

Cherry Trees School News



Diary Dates

Half Term:

**Monday 12th
February -
Friday 16th
February**

Parents

Evening:

**Wednesday
21st February**

World Book Day:

**Wednesday 6th
March**

Save the dates

Mothers Day

**Event: Friday
8th March at
2pm**

Red Nose Day:

**Friday 15th
March**

Friday 26th January: Issue 5

Headteacher's message: Alison Higgs



Welcome to our January newsletter!

We have been busy this January trying to pack all that we can into a very short half term!

We welcomed our School Improvement Partner Lesley into school this month for a monitoring visit. Lesley was so pleased with how calm the school was and was impressed with the lessons she observed. Lesley said that 'all the children are so content and happy'.

Purple Class travelled to Chase Terrace Academy in Burntwood to take part in a Special School Boccia Tournament. The pupils did us proud as always and showed real sportsmanship! Go Cherry Trees!

You will be pleased to know that I have managed to organise after school clubs for both our sensory and semi formal pathways. This will be led by a sports coach and supported by Cherry Trees Staff. There will be a small fee of £3 per session to help to cover the cost of the activity. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for further information.

Save the Date: We will be having our Spring Term Parents Evening on Wednesday 21st February. A letter will be coming home in your child's bag and will also be emailed next week. We would like to see as many parents as possible at this event.

If you have any concerns or would just like a chat please do come and see me, my door is always open.

Take care,

Alison

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Blue Class News

Blue Class have settled back into class well after our Christmas break. We have had a busy few weeks already as usual!

Our topic for this half term is "Wellies, Brollies, Sunhats and Lollies". We started our learning with the story of Kipper's Snowy Day and have had lots of fun exploring 'snow', ice and water. We were lucky that we did have a small sprinkling of real snow to experience! Sadly not enough to make a snowman but enough to make patterns and write our names in the tuff tray. Everyone really enjoyed looking at our different shaped ice blocks and trying to retrieve hidden items from within the ice.

This week our learning has been focused around a story about a stormy day. We have been mixing paint colours to make 'storm cloud' grey and exploring capacity/full and empty in Maths.

Our children have done lots of super learning and as always, we are very proud of them!

Blue Class Team



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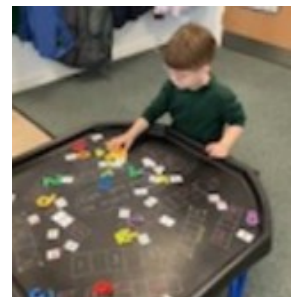
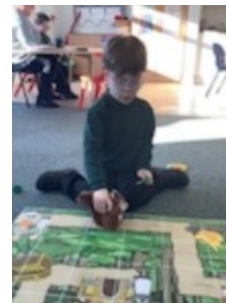
Red Class News

Happy New Year to all of you. The children have returned to school with lots of enthusiasm and excitement to do lots of work.

So far this half-term, we have been looking at maps in Geography, animals in Science and the artist Henri Matisse in Art. The children have amazed us with their completed tasks. As you can see from the pictures, they have been working hard.

As we move forward through the rest of this half-term, we will be continuing our reading and writing skills through our English and Phonics sessions. The children have enjoyed looking at traditional fairy tales. In Maths, we will build upon our existing learning and skills to help deepen our mathematical knowledge.

Well done Red Class, you continue to astound us all everyday!



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Orange Class News

What a fantastic start to the New Year we have had. Orange Class have demonstrated that the skills they learnt before Christmas have stayed with them and they continue to demonstrate super listening and focus. We have recently enjoyed learning around the book 'Dear Zoo' which links to our Zoo topic focus. We have been exploring sounds from animals and nature in Phonics, and have also been creating our own vision of the story of which animals we would send back or keep. In Maths, we are growing our 1:1 correspondence skills, selecting appropriate shapes and comparing contrasting weights. Our Art is all things safari as we have been threading lion manes, matching patterns to animals, and painting and tracing over animal paw prints. We are also looking forward to our upcoming trip to the Safari Park to see all the animals we have been learning around.



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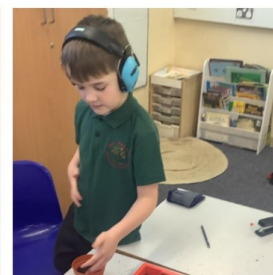


Green Class News

Green Class have all worked so hard since we have returned in January. We have enjoyed growing plants from seeds and experimenting with the best conditions for them to grow. In Maths, we have been working on our addition and estimating skills and in English we have been looking at instructional texts and our use of bossy words.

We have created some amazing work in Art in the style of Gisueppe Archimboldo using fruit and vegetables to create portraits. In our topic work we have been taste testing new fruits and finding out about the countries these come from. We have been showing off our computing skills and have been using different programmes to create pictures, videos and powerpoints.

I am so proud of everyone in Green Class - a big well done!



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Yellow Class News

Welcome to first newsletter of 2024!

What can I say...

Yellow Class have returned from the Christmas holidays bubbly, eager to learn and are showing realisation to skills we have already practised.

The children are continuing to develop their Maths and English skills through a direct teaching approach which allows for trial and error, and modelling from an adult. We are also continuing to work on our independence skills by taking responsibility for our belonging, using cutlery at lunch time and walking around school with limited adult support. We will continue to develop these skills by accessing the local community on our cultural capital mornings this half term.

