has really engaged the children. We are also trying to find out which of the 6 suspects stole the earrings off the table in front of the leading lady. We have been given something from the police to investigate and we still haven't got definite thief!! 3 weeks until we find out.

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Remembrance Day

All classes have took part in Remembrance Day activities and assemblies. The School Council sold Poppies for the Royal British Legion, and Red Class along with Eddie laid a wreath at the War Memorial at St Benedict's Church in Wombourne Village.

Children in Need

On Friday 17th November, we had lots of fun in school supporting Children in Need. All of the children looked brilliant in their Pudsey spots and cosy outfits. We raised total of

£53.96

Thank you all so much for your donations!

Dates for your Diary

It was so nice to see so many of you at our Parents Evening, and it was a great opportunity for you to see our newly renovated classrooms.

We will be holding a few events in December and it would be lovely to be able to welcome as many of you as possible!

School Nativity - Tuesday 12th December 1:30 pm

Christmas Fayre - Thursday 14th December 1:30 pm

Please could we gently remind Parents and Carers of the importance of getting the MMR Vaccination for your child, especially due to the rise in measles which we are seeing at this moment in time.

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Sign of the Month

Brave

Flat hand moves slightly forward to '**Good**' hand.

Brave / Courage / Bold

Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	88.7%
Red Class	88.4%
Orange Class	95.3%
Green Class	95.7%
Yellow Class	93.1%
Purple Class	97.7%

Congratulations to:

Purple

You have the best Attendance for the Month

Well done to all of you.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Cherry Trees Safeguarding

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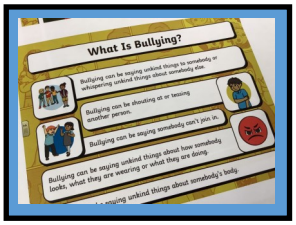
Kindness/Anti-Bullying week!!

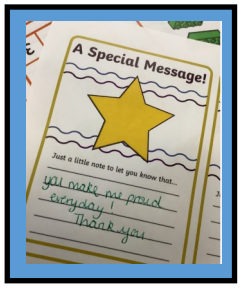
As a whole school this week we have been promoting **"Kindness/Anti-Bullying"**.

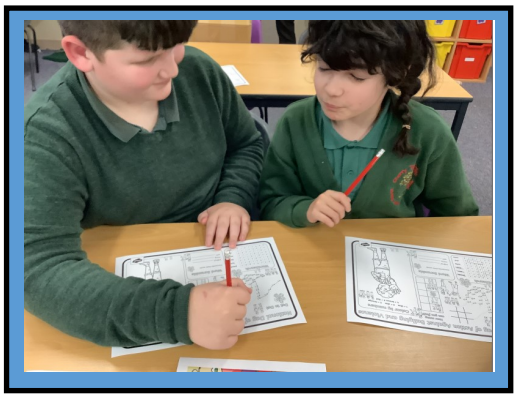
Each class has been busy completing a range of different activities to support this very important topic with our children; assemblies, stories, games, gluing and sticking, colouring, painting, role play, posters etc. It's been great to see the children so enthusiastic to get involved in different activities.

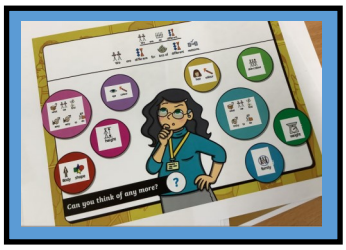
We have had lots of odd socks around school today, children and staff have wore odd socks to symbolise that we are all different and that all children should be themselves, accepting of one another and celebrate differences. Kindness and Anti-Bullying will continue to be taught through our PSHE Curriculum.

Every child has been sent home with 'A Special Message' so please look out for these in school bags.









Dear Parents/Carers,

Here at Cherry Trees School, we understand how important the outdoor environment is to all of our students and how much they enjoy and learn from going outdoors.

We would like to create an outdoor wardrobe at school which will help children to access the outdoors in all weathers. We aim for the outdoor wardrobe to consist of a variety of different clothing that children may need when they go outside. As we all know, the weather can be very unpredictable at the best of times, and having spare outdoor clothing at school can help ensure children can still access the outdoors whilst being suitably dressed if the weather suddenly changes.

We would like to ask for your kindness and generosity to help create this outdoor wardrobe, by donating items of children's outdoor wear, which perhaps your child has grown out of or no longer needs. Anything from the below list would be greatly appreciated, however we kindly ask that the donated items are in good condition, so our students can make the most of them.

<u>Clothing Items Needed:</u>

Wellington Boots – Any Size
Waterproof Coats and/or Puddle Suits
Gloves
Woolly Hats
Scarves
Summer Hats

Clothing items would be suitable in all age ranges, from 3 years onwards.

Any items which you can kindly donate to the school would be greatly appreciated, and help us to provide a great standard of care to our pupils, and help us to provide them with the tools they need to help them to succeed.

Yours Sincerely,

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