Finally, we have launched our topic of "The Circus Is Coming" and we are so proud of the anticipation, perseverance, initiation and realisation all the children have shown so far in the activities we have set up.

We will continue our circus adventures over the next few weeks and we cannot wait to share more exciting activities with you on class dojo!

Your Yellow Class Team



Cherry Trees Learning



Purple Class News

Newsletter time again! The time to show off and showcase how amazing Purple Class have been, as always!

January saw the return to the hall for dinner time and this has been a huge success. The children have adapted to the change very quickly and made us so proud of how they were role models for Red and Green Class.

During our English, we started to look at instructions. We designed and wrote instructions for how to make a sandwich, and we provided instructions to 'just follow' with no input to make a jam sandwich. We also had dry spaghetti and hoops for the 'how many?' challenge, 'Guess the Flavour of the Noodles' and 'Can You Peel an Orange?' In Maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction, place value-making and ordering numbers from smallest to largest, capacity and focused a lot on handling data during our 20/20 sessions.

Haven't we done so much in just 3 weeks!! I am super impressed and cannot wait for the rest of this term. Well done once again Purple Class!



Cherry Trees Communicating



Sensory Circuits

This Half Term we have introduced sensory circuits into our daily routines.

Sensory circuits are a sequence of physical activities that are designed to alert, organise and calm the child.

This is to help the child with their sensory processing and regulate their senses to be ready and alert for learning. All of the children are responding well to these activities and are having lots of fun at the same time.



Boccia Tournament

Purple Class had a great time at the South Staffs Boccia Tournament. They represented the school brilliantly. The class worked well as a team and showed really good Boccia skills.



Community Café

Bridge Manor Care Home would like to invite Parents and Carers to their Community Café which will begin on Wednesday 14th February for Valentine's Day, and then every 3rd Wednesday of the month after that. The Community Café will be open from 9am to 11am and will provide complimentary tea, coffee and cake.





AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

WITH COACH FELIX

HAVE FUN - BE HEALTHY - GET MOVING

**TUESDAY RED, GREEN, PURPLE
CLASS 3-4PM £3**

**THURSDAY YELLOW, ORANGE CLASS
3-4PM £3**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO
BOOK AS PLACES ARE LIMITED**

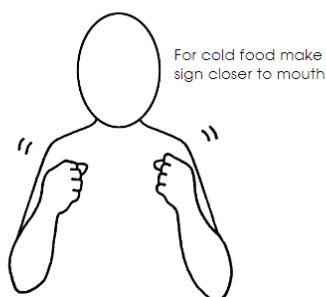
**PUPILS MUST BE COLLECTED AT 4PM
BY A PARENT/CARER.**



Cherry Trees Sharing



Sign of the Month



Cold

Bend elbows, close hands to make a fist and slightly shake arms as though you are cold.

Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	85.2%
Red Class	90.0%
Orange Class	93.3%
Green Class	93.6%
Yellow Class	92.6%
Purple Class	88.0%



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



Anti-Bullying!!

If you are worried about bullying, please talk with a member of our Senior Leadership team, class teacher or another member of staff. Staff cannot deal with bullying if they are not aware of difficulties individuals are facing. We will not tolerate bullying at Cherry Trees School. Staff will always find time to speak with you as parents/carers, as the children are always our highest priority.

A good definition of bullying is:

"Repeated intimidation of a victim that is deliberately carried out in order to cause physical or emotional hurt"

Using this definition any of the following could be bullying if they are carried out repeatedly:

Name calling

Making fun of another person

Leaving people out

Physical Assault

Insulting another person's family or culture

Making threats

In any case of bullying, once the school has been informed of a bullying incident, it will be investigated promptly. Parents/carers of all pupils involved will be informed of the outcome.

Cherry Trees School wants to ensure that all pupils know how to report bullying and get help and that all members of the school's community are confident that the school's response to bullying is effective.

Children take part in numerous activities throughout their learning, covering a range of different topics to promote kindness, positive friendships, inclusion, anti bullying etc. As a school we continually promote **it's ok to tell, if something is worrying you or upsetting you– Tell an adult or a friend so that something can be done.**

The children also take part in an annual Wellbeing Survey. This is to ensure that they can voice their opinion about Bullying.

As always if you need advice, guidance or support, please don't hesitate to get in touch and I will do my utmost to help, Nicola.

Cherry Trees Safeguarding



<https://www.cherrytreesschool.co.uk/page/?title=Anti%2DBullying&pid=43>

What to do if you are being bullied out of school

Tell your parents.
Tell someone in your family.

Childline is a free number that is open all day, everyday. Give them a call if you find it difficult to talk to anyone at home or school.

Don't bully

It's not right

It's horrible!

Anti-Bullying Guide for Children

Produced by Cherry Trees School Council

What is Bullying?

Being unkind.
When someone picks on someone all the time for being different or if someone wants something from them.
When someone hurts someone else.
When you make someone feel sad all the time.
Calling names or saying mean things.

Rules to be a good friend

If someone trips over help them up.
If someone gets hurt take them to a teacher or the nurse.
Be helpful.
When someone is all alone be nice and help them.
Share toys.
Be helpful.

What can you do if you see someone being bullied?

Tell a Teacher.
Tell a member of the School Council.
Tell Laura.

What to do if you are being bullied.

Walk away
Tell a teacher
Tell your Mom or Dad
Tell Auntie, Uncle or Friend